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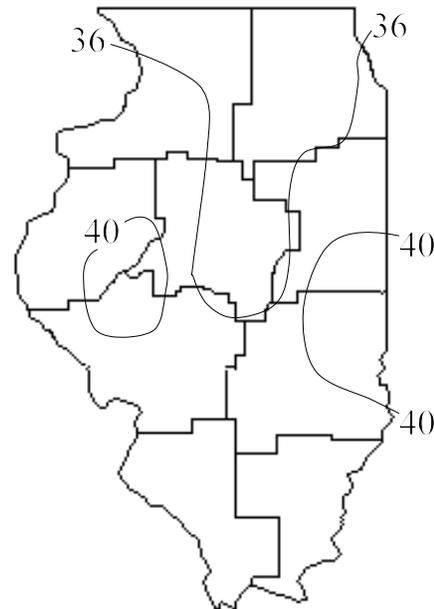
Agricultural Summary

Cold and damp weather slowed most farming operations last week. The statewide average temperature was over eight degrees below normal. There was an average of 1.4 days suitable for fieldwork last week. Topsoil moisture was rated as 1 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 36 percent surplus. Corn planting has begun but only on a very limited basis. As of April 8, less than one percent had been planted, compared to the five-year average of three percent. Oats planted is 15 percent complete compared to 34 percent last year and 48 percent for the five-year average. Wheat condition was rated as 2 percent very poor, 11 percent poor, 31 percent fair, 49 percent good, and 7 percent excellent. Other activities last week included preparing equipment, applying fertilizer, and tending cattle.

Crop Progress

Crop Stage	2007	2006	5-Year Average
April 8			
CORN:			
Planted	1/	1/	3
OATS:			
Planted	15	34	48

1/ Less than one percent



4-inch Bare Soil Temp (°F)
April 8 10:00 a.m.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table

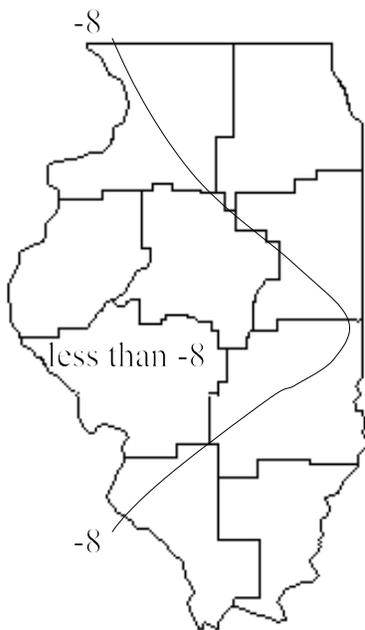
District	Days Suitable for Fieldwork		Topsoil Moisture			
	April 2 - 8		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	1.2	-	-	66	34	
Northeast	0.8	-	-	63	37	
West	1.2	-	2	83	15	
Central	1.5	-	4	45	51	
East	1.8	-	1	65	34	
W Southwest	2.1	-	3	84	13	
E Southeast	0.9	-	-	46	54	
Southwest	1.9	-	-	77	23	
Southeast	0.7	-	-	31	69	
State	1.4	-	1	63	36	

Crop Conditions

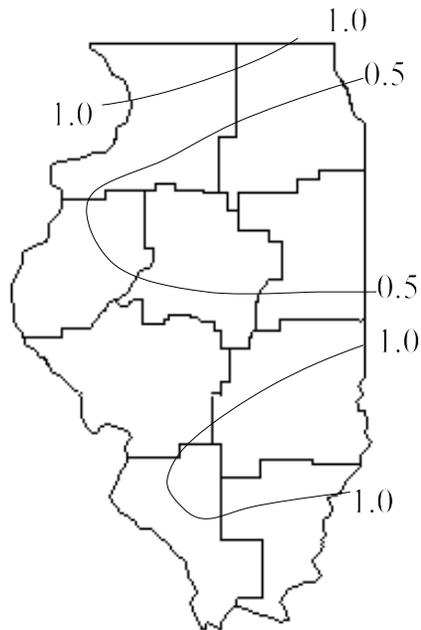
Crop	April 8				
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	2	11	31	49	7
Alfalfa	-	13	41	42	4
Pasture	1	4	28	61	6

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
April 2 - April 8						
Northwest	35.9	44.1	-8.2	0.67	0.64	0.03
Northeast	36.5	43.7	-7.2	0.28	0.72	-0.45
West	38.2	47.5	-9.3	0.43	0.61	-0.18
Central	38.0	46.6	-8.6	0.28	0.68	-0.40
East	38.1	46.1	-8.0	0.25	0.69	-0.44
W Southwest	40.1	49.1	-9.0	0.51	0.64	-0.13
E Southeast	41.4	49.3	-7.9	0.85	0.78	0.06
Southwest	44.0	51.4	-7.4	0.92	0.76	0.16
Southeast	44.3	51.6	-7.2	0.87	0.87	0.01
State	39.4	47.5	-8.1	0.56	0.71	-0.15



Temperature (°F) Departure
April 2 - 8



Precipitation (in.) Total
April 2 - 8

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