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## Agricultural Summary

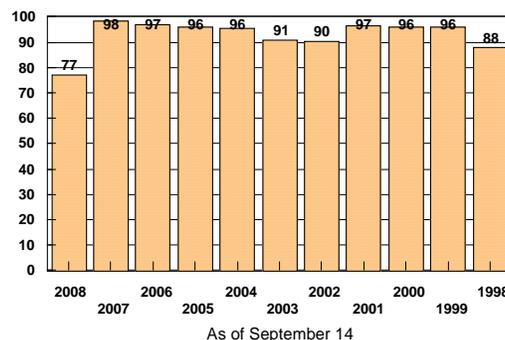
Streams and rivers are flooding, and soil is saturated throughout much of Illinois. The remnants of Hurricane Ike were felt across the state this past weekend, with heavy winds and consistent rainfall being prevalent. Producers are expecting to wait a few days before entering fields. There were 3.1 days suitable for fieldwork. Cool temperatures were also received with the heavy precipitation this past week. The average temperature was 3.0 degrees below normal. The average weekly precipitation was 3.24 inches above normal.

### Crop Progress

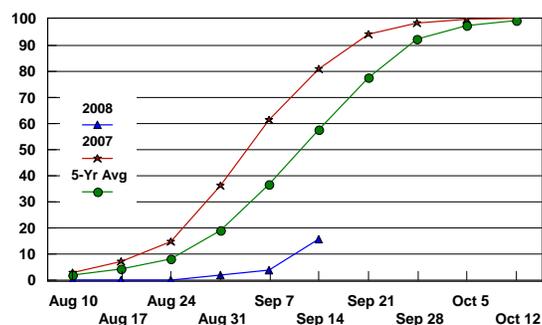
	This Week	Last Week	2007	5-Year Average
September 14				
<b>CORN:</b>				
Dent	77	60	98	96
Mature	16	4	81	58
Harvested	1/	1/	21	9
<b>SOYBEANS:</b>				
Turning Yellow	41	18	81	72
Shedding Leaves	7	2	52	39
Harvested	1/	1/	3	3
<b>SORGHUM:</b>				
Coloring	52	39	95	90
Mature	5	1/	82	55
Harvested	1/	1/	16	6
<b>ALFALFA:</b>				
Third Cutting	90	89	96	96

1/ Less than one percent

Corn - Percent Dented  
Illinois



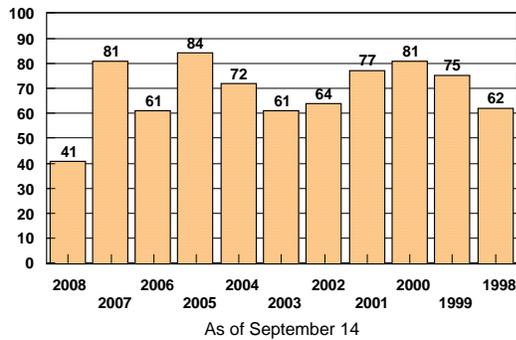
Corn - Percent Mature  
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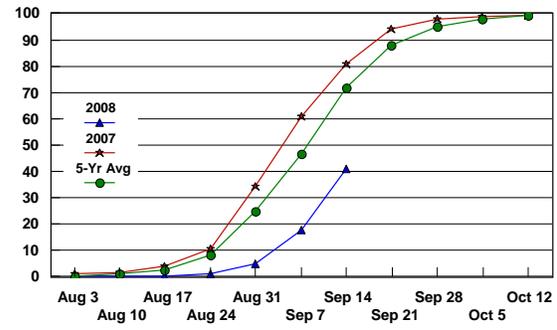
**Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table**

District	Days Suitable for Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	September 8-14			September 14	
Northwest	3.5	-	4	44	52
Northeast	3.4	-	-	18	82
West	1.0	-	1	36	63
Central	1.2	-	-	19	81
East	3.1	-	-	52	48
W Southwest	2.9	-	3	21	76
E Southeast	4.0	-	6	67	27
Southwest	5.7	-	1	49	50
Southeast	6.1	18	47	25	10
State	3.1	1	4	38	57

**Soybeans - Percent Turning Yellow**  
Illinois



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**Crop Conditions**

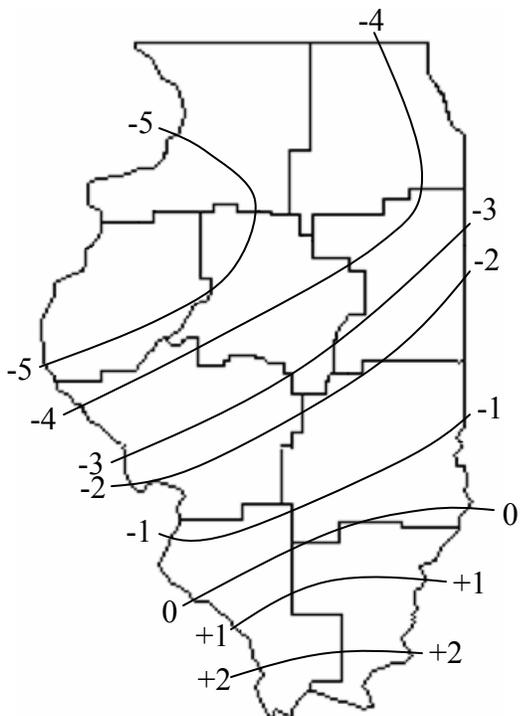
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	September 14				
Corn	3	6	25	52	14
Soybeans	3	6	28	53	10
Sorghum	3	2	17	61	17
Pasture	2	6	30	54	8

**Crop Progress by Districts**

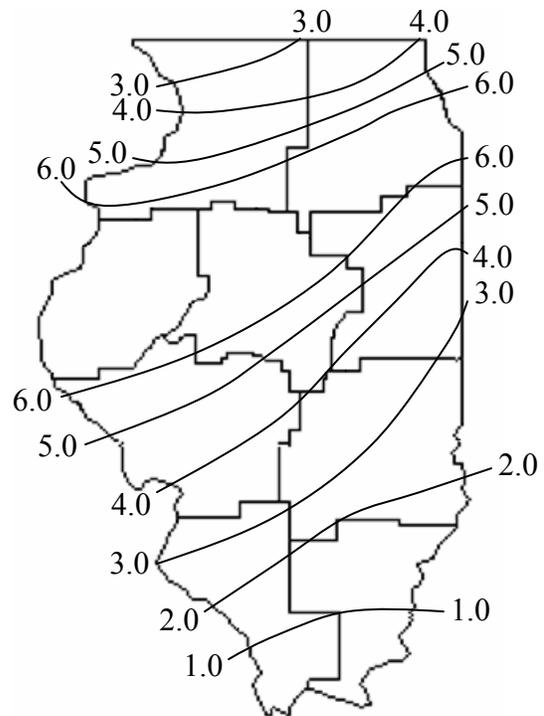
District	Corn Dent	Corn Mature	Soybeans Turning Yellow
		September 14	
Northwest	70	8	62
Northeast	80	8	60
West	85	6	46
Central	81	28	50
East	80	20	35
W Southwest	78	17	17
E Southeast	79	17	39
Southwest	88	29	39
Southeast	84	25	19
State	77	16	41

**Weather Information Table**

District	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure	Since May 1	Departure
	September 8 - 14					
Northwest	61.3	-5.0	4.78	3.94	2,403	-178
Northeast	62.5	-4.3	6.29	5.42	2,367	-175
West	63.6	-5.2	6.09	5.19	2,643	-250
Central	63.8	-4.8	5.87	5.07	2,576	-231
East	65.2	-3.1	3.55	2.72	2,569	-184
W Southwest	66.6	-3.3	5.00	4.10	2,796	-208
E Southeast	68.9	-1.4	2.35	1.43	2,880	-138
Southwest	71.5	0.3	1.05	0.23	3,052	-116
Southeast	72.8	1.1	0.81	0.04	3,158	-39
State	66.0	-3.0	4.10	3.24	2,699	-172



Temperature (°F) Departure  
September 8 - 14



Precipitation (in.) Total  
September 8 - 14

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