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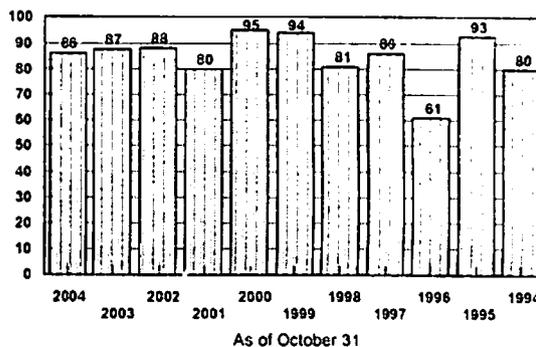
Agricultural Summary

Rain fell across the state again last week with all districts receiving above normal precipitation. As a result, there were only 2.6 days suitable for fieldwork. Strong winds reportedly broke-off corn stalks in Northern areas. Topsoil moisture was 3 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 34 percent surplus. Corn harvested was at 86 percent compared to 87 percent last year and 89 percent five-year average. Soybeans harvested was at 86 percent compared to 94 percent last year and 94 percent five-year average. Sorghum harvested was at 82 percent compared to 65 percent last year and 86 percent five-year average. Winter wheat seeded was at 80 percent compared to 90 percent last year and 91 percent five-year average. Winter wheat emerged was at 66 percent compared to 59 last year and 68 percent five year average. In addition to harvest activities, farmers were planting wheat, tilling, applying lime and fertilizer between intermittent rains, and caring for livestock.

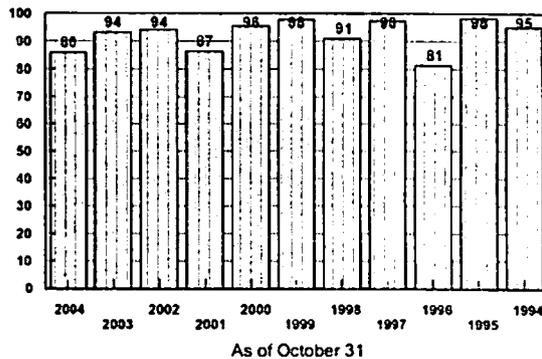
Crop Progress

Crop Stage	2004	2003	5-Year Average
October 31			
CORN:			
Harvested	86	87	89
SOYBEANS:			
Harvested	86	94	94
SORGHUM:			
Harvested	82	65	86
WINTER WHEAT:			
Seeded	80	90	91
Emerged	66	59	68

Corn - Percent Harvested
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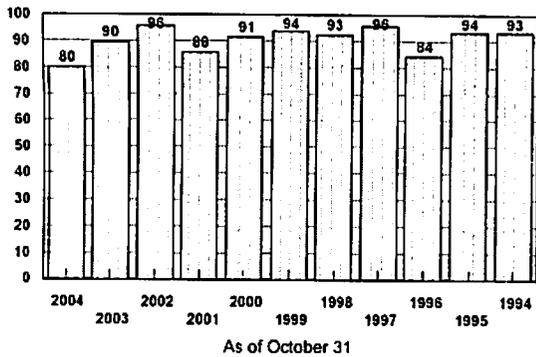
Soybeans - Percent Harvested
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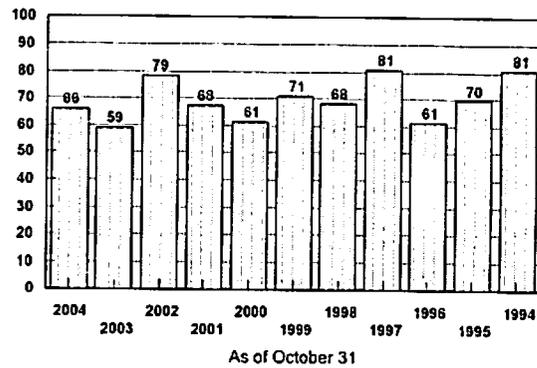
Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table

District	Days Suitable for Fieldwork	:	Very Short	Topsoil Moisture		
				Short	Adequate	Surplus
				October 31		
Northwest	3.6	-	5	70	25	
Northeast	4.6	-	6	93	1	
West	1.3	-	-	43	57	
Central	1.7	-	4	68	28	
East	3.5	-	2	73	25	
W Southwest	1.8	-	1	75	24	
E Southeast	2.4	-	1	56	43	
Southwest	2.3	-	-	33	67	
Southeast	1.6	-	-	27	73	
State	2.6	-	3	63	34	

**Winter Wheat - Percent Seeded
Illinois**



**Winter Wheat - Percent Emerged
Illinois**



Crop Progress by Districts

District	:	Corn Harvested	:	Soybeans Harvested
October 31				
Northwest		71		83
Northeast		65		71
West		82		77
Central		94		88
East		96		94
W Southwest		96		88
E Southeast		96		94
Southwest		94		91
Southeast		98		84
State		86		86

Weather Information Table

Location	Maximum	Temperature Minimum	Departure	Precipitation
October 25 - 31				
Northwest:				
Freeport	78	39	10	0.81
Kewanee	79	40	11	1.15
Moline	80	38	11	1.79
Mount Carroll	79	35	10	0.68
Paw Paw	77	37	11	0.76
Rochelle	77	39	10	0.37
Rockford	76	38	12	0.89
Northeast:				
Aurora	77	36	12	0.41
Chicago	76	38	12	0.44
Lake Villa	74	45	11	0.28
McHenry	74	36	10	0.53
Morris	78	37	11	0.38
Ottawa	79	41	10	0.13
Park Forest	78	42	12	0.40
West:				
Galesburg	79	38	11	1.36
Prairie City	80	38	11	1.07
Quincy	80	40	12	1.29
Central:				
Bloomington	83	41	10	1.69
Decatur	80	41	11	1.20
Havana	81	38	10	2.23
Lincoln	82	38	12	2.03
Peoria	80	40	12	1.54
East:				
Champaign	80	41	11	1.01
Pontiac	79	41	11	0.49
West Southwest:				
Carlinville	82	44	12	2.11
Morrisonville	80	42	11	1.54
Springfield	83	40	12	1.44
East Southeast:				
Effingham	82	43	13	0.96
Flora	80	43	14	1.52
Hutsonville	80	42	13	0.87
Iuka	79	48	12	1.97
Newton	80	44	13	1.58
Paris	77	45	10	0.63
Windsor	80	44	11	1.01
Southwest:				
Carbondale	83	47	18	0.46
Lebanon	82	45	12	1.43
Steeleville	81	41	12	1.47
Southeast:				
Benton	81	46	13	1.54
Grayville	82	46	11	2.23
Mt Vernon	81	43	13	2.80

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

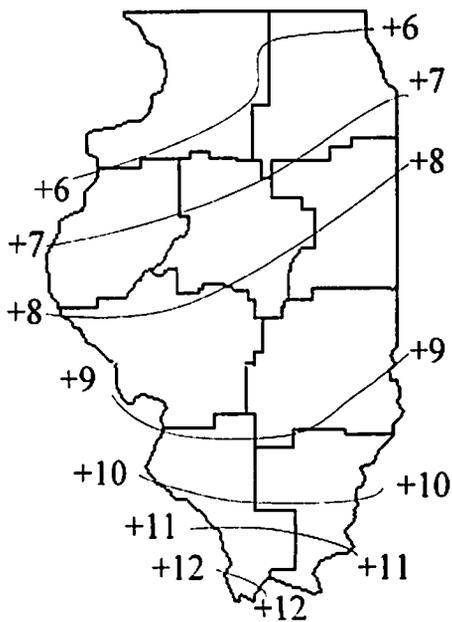
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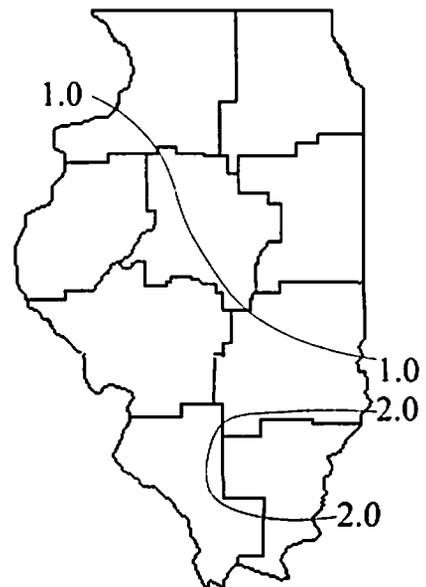
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Temperature (°F) Departure
October 25 - 31



Precipitation (in.) Total
October 25 - 31

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