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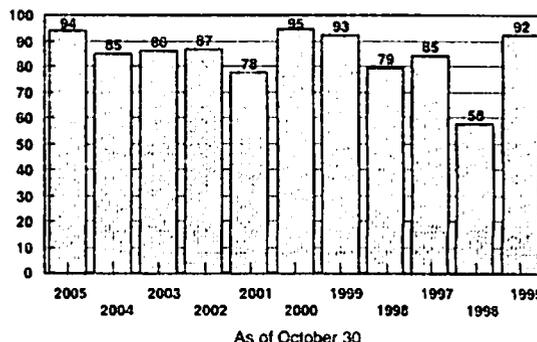
Agricultural Summary

Ideal weather across Illinois last week allowed farmers 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork. Harvest was nearly complete for corn and soybeans, except in northern areas, which have about 15 percent left. Topsoil moisture improved slightly to 20 percent very short, 33 percent short, and 47 percent adequate. Rain is still in need to recharge soil moisture, ponds and rivers. Corn harvest was 94 percent complete, compared to 85 percent last year and 86 percent five-year average. Soybean harvest was 97 percent complete, compared to 85 percent last year and 90 percent five-year average. Sorghum harvest progressed to 89 percent complete, compared to 82 percent last year and 83 percent five-year average. Winter wheat was 98 percent seeded, compared to 77 percent last year, and 87 percent for the five-year average. Winter wheat was 84 percent emerged, compared to 62 percent last year, and 64 percent five-year average. Winter wheat conditions were rated 18 percent fair, 78 percent good, and 4 percent excellent. In addition to completing harvest activities, farmers were hauling grain, applying anhydrous, tilling fields, cleaning and storing equipment, and installing tile drainage systems.

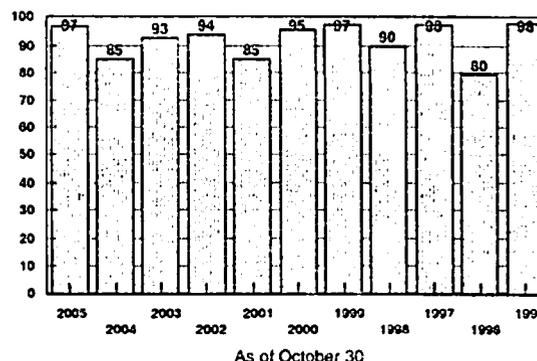
Crop Progress

Crop Stage	2005	2004	5-Year Average
October 30			
CORN:			
Harvested	94	85	86
SOYBEANS:			
Harvested	97	85	90
SORGHUM:			
Harvested	89	82	83
WINTER WHEAT:			
Seeded	98	77	87
Emerged	84	62	64

Corn - Percent Harvested
Illinois



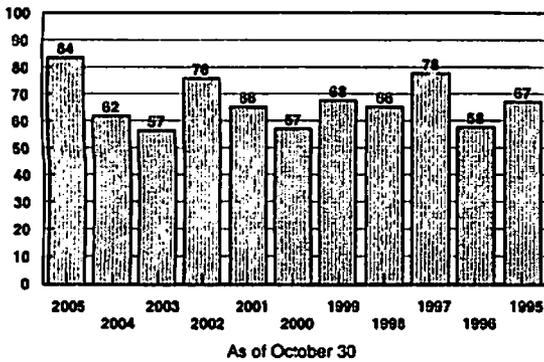
Soybeans - Percent Harvested
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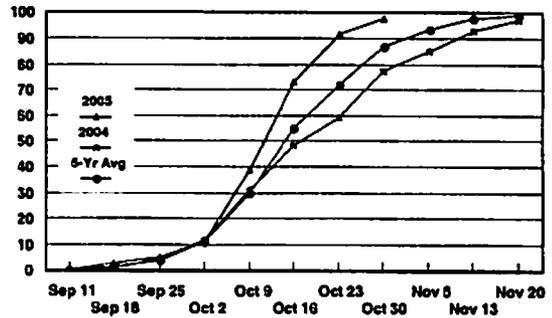
Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table

District	Days Suitable for Fieldwork		Topsoil Moisture		
	October 24 - 30	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	6.4	39	41	20	-
Northeast	6.7	39	59	2	-
West	6.5	30	54	16	-
Central	6.4	20	26	54	-
East	5.8	4	20	76	-
W Southwest	5.7	32	22	44	2
E Southeast	5.7	2	32	66	-
Southwest	6.2	-	23	77	-
Southeast	6.2	-	37	63	-
State	6.2	20	33	47	-

Winter Wheat - Percent Emerged Illinois



Winter Wheat - Percent Seeded Illinois



Crop Conditions

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	-	-	18	78	4

Crop Progress by Districts

District	Corn Harvested	Soybeans Harvested
	October 30	
Northwest	87	97
Northeast	81	100
West	96	97
Central	99	100
East	96	99
W Southwest	98	98
E Southeast	98	97
Southwest	96	90
Southeast	96	92

Weather Information Table

Location	Maximum	Temperature Minimum	Departure	Precipitation
October 24 - 30				
Northwest:				
Freeport	65	26	-5	0.06
Kewanee	64	25	-7	0.22
Moline	68	29	-3	0.09
Mount Carroll	67	20	-6	0.09
Paw Paw	63	28	-4	0.33
Rochelle	63	25	-6	0.20
Rockford	65	26	-4	0.11
Northeast:				
Aurora	62	23	-6	0.12
Chicago	61	28	-4	0.23
Lake Villa	60	32	-3	0.10
McHenry	61	24	-6	0.13
Morris	62	28	-5	0.08
Ottawa	64	29	-6	0.06
Park Forest	59	31	-5	1.11
West:				
Galesburg	64	33	-3	0.00
Prairie City	65	32	-4	0.05
Quincy	64	32	-5	0.00
Central:				
Bloomington	63	30	-7	0.20
Decatur	60	31	-6	0.01
Havana	63	25	-6	0.07
Lincoln	62	27	-6	0.12
Peoria	63	31	-5	0.19
East:				
Champaign	60	30	-6	0.01
Pontiac	61	30	-5	0.03
West Southwest:				
Carlinville	61	29	-8	0.04
Morrisonville	60	28	-9	0.06
Springfield	62	29	-6	0.07
East Southeast:				
Effingham	60	30	-7	0.01
Flora	64	29	-7	0.06
Hutsonville	62	30	-6	0.00
Iuka	62	31	-8	0.03
Newton	60	31	-6	0.07
Paris	58	31	-8	0.07
Windsor	64	32	-6	0.03
Southwest:				
Carbondale	62	29	-7	0.08
Lebanon	63	32	-8	0.03
Steeleville	65	25	-10	0.14
Southeast:				
Benton	62	32	-8	0.05
Grayville	61	30	-9	0.04
Mt Vernon	62	29	-9	0.02

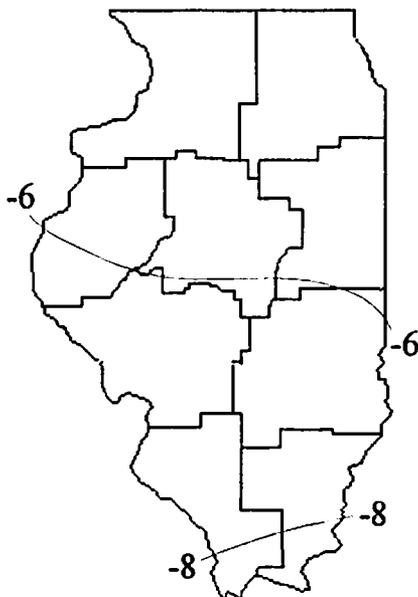
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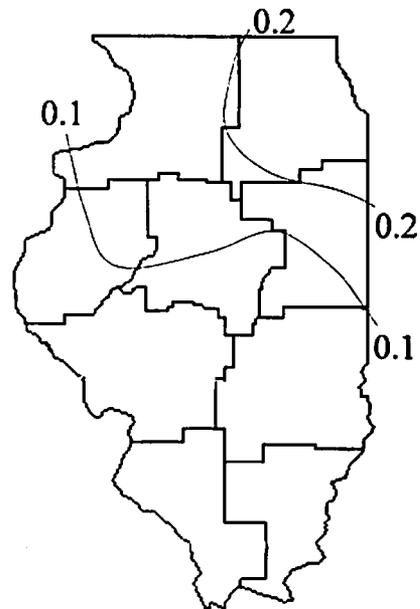
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Temperature (°F) Departure
October 24 - 30



Precipitation (in.) Total
October 24 - 30

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