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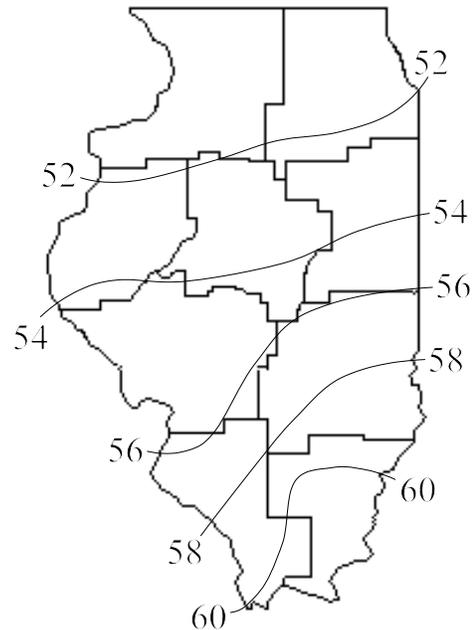
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## Agricultural Summary

Statewide average temperatures were nearly 16 degrees above normal and precipitation was slightly above normal. Rains throughout the week did not allow soils to dry which kept farmers out of fields most of the week. Topsoil moisture is rated at 1 percent short, 49 percent adequate, and 50 percent surplus. Days suitable for fieldwork last week ranged from less than one to nearly five depending on where you were in the state. Corn planting has yet to begin on a widespread basis and oat seeding continued on a limited basis last week. Oats planted is 7 percent complete compared to 20 percent last year and the five-year average of 21 percent. Condition of the wheat crop continues to improve with the warmer temperatures and rain showers. Wheat condition was rated as 1 percent very poor, 8 percent poor, 28 percent fair, 56 percent good, and 7 percent excellent. Farmers continue to prepare their equipment for spring and tend to livestock.

### Crop Progress

Crop Stage	: 2007	: 2006	: 5-Year Average
April 1			
<b>OATS:</b>			
Planted	7	20	21



4-inch Bare Soil Temp (°F)  
April 1 10:00 a.m.

**Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table**

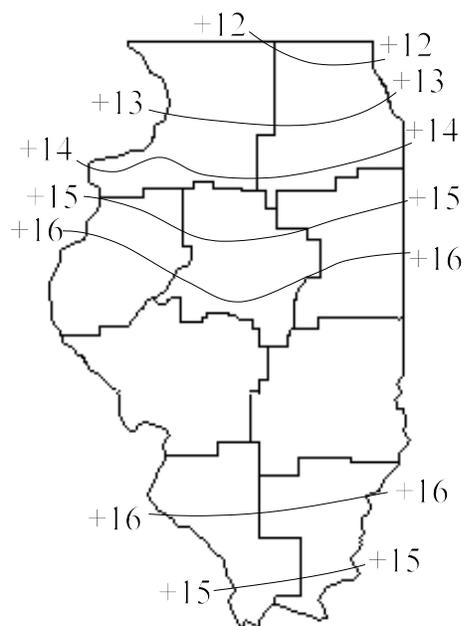
District	Days Suitable for Fieldwork			Topsoil Moisture		
	March 26 - April 1	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
Northwest	1.2	-	-	41	59	
Northeast	0.1	-	-	24	76	
West	1.2	-	1	70	29	
Central	0.5	-	1	38	61	
East	0.7	-	-	42	58	
W Southwest	2.9	-	1	85	14	
E Southeast	0.2	-	-	38	62	
Southwest	4.8	-	-	97	3	
Southeast	1.6	-	-	36	64	
State	1.1	-	1	49	50	

**Crop Conditions**

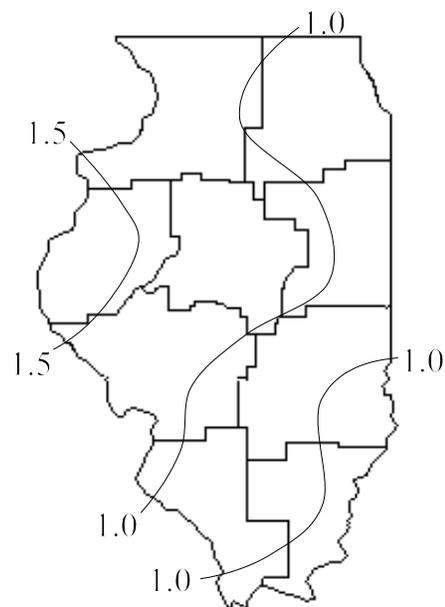
Crop	April 1				
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	1	8	28	56	7
Alfalfa	-	1	27	64	8
Pasture	5	7	28	56	4

**Weather Information Table**

District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
	March 26 - April 1					
Northwest	56.3	43.4	13.0	1.41	0.78	0.63
Northeast	55.9	43.1	12.8	0.93	0.80	0.13
West	63.0	46.6	16.5	1.54	0.82	0.72
Central	61.3	46.0	15.3	1.39	0.79	0.60
East	60.9	45.6	15.3	1.02	0.84	0.18
W Southwest	65.2	48.2	17.0	1.11	0.86	0.25
E Southeast	65.9	48.7	17.2	0.77	1.01	-0.24
Southwest	66.6	50.3	16.3	0.68	1.28	-0.59
Southeast	66.8	50.8	16.0	0.86	1.34	-0.48
State	62.3	46.8	15.5	1.08	0.93	0.16



Temperature (°F) Departure  
March 26 - April 1



Precipitation (in.) Total  
March 26 - April 1

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