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Agricultural Summary

Corn planting continued to make excellent progress last week after the slow start early in the spring. Warmer and drier conditions last week allowed farmers to make significant progress in the field. There were 4.2 days suitable for field work last week. Days suitable for field work were higher in the northern districts than in southern districts. Topsoil moisture was rated at 4% short, 77% adequate, and 19% surplus. Statewide, 72% of the corn crop has been planted, still behind last year's 83% but in line with the five-year average of 73%. Soybeans planted benefitted from the improved conditions last week also. Soybeans planted are at 7%, compared to 13% for last year, and 15% for the five-year average. The wheat crop is still showing signs of significant damage in some areas. Some of the poorer wheat fields have been turned under and planted to other crops. Some alfalfa and clover fields were cut last week. Numerous reports indicate the first hay cutting will most likely be short this year due to the freeze. Other field activities include applying herbicides and fertilizer, and tending to livestock.

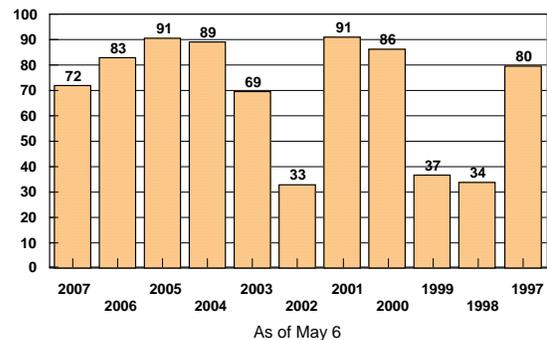
Crop Progress

Crop Stage	2007	2006	5-Year Average

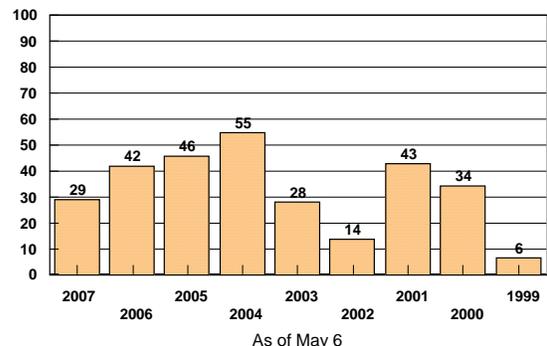
		May 6	
CORN:			
Planted	72	83	73
Emerged	29	42	37
SOYBEANS:			
Planted	7	13	15
Emerged	1/	1	1
SORGHUM:			
Planted	15	15	10
OATS:			
Planted	95	98	97
Headed	2	3	2
WHEAT:			
Headed	43	56	36
Filled	1	6	2
ALFALFA:			
First Cutting	6	10	6
RED CLOVER:			
Cutting	6	10	4

1/ Less than one percent

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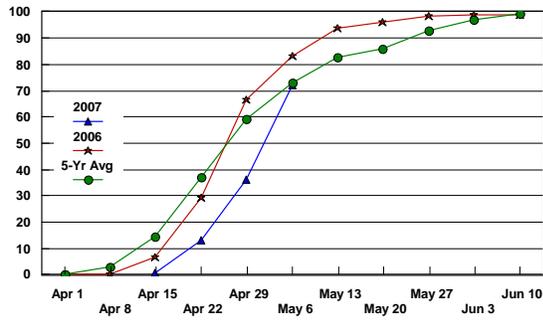
Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table

	:	Days Suitable	:	Topsoil Moisture			
District	:	for Fieldwork	:	Very Short	: Short	: Adequate	: Surplus

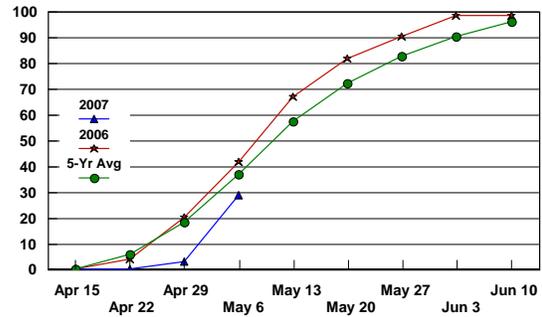
	April 30 - May 6		May 6		
Northwest	5.8	1	6	87	6
Northeast	5.2	-	5	89	6
West	3.3	-	-	74	26
Central	4.3	-	1	75	24
East	5.0	1	13	75	11
W Southwest	3.4	-	-	85	15
E Southeast	3.5	-	-	79	21
Southwest	2.7	-	-	61	39
Southeast	3.0	-	-	33	67

State	4.2	-	4	77	19
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Corn - Percent Planted
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Corn - Percent Emerged
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Crop Conditions

Crop	:	Very Poor	:	Poor	:	Fair	:	Good	:	Excellent
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				May 6						
Winter Wheat	19	19	36	22	4					
Oats	1	5	31	51	12					
Alfalfa	8	17	33	39	3					
Red Clover	13	20	34	31	2					
Pasture	2	7	21	59	11					

Crop Progress by Districts

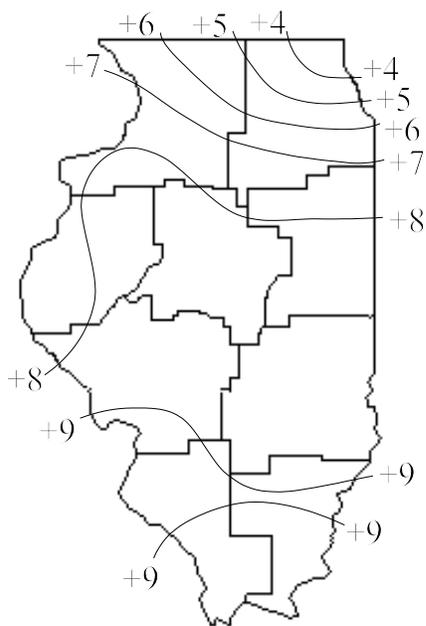
District	:	Corn Planted	:	Corn Emerged	:	Soybeans Planted
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				May 6		
Northwest	68	18	13			
Northeast	64	8	7			
West	70	25	2			
Central	66	35	5			
East	84	30	4			
W Southwest	81	53	4			
E Southeast	56	15	7			
Southwest	81	56	5			
Southeast	53	23	14			

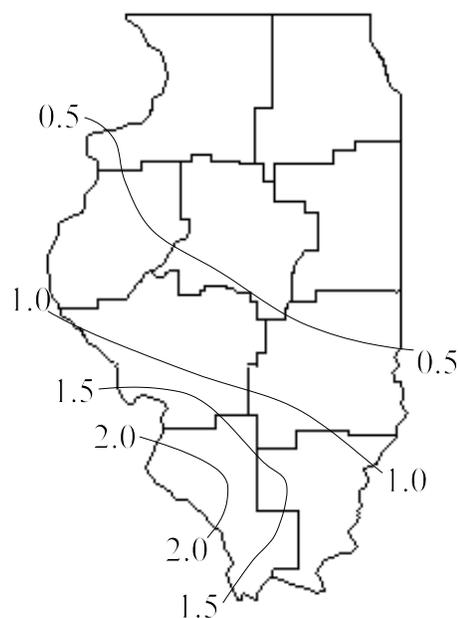
State	72	29	7			
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Weather Information Table

District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
	April 30 - May 6					
Northwest	62.5	55.2	7.4	0.18	0.70	-0.52
Northeast	59.5	54.4	5.1	0.21	0.73	-0.52
West	65.7	57.7	8.0	0.71	1.00	-0.29
Central	65.5	57.1	8.4	0.36	0.88	-0.51
East	65.2	56.7	8.5	0.09	0.88	-0.78
W Southwest	67.3	58.8	8.6	1.19	1.00	0.19
E Southeast	67.7	59.0	8.7	0.77	0.99	-0.22
Southwest	69.3	60.2	9.2	2.02	0.99	1.03
Southeast	69.5	60.5	9.0	1.48	1.08	0.40
State	65.6	57.6	8.0	0.75	0.91	-0.16



Temperature (°F) Departure
April 30 - May 6



Precipitation (in.) Total
April 30 - May 6

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