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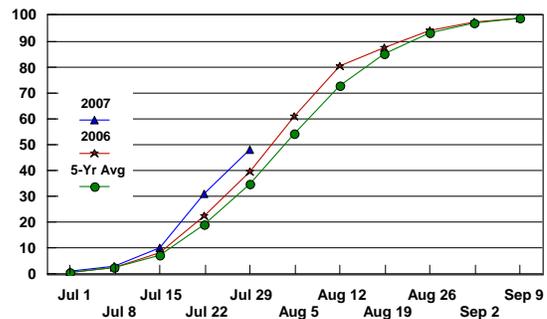
Agricultural Summary

Crops continued to progress well across the state this past week. Slightly cooler, dry conditions allowed producers the opportunity to bale hay and move forward with harvesting of oats. The majority of the corn, soybean, and sorghum crops are rated as good or excellent. There were 6.1 days suitable for field work last week. Topsoil moisture was rated 11 percent very short, 24 percent short, 62 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Corn in dough stage was at 48 percent, compared to 40 percent last year and 35 percent for the five-year average. Five percent of the corn crop had reached the dent stage, compared to 4 percent in 2006 and the average of 5 percent. Soybeans setting pods were at 62 percent, ahead of last year's 40 percent and the average of 41 percent. Farmers continue with other activities around the state such as general maintenance, spraying crops, mowing ditches, and attending county fairs.

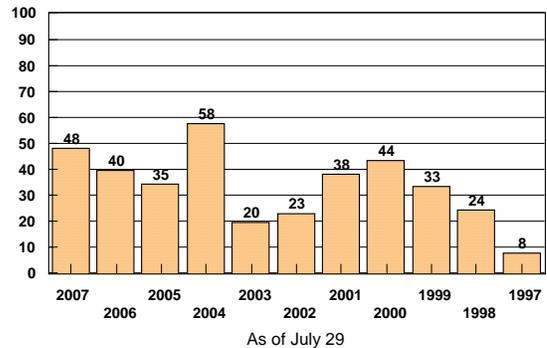
Crop Progress

Crop Stage	2007	2006	5-Year Average
July 29			
CORN:			
Silked	99	98	93
Dough	48	40	35
Dented	5	4	5
SOYBEANS:			
Blooming	95	86	84
Setting Pods	62	40	41
SORGHUM:			
Headed	80	56	49
Coloring	7	3	6
OATS:			
Ripe	96	94	91
Harvested	73	74	68
ALFALFA:			
Second Cutting	98	98	95
Third Cutting	35	34	28

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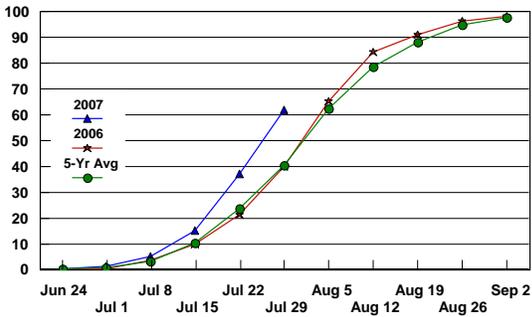
Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table

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

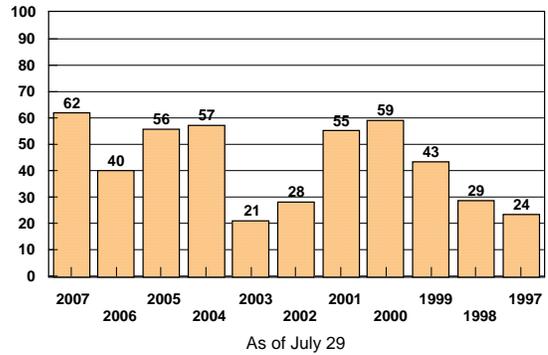
	July 23 - 29		July 29	
Northwest	5.9	-	6	89
Northeast	4.9	1	14	78
West	6.4	18	24	57
Central	5.9	4	6	87
East	5.3	2	18	76
W Southwest	6.9	16	57	27
E Southeast	6.6	1	20	69
Southwest	6.6	46	46	8
Southeast	7.0	70	30	-

State	6.1	11	24	62	3
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Soybeans - Percent Setting Pods
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Crop Conditions

Crop	:	Very Poor	:	Poor	:	Fair	:	Good	:	Excellent
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				July 29						
Corn		2		3		17		45		33
Soybeans		2		4		21		49		24
Sorghum		3		10		25		54		8
Pasture		9		21		29		35		6

Crop Progress by Districts

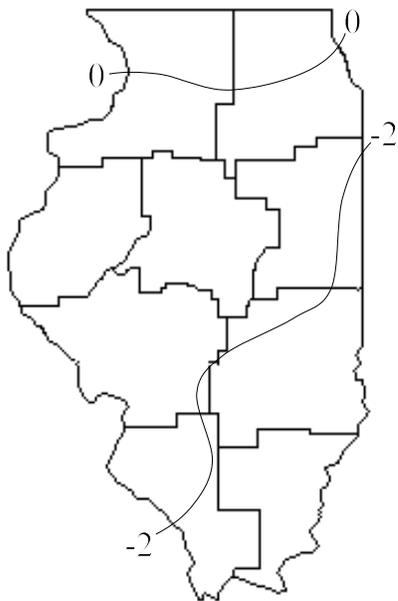
District	:	Corn	:	Corn	:	Soybeans	:	Soybeans
	:	Dough	:	Dent	:	Blooming	:	Setting Pods

				July 29				
Northwest		38		1		93		66
Northeast		44		1		98		49
West		39		1		99		65
Central		57		9		99		89
East		28		1		98		51
W Southwest		63		11		95		49
E Southeast		58		1		94		72
Southwest		71		24		80		36
Southeast		83		19		91		66

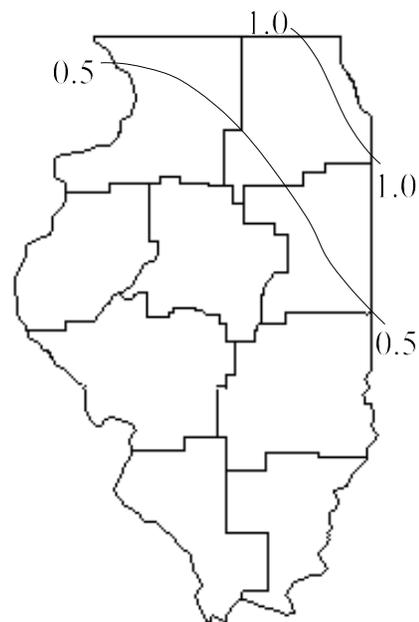
State		48		5		95		62
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Weather Information Table

District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
	July 23 - 29					
Northwest	72.9	73.0	-0.1	0.44	0.66	-0.22
Northeast	72.5	73.0	-0.4	0.92	0.68	0.23
West	74.1	75.3	-1.3	0.34	0.88	-0.54
Central	73.1	74.4	-1.4	0.35	0.88	-0.53
East	72.2	73.9	-1.7	0.49	0.90	-0.41
W Southwest	74.4	76.0	-1.6	0.13	0.89	-0.75
E Southeast	73.9	76.0	-2.2	0.23	0.91	-0.68
Southwest	75.5	77.4	-1.9	0.33	0.99	-0.66
Southeast	75.4	77.5	-2.2	0.31	0.82	-0.52
State	73.7	75.1	-1.4	0.39	0.84	-0.45



Temperature (°F) Departure
July 23 - 29



Precipitation (in.) Total
July 23 - 29

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