

The Week That Was

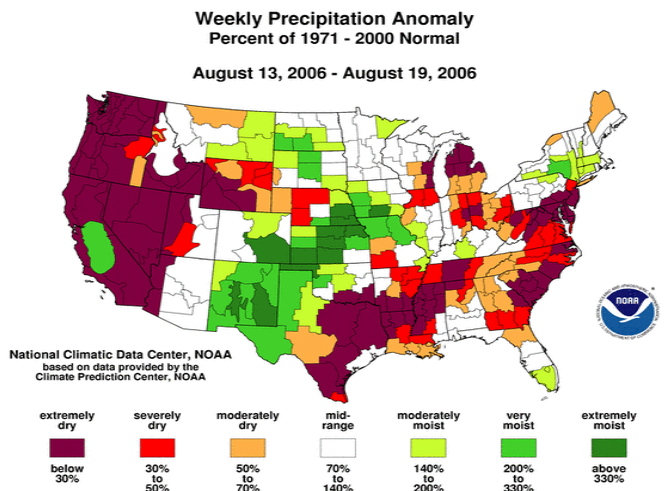
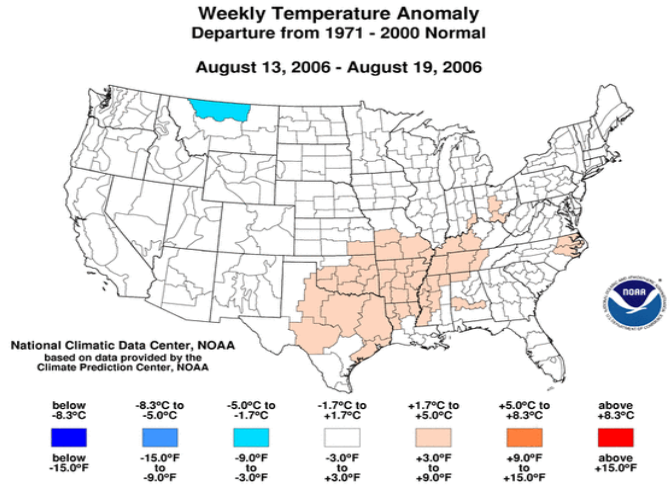
The past week saw high pressure dominate the weather across Illinois for the most part. As a result, dry weather persisted especially across the northern third of the state. This is illustrated nicely in the weekly precipitation anomaly graphic. Temperatures on a whole averaged close to normal during the last seven days. In fact, some locations may have seen slightly below normal temperatures as a result of a few cool mornings in the mid to upper 50s.

The Week Ahead

Over the next seven days, forecast models indicate that the area which saw the least amount of rain last week may see the most this coming week. Northern Illinois could experience a couple rain events. The first will be tonight in association with a weak frontal boundary. The second and likely more significant rain event will set-up this weekend as an area of low pressure tracks along a second cold front. This front is forecast to move through the entire state on Sunday bringing more scattered precipitation to central and southern sections. Overall, northern Illinois will likely see above normal precipitation while central and southern portions of the state see closer to normal if not slightly below normal rainfall during the next seven days. Temperatures will warm to more above normal values across the state during the next 3-4 days before returning to more near normal levels this weekend as a cold front moves across.

Local Seven Day Forecast for Newton, IL.

Wednesday Aug 23	Thursday Aug 24	Friday Aug 25	Saturday Aug 26	Sunday Aug 27	Monday Aug 28	Tuesday Aug 29
High 86 Low 62	High 88 Low 64	High 91 Low 67	High 90 Low 69	High 88 Low 67	High 83 Low 63	High 85 Low 65
Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Isolated T-Storm	Scattered T-Storms	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny
Winds: S 5-10	Winds: S 5-10	Winds: S 5-15	Winds: SW 5-15	Winds: SW 10-15	Winds: NW 5-15	Winds: NE 5-10



Accumulative Growing Degree Days as of 8/21/06

