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Agricultural Summary

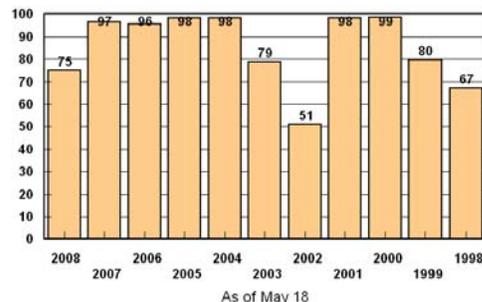
Temperatures continued their cooler than normal pattern across the state last week slowing emergence of planted crops. Frost was noted across many areas of the state on Friday morning. Rainfall totals were less than normal across the northern half of the state which allowed corn planting progress to advance with many moving into soybean planting. Farmers in the southern half have been less fortunate and continue to be hampered by wet soils. Farmers in certain areas of the south are yet to plant a single kernel of corn. Corn planting progress ranges from 92 percent complete in the East district to just 45 percent in the Southeast district. Statewide there were 2.5 days suitable for fieldwork last week ranging from more than four in the Northwest district to less than one across the southern end of the state. Topsoil moisture was rated at 39 percent surplus, 58 percent adequate, 2 percent short and one percent very short. The cool wet spring has delayed the progress of the wheat crop as well as the first cutting of alfalfa. Farmers were busy last week cleaning drainage ditches, spraying herbicides (by airplane in certain areas), monitoring planted fields for emergence and trying to locate hay fields dry enough to cut.

Crop Progress

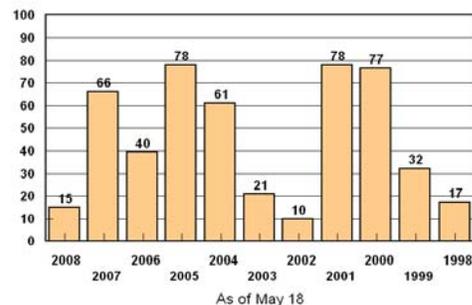
	This Week	Last Week	2007	5-Year Average
	May 18			
CORN:				
Planted	75	60	97	94
Emerged	34	12	81	78
SOYBEANS:				
Planted	15	7	66	53
Emerged	1	<u>1</u> /	25	20
SORGHUM:				
Planted	1	<u>1</u> /	35	30
WHEAT:				
Headed	45	17	85	87
Filled	2	1	28	28
OATS:				
Headed	2	<u>1</u> /	13	11
ALFALFA:				
First cutting	6	3	31	24
RED CLOVER:				
Cutting	6	4	38	25

1/ Less than one percent.

Corn - Percent Planted
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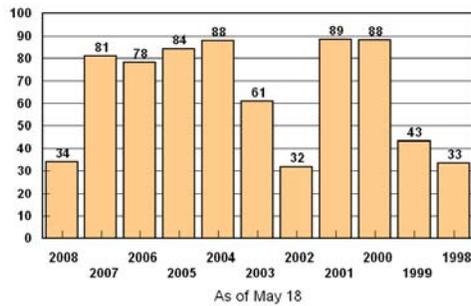
Soybeans - Percent Planted
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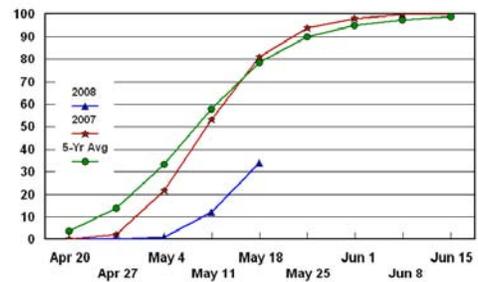
Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table

District	Days Suitable for Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	May 12 - 18			May 18	
Northwest	4.3	-	2	71	27
Northeast	2.7	-	-	82	18
West	3.6	4	5	76	15
Central	3.7	-	7	67	26
East	2.3	-	-	81	19
W Southwest	1.9	-	-	52	48
E Southeast	0.8	-	-	27	73
Southwest	0.7	-	-	20	80
Southeast	0.8	-	-	12	88
State	2.5	1	2	58	39

**Corn - Percent Emerged
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Crop Conditions

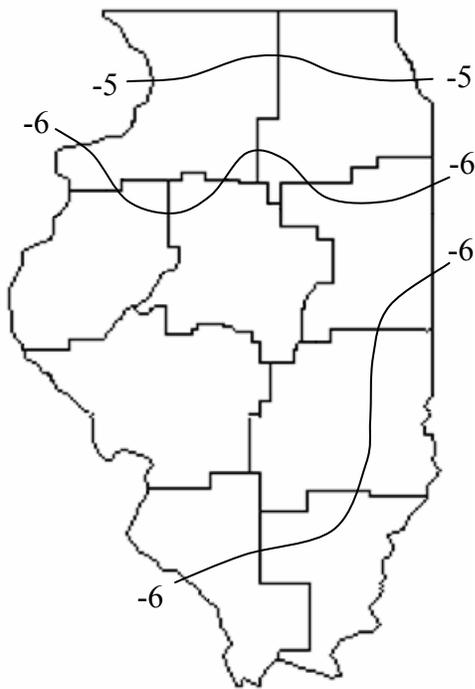
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
			May 18		
Winter Wheat	1	6	28	53	12
Alfalfa	-	3	21	62	14
Red Clover	-	1	28	65	6
Pasture	-	4	20	60	16

Crop Progress by Districts

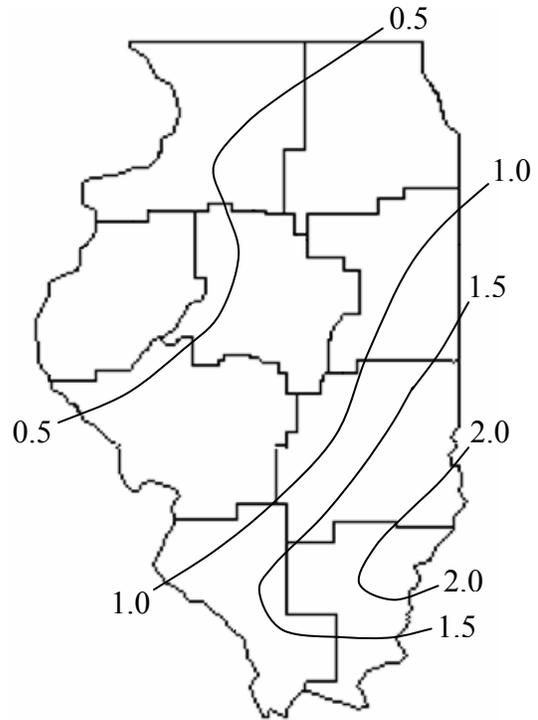
District	Corn Planted	Corn Emerged	Soybeans Planted
		May 18	
Northwest	90	18	24
Northeast	73	30	18
West	77	39	20
Central	85	46	26
East	92	50	20
W Southwest	54	28	9
E Southeast	70	33	7
Southwest	65	15	2
Southeast	45	25	2
State	75	34	15

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days		
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure	Since May 1	Departure	
		May 12 - 18					
Northwest	55.6	-5.2	0.39	-0.67	108	-52	
Northeast	54.5	-5.2	0.71	-0.21	95	-51	
West	56.9	-6.3	0.30	-0.74	141	-57	
Central	56.3	-6.3	0.58	-0.43	132	-56	
East	56.0	-6.1	1.00	0.01	127	-56	
W Southwest	57.2	-6.8	0.62	-0.41	142	-72	
E Southeast	58.1	-5.9	1.44	0.31	152	-63	
Southwest	59.0	-6.0	1.43	0.23	169	-64	
Southeast	60.0	-5.4	1.57	0.31	184	-54	
State	56.9	-5.9	0.87	-0.19	137	-59	



Temperature (°F) Departure
May 12 - 18



Precipitation (in.) Total
May 12 - 18

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