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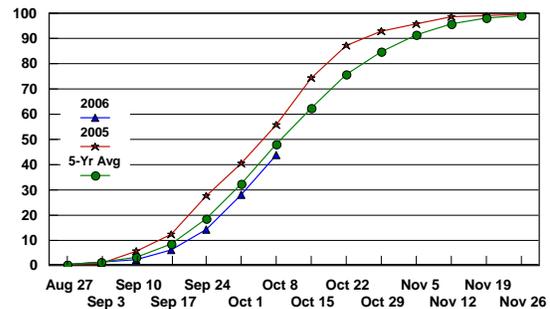
Agricultural Summary

Harvest progressed at a rapid pace across the state last week under ideal fall weather. Some areas of north and eastern Illinois did receive rainfall early in the week which delayed harvest until later in the week but most areas received minimal if any rain with the statewide average amounting to less than 50 percent of normal. Record high temperatures were set in some locations during the week with the average temperature for the week being nearly six degrees above normal statewide. The warm dry weather allowed both corn and soybean crops to dry down and farmers were switching their harvest from corn to beans as their crops matured. Soybean harvest progressed at a near record pace last week because farmers were able to begin early in the morning since the dry weather conditions lately have been providing many nearly dew free mornings. Soybean farmers in the north still need their crop to dry down more as green stems make the harvest tough while farmers across the rest of the state report that the moisture level in their crop is drying into the single digits by late afternoon. Moisture levels in most corn fields are reaching an acceptable level also with the exception of northern Illinois where some fields were still in the mid 20 percent range. Wheat seeding made good progress this past week with seed becoming in short supply as the recent market price increase is encouraging farmers to plant more. Farmers were also completing fall tillage last week along with spreading fertilizer and lime.

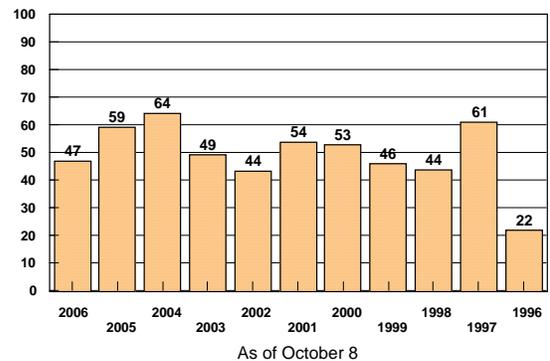
Crop Progress

Crop Stage	2006	2005	5-Year Average
October 8			
CORN:			
Mature	99	99	98
Harvested	44	56	48
SOYBEANS:			
Shedding Leaves	96	98	96
Harvested	47	59	54
SORGHUM:			
Mature	96	95	90
Harvested	42	59	46
WINTER WHEAT:			
Seeded	34	35	30
Emergenced	4	6	6

Corn - Percent Harvested
Illinois



Soybeans - Percent Harvested
Illinois



Crop Conditions

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture	4	15	38	40	3

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table

District	Days Suitable for Fieldwork		Topsoil Moisture		
	Average	Normal	Very Short	Short	Adequate
	October 2 - 8		October 8		
Northwest	6.2	6	17	74	3
Northeast	4.9	-	4	95	1
West	7.0	46	33	21	-
Central	6.7	4	20	75	1
East	5.7	1	8	88	3
W Southwest	6.7	9	43	48	-
E Southeast	6.9	2	25	73	-
Southwest	6.7	29	55	16	-
Southeast	6.8	3	5	91	1
State	6.4	11	22	66	1

Crop Progress by Districts

District	Corn		Soybeans	
	Mature	Harvested	Shedding Leaves	Soybeans Harvested
	October 8			
Northwest	96	26	94	43
Northeast	99	18	97	46
West	100	62	100	58
Central	99	57	99	55
East	99	30	99	43
W Southwest	99	59	98	46
E Southeast	98	51	95	43
Southwest	100	81	89	46
Southeast	100	57	90	34
State	99	44	96	47

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
	October 2 - 8					
Northwest	60.4	54.8	5.5	0.39	0.77	-0.37
Northeast	59.1	55.2	3.9	1.71	0.78	0.93
West	64.8	57.5	7.3	0.02	0.92	-0.90
Central	63.5	57.0	6.5	0.26	0.87	-0.62
East	62.3	56.8	5.5	0.82	0.84	-0.02
W Southwest	65.1	58.7	6.5	0.00	0.82	-0.81
E Southeast	64.0	59.1	4.8	0.11	0.86	-0.75
Southwest	65.1	60.1	5.0	0.08	0.64	-0.56
Southeast	64.6	60.5	4.1	0.04	0.67	-0.62
State	63.1	57.6	5.5	0.39	0.80	-0.41

Weather Information Table

Location	Maximum	Temperature Minimum	Departure	Precipitation
October 2 - 8				
Northwest:				
Freeport	85	36	4	0.08
Kewanee	90	37	6	0.44
Moline	95	37	10	0.01
Mount Carroll	89	36	8	0.08
Paw Paw	86	37	6	1.03
Rochelle	86	36	5	0.51
Rockford	86	39	6	0.74
Northeast:				
Aurora	86	36	5	1.51
Chicago	82	40	3	1.41
Antioch	78	40	2	1.52
McHenry	78	33	1	1.73
Morris	90	38	7	0.95
Ottawa	89	39	5	1.06
Park Forest	85	38	3	1.86
West:				
Galesburg	94	40	9	0.06
Prairie City	94	39	8	0.00
Quincy	93	39	9	0.00
Central:				
Bloomington	94	39	7	0.03
Decatur	91	36	7	0.00
Havana	95	34	6	0.05
Lincoln	92	34	8	0.00
Peoria	93	40	10	0.00
East:				
Champaign	90	38	7	0.38
Pontiac	89	40	6	0.02
West Southwest:				
Carlinville	92	38	6	0.00
Morrisonville	93	34	7	0.00
Springfield	93	36	8	0.00
East Southeast:				
Effingham	91	38	6	0.01
Flora	90	38	5	0.00
Hutsonville	92	39	5	0.47
Iuka	90	38	4	0.00
Hidalgo	90	38	6	0.00
Paris	89	41	4	0.53
Windsor	90	39	5	0.00
Southwest:				
Carbondale	90	34	5	0.00
Lebanon	91	39	5	0.00
Steeleville	90	38	3	0.00
Southeast:				
Grand Chain	90	44	3	0.00
Grayville	91	41	3	0.00
Mt Vernon	87	39	3	0.02

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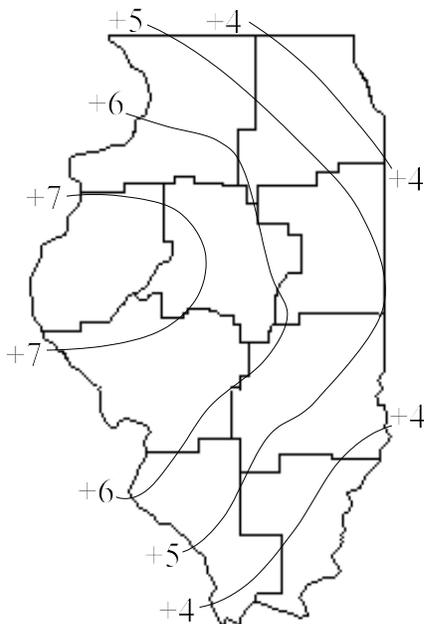
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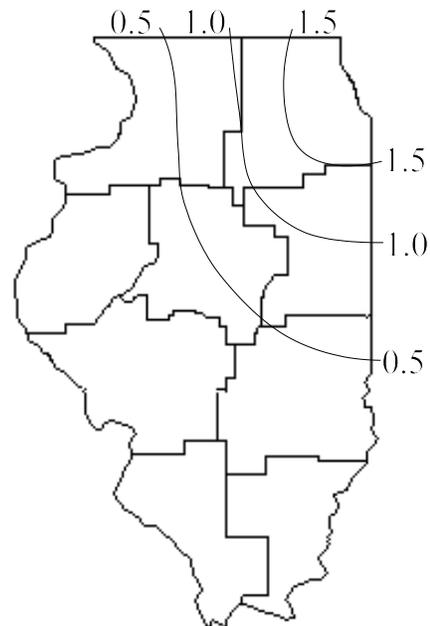
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Temperature (°F) Departure
October 2 - 8



Precipitation (in.) Total
October 2 - 8

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