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Agricultural Summary

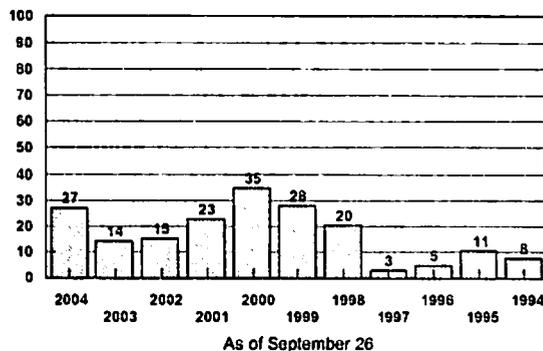
Last week was another great week for harvest statewide. Warm temperatures and dry weather helped the crops to mature and allowed farmers 7.0 suitable days for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was 8 percent very short, 36 percent short, and 56 percent adequate. Corn harvest is in full swing with corn mature at 90 percent compared to 80 percent last year and 87 percent five-year average. Harvest of corn was at 27 percent compared to 14 percent last year and 23 percent five-year average. Soybeans turning yellow were at 93 percent compared to 90 percent last year and 94 percent five-year average. Soybeans shedding leaves were reported at 78 percent compared to 68 percent last year and 76 percent five-year average. Harvest of soybeans was at 29 percent compared to 12 percent last year and 15 percent five-year average. In addition to harvest activities farmers are planting wheat, shelling corn, picking apples, mowing field borders, beginning fall tillage, hauling grain, caring for livestock and working calves.

Crop Progress

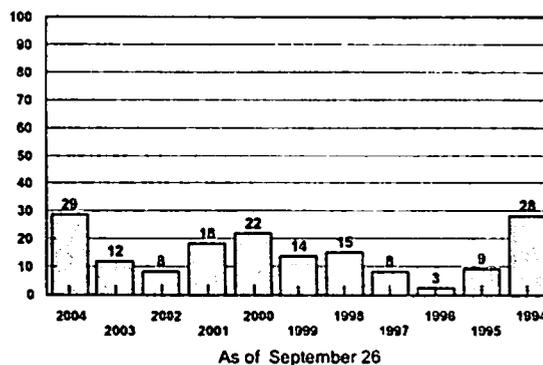
Crop Stage	:	:	5-Year	
	:	2004	2003	Average

September 26				
CORN:				
Mature	:	90	80	87
Harvested	:	27	14	23
SOYBEANS:				
Turning yellow	:	93	90	94
Shedding leaves	:	78	68	76
Harvested	:	29	12	15
SORGHUM:				
Coloring	:	99	91	95
Mature	:	86	40	70
Harvested	:	18	4	14
WINTER WHEAT:				
Seeded	:	5	4	4

Corn - Percent Harvested
Illinois



Soybeans - Percent Harvested
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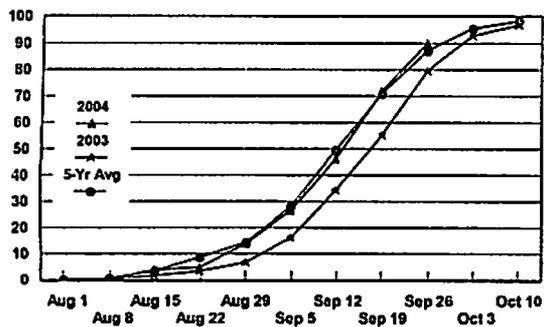
Crop Conditions

Crop	: Very Poor	: Poor	: Fair	: Good	: Excellent
September 26					
Pasture	2	9	39	43	7

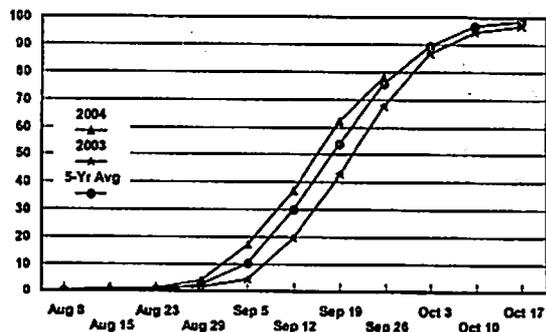
Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table

District	: Days Suitable for Fieldwork	: Very Short	: Topsoil Moisture Short	: Adequate	: Surplus
September 20 - 26					
Northwest	7.0	6	24	70	-
Northeast	7.0	2	37	61	-
West	7.0	2	16	81	1
Central	7.0	13	38	48	1
East	7.0	10	26	63	1
W Southwest	6.9	10	61	29	-
E Southeast	6.9	3	43	54	-
Southwest	7.0	20	50	30	-
Southeast	6.8	13	47	40	-
State	7.0	8	36	56	-

**Corn - Percent Mature
Illinois**



**Soybeans - Percent Shedding Leaves
Illinois**



Crop Progress by Districts

District	: Corn Mature	: Corn Harvested	: Soybeans Turning Yellow	: Soybeans Shedding Leaves	: Soybeans Harvested
September 26					
Northwest	71	4	96	85	16
Northeast	72	6	82	50	8
West	93	28	99	88	24
Central	98	38	96	82	35
East	99	23	94	87	40
W Southwest	94	42	83	69	27
E Southeast	99	37	97	79	42
Southwest	97	56	88	67	22
Southeast	99	49	92	76	26
State	90	27	93	78	29

Weather Information Table

Location	Temperature			Precipitation			Growing Degree Days		
	Maxi- : mum	Mini- : mum	Depar- : ture	Current: : week	Since : May 1	Depar- : ture	Current: : week	Since : May 1	Depar- : ture
September 20 - 26									
Northwest:									
Freeport	83	45	6	0.00	20.40	2.01	103	2518	-2
Kewanee	83	43	4	0.00	20.35	1.29	100	2537	-221
Moline	84	46	6	0.00	19.96	-1.31	121	2914	32
Mount Carroll	84	39	5	0.03	18.42	-1.59	92	2418	7
Paw Paw	83	45	6	0.00	19.13	-0.48	104	2352	-120
Rochelle	83	41	5	0.00	21.46	2.06	107	2467	-212
Rockford	83	43	6	0.00	24.26	4.46	107	2524	-69
Northeast:									
Aurora	85	39	4	0.00	17.67	-1.72	102	2498	-121
Chicago	85	46	5	0.00	18.12	-0.26	116	2611	-33
Lake Villa	83	46	7	0.00	20.55	1.61	109	2330	-36
McHenry	83	44	5	0.00	22.84	3.14	98	2277	-206
Morris	85	45	6	0.00	20.91	3.07	120	2737	11
Ottawa	87	46	6	0.00	18.37	-0.46	126	2761	-187
Park Forest	84	48	4	0.00	22.70	3.90	111	2665	-39
West:									
Galesburg	82	50	6	0.00	19.86	0.58	123	2905	4
Prairie City	83	52	6	0.00	20.33	-0.06	125	2806	-88
Quincy	83	52	5	0.01	21.02	0.23	126	2981	-122
Central:									
Bloomington	88	52	6	0.00	20.61	1.77	140	2885	-235
Decatur	86	43	2	0.00	19.27	-0.24	115	2984	-159
Havana	88	46	4	0.00	17.73	-0.50	120	2874	-237
Lincoln	86	45	4	0.00	19.97	1.09	119	2946	-70
Peoria	83	50	6	0.00	18.65	0.26	129	2927	-47
East:									
Champaign	87	48	6	0.00	17.63	-1.83	132	2929	-60
Pontiac	86	47	6	0.00	19.28	1.23	125	2747	-149
West Southwest:									
Carlinville	84	45	1	0.00	15.71	-2.36	115	2994	-224
Morrisonville	85	44	4	0.00	18.40	-0.08	125	2942	-163
Springfield	86	48	4	0.00	16.39	-0.38	128	3030	-115
East Southeast:									
Effingham	86	49	5	0.00	20.47	2.55	127	3108	-15
Flora	84	48	2	0.00	25.06	6.78	119	3253	-8
Hutsonville	86	48	4	0.00	23.69	4.46	126	3393	165
Iuka	85	49	2	0.00	22.35	4.43	122	3069	-285
Newton	85	49	4	0.00	24.53	6.25	124	3140	21
Paris	84	49	2	0.01	18.52	-0.90	120	3039	-125
Windsor	84	48	3	0.00	17.17	-0.43	121	3083	-84
Southwest:									
Carbondale	87	45	4	0.00	18.19	-1.01	131	3574	258
Lebanon	85	46	2	0.00	28.09	10.64	122	3185	-120
Steeleville	87	45	1	0.00	23.86	5.62	126	3065	-441
Southeast:									
Benton	85	48	2	0.00	22.06	4.25	126	3281	-62
Grayville	86	49	-1	0.00	28.47	10.13	122	3333	-216
Mt Vernon	83	49	2	0.00	21.34	3.50	113	3081	-159

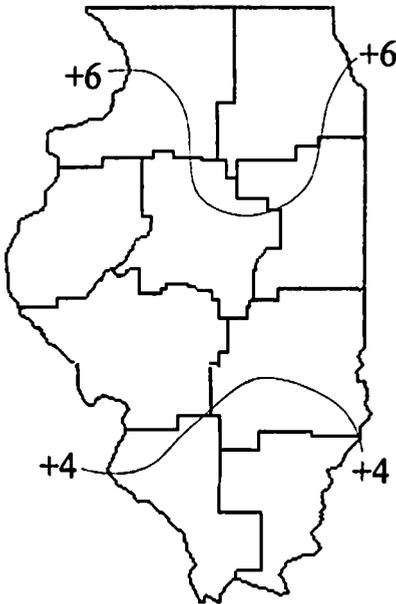
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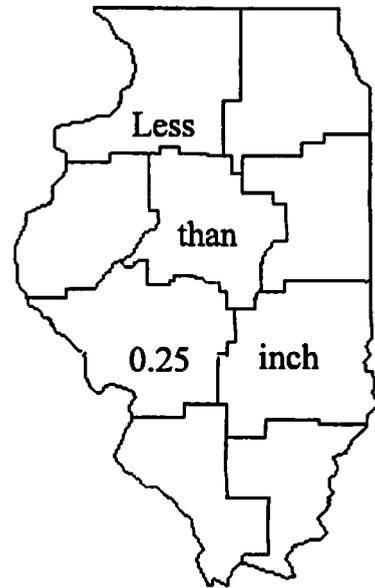
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Temperature (°F) Departure
September 20 - 26



Precipitation (in.) Total
September 20 - 26

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