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Agricultural Summary

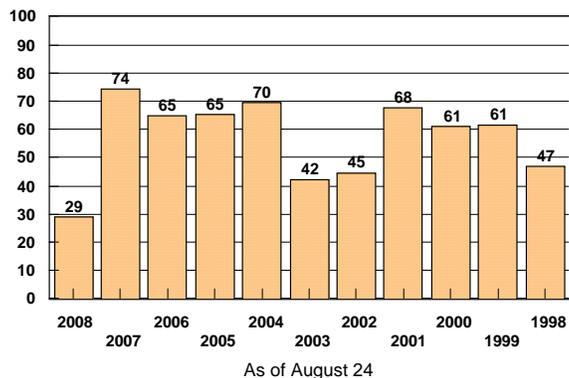
Cool temperatures and lack of precipitation have slowed crop progress slightly in the past week. Producers are reporting that aphid populations are increasing in parts of the state. Other activities included spraying for Japanese beetles and aphids, along with beginning machinery preparations. Areas in the south are in need of precipitation in order to boost rapidly declining topsoil moisture. The average temperature this past week was 0.4 degrees below normal. The average weekly precipitation was 0.08 inch below normal.

Crop Progress

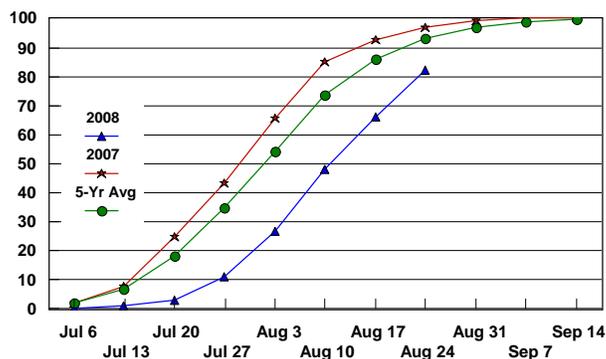
	This Week	Last Week	2007	5-Year Average
August 24				
CORN:				
Dough	82	66	97	93
Dent	29	12	74	63
Mature	1/	1/	15	8
SOYBEANS:				
Setting Pods	92	70	98	95
Turning Yellow	1	1/	11	8
Shedding Leaves	1/	1/	4	2
SORGHUM:				
Headed	86	69	99	95
Coloring	31	27	62	53
Mature	1/	1/	13	5
ALFALFA:				
Third Cutting	76	65	76	80

1/ Less than one percent

Corn - Percent Dented
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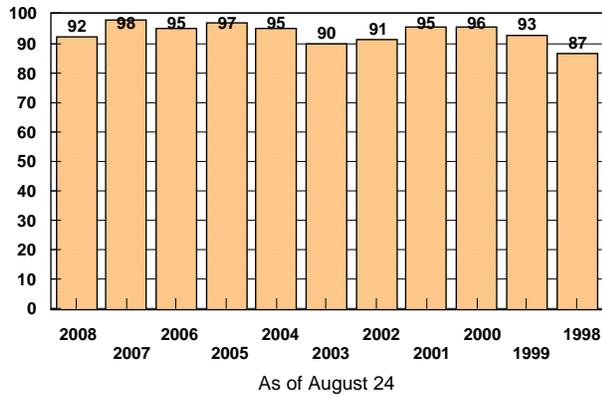
Corn - Percent Dough
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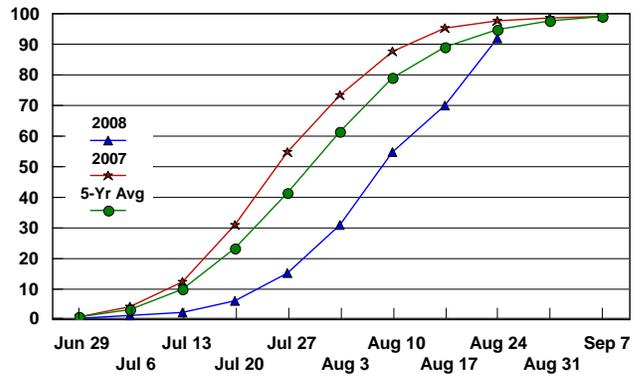
Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table

District	Days Suitable for Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	August 18-24		August 24		
Northwest	6.5	4	41	55	-
Northeast	5.2	-	17	74	9
West	5.6	2	41	57	-
Central	5.7	-	32	68	-
East	6.3	13	59	28	-
W Southwest	6.2	-	15	83	2
E Southeast	5.7	-	16	84	-
Southwest	5.1	2	21	66	11
Southeast	6.3	-	73	27	-
State	5.9	3	36	59	2

Soybeans - Percent Setting Pods
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Crop Conditions

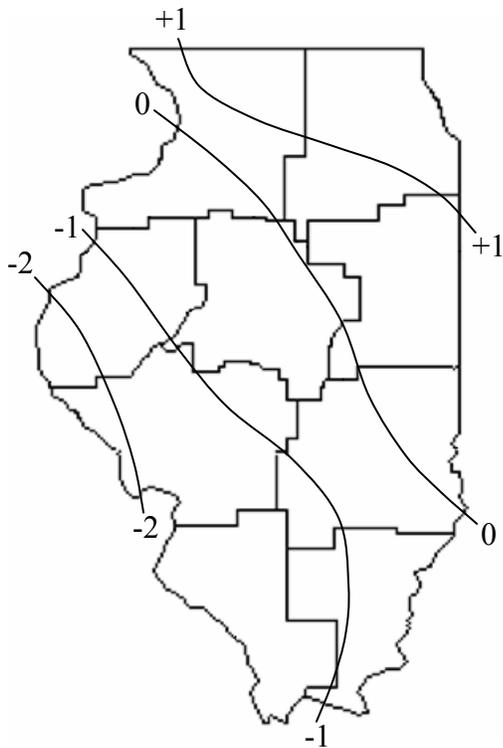
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	August 24				
Corn	1	4	21	53	21
Soybeans	1	5	26	55	13
Sorghum	-	3	19	66	12
Pasture	1	5	33	56	5

Crop Progress by Districts

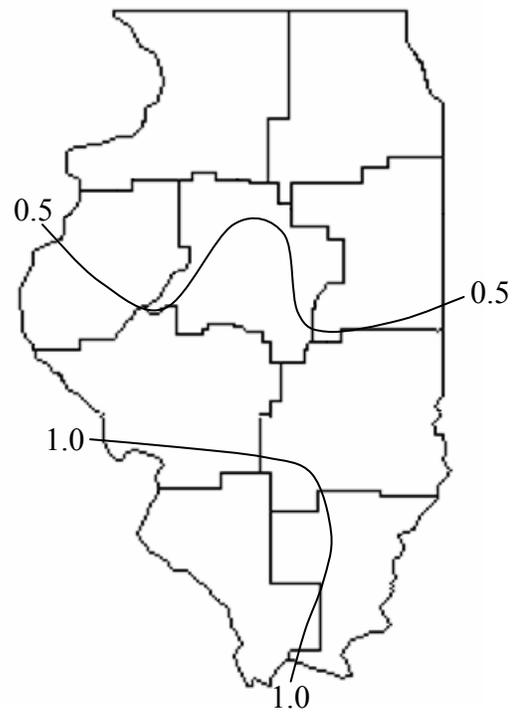
District	Corn	Corn	Soybeans Setting Pods
	Dough	Dent	
	August 24		
Northwest	79	16	96
Northeast	72	11	93
West	95	47	96
Central	96	43	99
East	75	26	97
W Southwest	83	32	91
E Southeast	79	23	77
Southwest	65	29	72
Southeast	82	50	90
State	82	29	92

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days		
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure	Since May 1	Departure	
		August 18 - 24					
Northwest	71.6	0.5	0.25	-0.65	2,061	-127	
Northeast	72.3	1.1	0.27	-0.50	2,021	-122	
West	72.4	-1.3	0.50	-0.11	2,287	-161	
Central	72.6	-0.3	0.51	-0.13	2,216	-157	
East	72.9	0.6	0.40	-0.30	2,186	-144	
W Southwest	72.8	-1.7	0.83	0.22	2,393	-146	
E Southeast	73.9	-0.5	0.63	0.05	2,427	-122	
Southwest	74.0	-1.8	1.12	0.55	2,577	-100	
Southeast	75.2	-0.8	0.89	0.32	2,651	-48	
State	73.0	-0.4	0.58	-0.08	2,300	-128	



Temperature (°F) Departure
August 18 - 24



Precipitation (in.) Total
August 18 - 24

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