

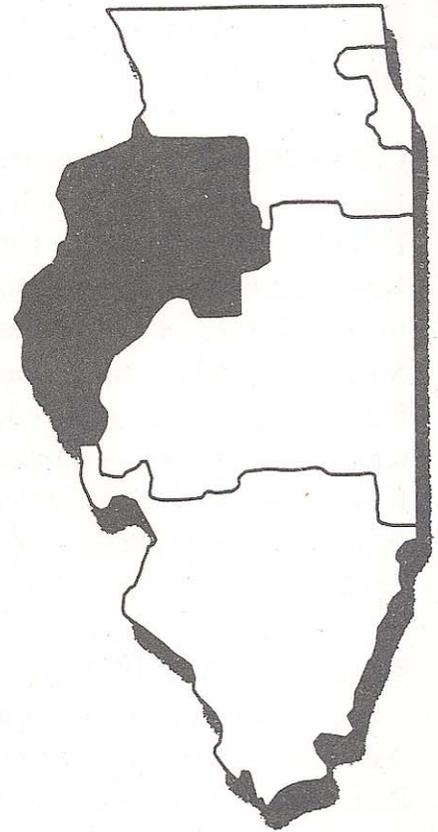
WESTERN ILLINOIS

"All night it fell around us as if the sky had been sheared, its fleece dropping forever past our windows, until our room was as chaste and sheltered as Ursula's, where she lay and dreamed herself in heaven; and in the morning we saw that the vision had held, looked out on such a sight as we wish for all our lives: a thing, place, time untouched and uncorrupted, the world before we were here."

Lisel Mueller

Sitting high above the banks of the Illinois River is Peoria, considered the archetype of Middle America. Peoria is home to industry heavy machinery and farm equipment.

Rock Island and Moline comprise what once was the farm machinery hub of the nation. Vintage prairie settlements are here like Bishop Hill, founded by Swedish immigrants as a new world utopia; and Nauvoo, a town tucked into a bend of the Mississippi, settled by the Mormons on their trek westward. Both towns have been restored to their original architecture and atmosphere.



Western Illinois Elevation 652 Ft

	Temperature					Rel. Hum	Prec. Nor.	Wind	% Poss. Sunshine	Average Number of Days of								
	Average Maximum	Average Minimum	Extreme Monthly	Extreme Highest	Extreme Lowest					12:00 p.m.	Total	Snow Total	Speed	Direction	Cir	P C	Cldy	Rain .01"
J	34	18	26	66	20	68	2	5	11	s	46	8	5	18	9	2	1	3
F	37	20	28	60	13	65	2	5	12	WNW	50	7	6	15	8	1	1	3
M	47	28	38	81	10	74	3	5	12	WNW	52	7	8	16	11	2	3	2
A	61	40	50	87	20	56	4	1	12	s	56	6	9	15	12	0	5	1
M	72	51	61	91	25	57	4	t	11	s	60	7	10	14	11	0	7	1
J	82	61	72	100	40	56	4	0	9	s	66	7	11	12	10	0	9	1
J	87	65	76	102	47	59	3	0	8	s	69	9	13	9	8	0	8	1
A	85	63	74	99	44	58	3	0	8	s	69	11	10	10	8	0	7	1
S	78	55	66	94	34	59	3	0	9	s	66	12	9	9	9	0	5	1
O	66	44	55	90	19	57	3	1	10	s	64	12	8	11	7	0	2	1
N	49	31	40	77	4	65	2	2	11	s	46	7	7	16	8	1	1	2
D	37	21	30	71	.18	71	2	5	11	s	41	7	6	18	9	2	1	3
Y	61	41	51	102	.20	61	35	23	10	s	58	100	102	163	100	7	48	21

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