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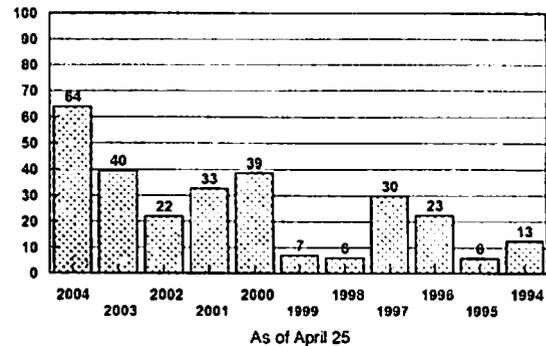
Agricultural Summary

Much needed rainfall was received across the state last week. Farmers were busy planting although only 3.6 days were suitable for fieldwork. The average topsoil moisture improved to 2 percent very short, 14 percent short, 78 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus. Across Illinois, 64 percent of the corn had been planted as of April 25, well ahead of last year's 40 percent and the five-year average of 28 percent. As a result of the early corn planting, 16 percent of the corn has already emerged, ahead of 5 percent for last year and the five-year average. Soybean planting is also underway with three percent of the acreage complete. The wet weather conditions have many farmers out of the fields and doing other activities, such as caring for livestock and hauling grain.

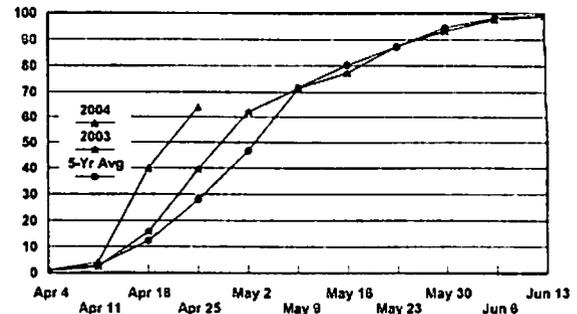
Crop Progress

Crop Stage	2004	2003	5-Year Average
April 25			
CORN:			
Planted	64	40	28
Emerged	16	5	5
SOYBEANS:			
Planted	3	1	2
SORGHUM:			
Planted	3	0	1
OATS:			
Planted	96	85	89
WINTER WHEAT:			
Headed	2	0	1

Corn - Percent Planted
Illinois



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Crop Conditions

Crop	: Very Poor	: Poor	: Fair	: Good	: Excellent
April 25					
Winter Wheat	-	1	18	60	21
Alfalfa	1	3	18	68	10
Red Clover	1	1	15	73	10
Pasture	-	2	21	66	11

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table

District	Days Suitable	Topsoil Moisture			
	for Fieldwork	: Very Short	: Short	: Adequate	: Surplus
	April 19 - 25		April 25		
Northwest	3.3	1	14	83	2
Northeast	3.5	-	4	92	4
West	3.0	8	23	67	2
Central	4.0	1	11	86	2
East	3.5	1	7	84	8
W Southwest	4.0	2	20	72	6
E Southeast	4.2	-	14	76	10
Southwest	4.3	-	25	71	4
Southeast	2.7	-	11	59	30
State	3.6	2	14	78	6

Crop Progress by Districts

District	Corn Planted
April 25	
Northwest	32
Northeast	43
West	73
Central	78
East	63
W Southwest	84
E Southeast	75
Southwest	83
Southeast	83

Weather Information Table

Location	Temperature		Departure	Precipitation	Growing Degree Days
	Maximum	Minimum			
April 19 - 25					
Northwest:					
Freeport	81	34	3	1.76	27
Kewanee	84	38	3	1.60	43
Moline	82	41	4	1.57	48
Mount Carroll	81	34	4	1.84	31
Paw Paw	84	36	4	1.42	31
Rochelle	84	37	3	1.52	35
Rockford	84	36	5	1.40	40
Northeast:					
Aurora	84	37	5	1.14	43
Chicago	86	38	6	0.59	53
Lake Villa	83	35	4	1.35	26
McHenry	84	35	4	1.51	33
Morris	87	38	5	1.74	51
Ottawa	84	40	4	1.75	54
Park Forest	87	39	6	1.14	50
West:					
Galesburg	79	38	5	1.48	54
Prairie City	84	38	5	1.16	63
Quincy	83	41	5	1.55	72
Central:					
Bloomington	90	38	4	1.60	66
Decatur	82	43	6	0.96	79
Havana	87	37	4	1.61	62
Lincoln	86	41	5	1.74	69
Peoria	85	41	7	1.76	72
East:					
Champaign	88	42	8	1.52	83
Pontiac	86	36	4	1.70	50
West Southwest:					
Carlinville	85	44	5	1.20	81
Morrisonville	86	44	5	0.60	83
Springfield	87	41	7	1.78	88
East Southeast:					
Effingham	84	48	8	0.95	94
Flora	83	50	8	1.72	105
Hutsonville	85	50	8	1.04	99
Iuka	82	49	6	1.42	95
Newton	84	48	8	1.38	94
Paris	85	47	6	1.13	84
Windsor	84	45	7	0.64	89
Southwest:					
Carbondale	85	55	11	2.85	129
Lebanon	85	50	6	1.64	98
Steeleville	89	50	6	1.69	105
Southeast:					
Benton	83	52	7	1.94	106
Grayville	83	51	7	1.65	111
Mt Vernon	81	51	8	1.87	98

Data is for the weekly period that ends on Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

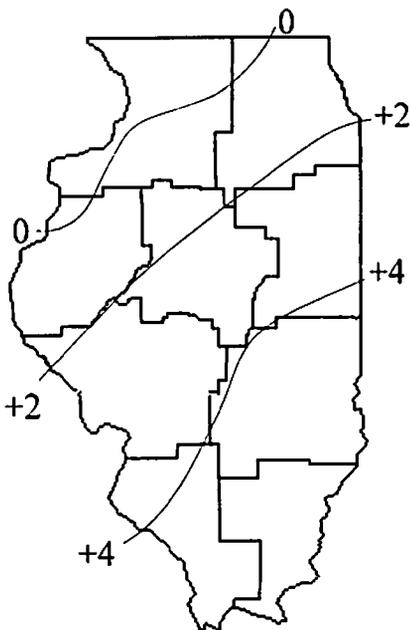
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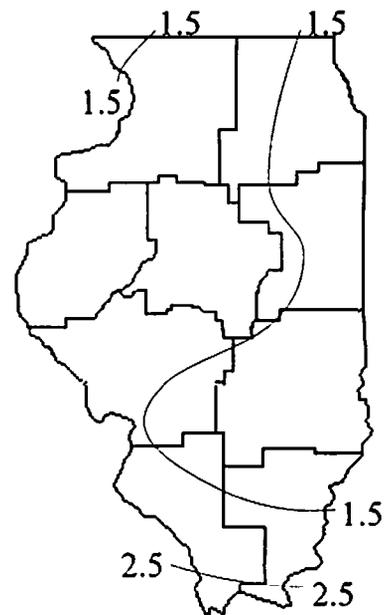
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Temperature (°F) Departure
April 19 - 25



Precipitation (in.) Total
April 19 - 25

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