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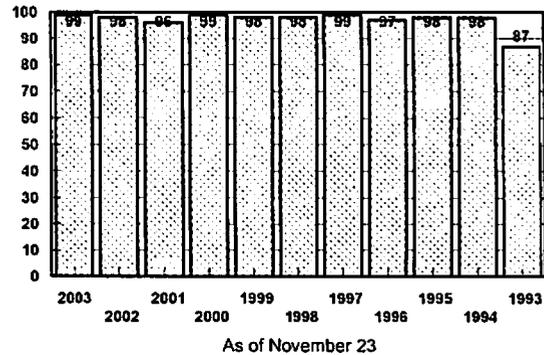
Agricultural Summary

Fieldwork continued across most of the state early last week until rains halted it virtually everywhere at some point during the week. Farmers in far northern Illinois received rains later and in smaller quantities than their counterparts further south and were able to accomplish more during the week. A few farmers continued to harvest corn but the main priority was fall tillage, spreading fertilizer and applying anhydrous. Topsoil moisture supplies were rated higher this week with six percent rated short, 72 percent rated adequate and 22 percent rated surplus. Last week's rainfall will be beneficial for livestock growers as winter approaches and to the winter wheat crop as it enters dormancy. The winter wheat crop as of November 23 was rated one percent poor, 13 percent fair, 67 percent good and 19 percent excellent. Other activities noted last week included spreading manure, hauling grain and deer hunting.

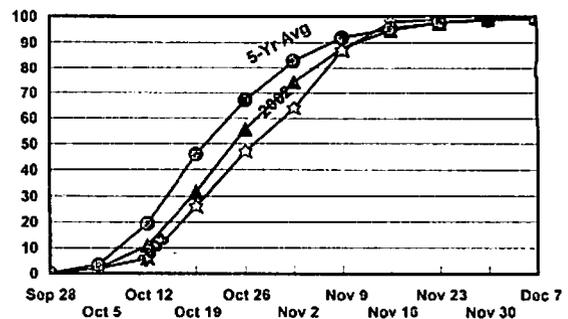
Crop Progress

Crop Stage	2003	2002	5-Year Average
November 23			
CORN:			
Harvested	99	99	99
SORGHUM:			
Harvested	98	99	99
WINTER WHEAT:			
Emerged	99	98	98

Winter Wheat - Percent Emerged
Illinois



Winter Wheat - Percent Emerged
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Crop Conditions

Crop	: Very Poor	: Poor	: Fair	: Good	: Excellent
November 23					
Winter Wheat	-	1	13	67	19

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table

District	Days Suitable	Topsoil Moisture			
	for Fieldwork	: Very Short	: Short	: Adequate	: Surplus
November 17 - 23		November 23			
Northwest	4.7	-	10	89	1
Northeast	2.8	-	-	96	4
West	2.3	-	10	72	18
Central	2.5	-	7	76	17
East	2.5	-	1	56	43
W Southwest	3.1	-	1	80	19
E Southeast	3.8	-	13	57	30
Southwest	3.4	-	1	44	55
Southeast	3.1	-	-	63	37
State	3.2	-	6	72	22

Crop Progress by Districts

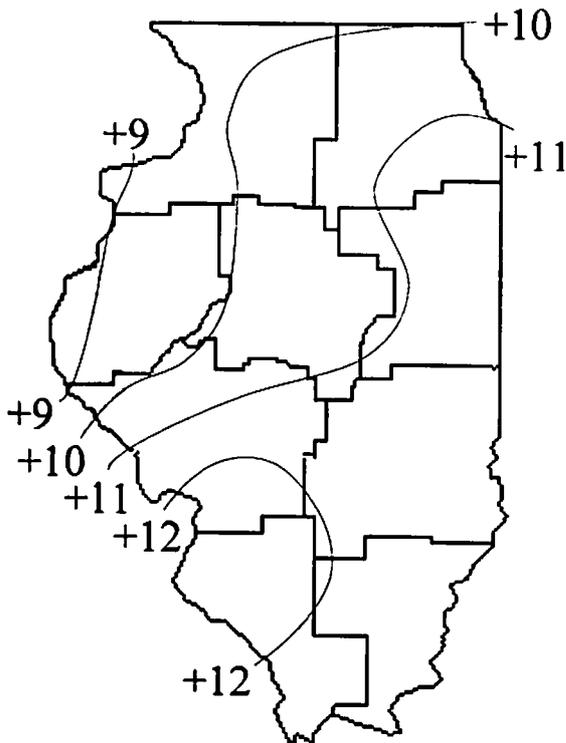
District	Corn Harvested
November 23	
Northwest	98
Northeast	98
West	98
Central	100
East	100
W Southwest	100
E Southeast	100
Southwest	95
Southeast	99
State	99

Weather Information Table

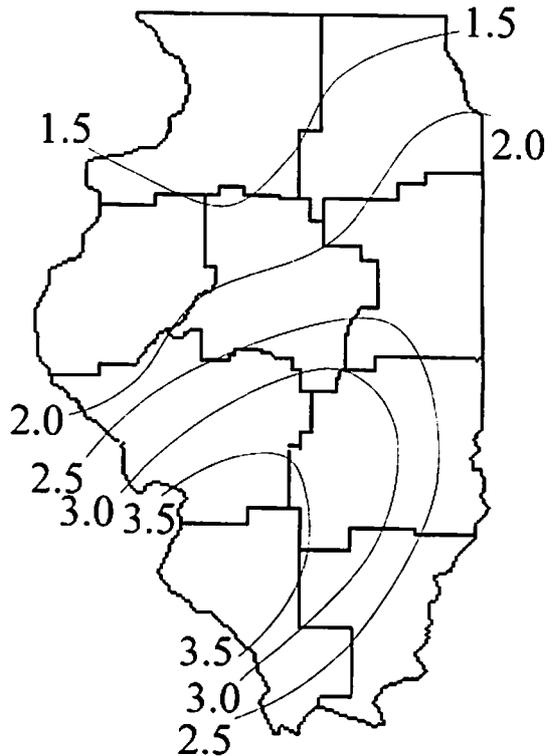
District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
November 17 - 23						
Northwest	47.1	37.1	10.0	1.39	0.50	0.90
Northeast	48.8	38.1	10.7	1.71	0.52	1.19
West	49.6	40.0	9.5	1.80	0.58	1.22
Central	50.0	39.8	10.2	2.14	0.55	1.59
East	51.2	39.8	11.6	2.27	0.54	1.73
W Southwest	53.6	42.1	11.5	3.21	0.66	2.55
E Southeast	54.6	42.8	11.8	2.70	0.72	1.98
Southwest	56.6	44.7	12.0	3.25	0.86	2.39
Southeast	57.1	45.1	11.9	2.06	0.89	1.17
State	51.9	40.9	11.0	2.29	0.64	1.65

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Temperature (°F) Departure
November 17 - 23



Precipitation (in.) Total
November 17 - 23

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