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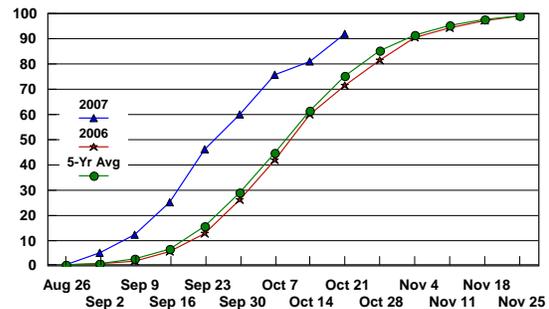
Agricultural Summary

Temperatures across the state were warmer than normal last week but a cool front brought welcome rains at midweek and lowered temperatures to more seasonable levels. Fieldwork delays were common and impacted corn and soybean harvest in the north as well as double-crop soybean harvest in the south. Farmers experienced some delays in fall tillage and fertilizer applications in most areas. The rainfall totals ranged from an inch to several inches in certain locations of southern Illinois. Wheat seeding is nearing completion and emergence has been uneven. Farmers are optimistic that the recent rains will help greatly with emergence of their wheat crop. Soybean harvest has continued to be slowed by green stems in certain varieties that are slow to ripen. Some harvest delays are also being seen in areas that received high winds along with recent rains that have caused lodging in corn. Anhydrous applications continue to be delayed as soil temperatures remain too warm, but with cooler temperatures forecast for the coming week, farmers will begin soon. Farmers were also busy last week cleaning equipment, evaluating yield data, spreading lime and fertilizer.

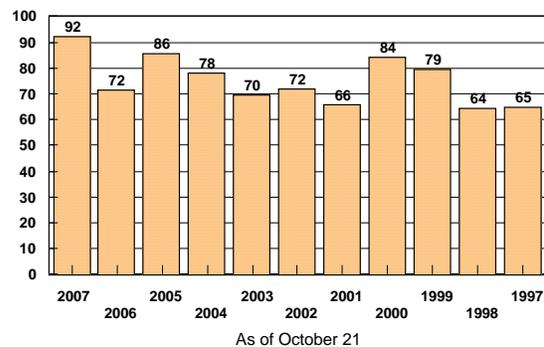
Crop Progress

Crop Stage	2007	2006	5-Year Average
October 21			
CORN:			
Harvested	92	72	75
SOYBEANS:			
Harvested	93	81	84
SORGHUM:			
Harvested	94	62	67
WINTER WHEAT:			
Seeded	91	80	74
Emerged	49	37	41

Corn - Percent Harvested
Illinois



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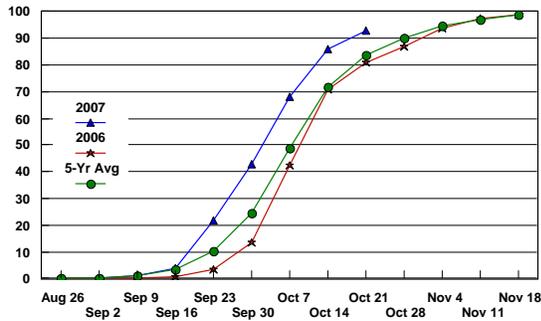
Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table

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

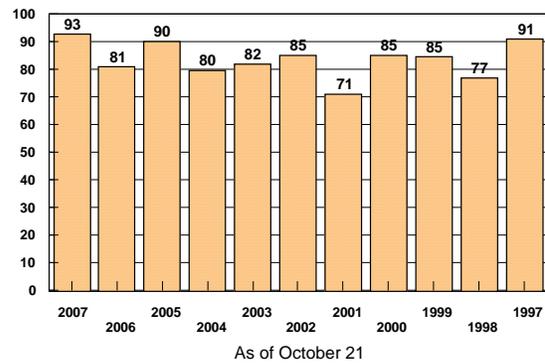
	October 15 - 21		October 21	
Northwest	5.4	3	32	65
Northeast	4.7	-	38	59
West	5.6	40	38	22
Central	5.0	9	39	50
East	4.6	26	31	37
W Southwest	5.5	69	24	7
E Southeast	5.2	20	41	39
Southwest	4.3	24	12	64
Southeast	4.2	31	3	66

State	5.1	26	31	42	1
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Soybeans - Percent Harvested
Illinois



Soybeans - Percent Harvested
Illinois



Crop Conditions

Crop	:	Very Poor	:	Poor	:	Fair	:	Good	:	Excellent
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				October 21						
Winter Wheat	-		2	32	49			17		
Pasture	31		29	22	16			2		

Crop Progress by Districts

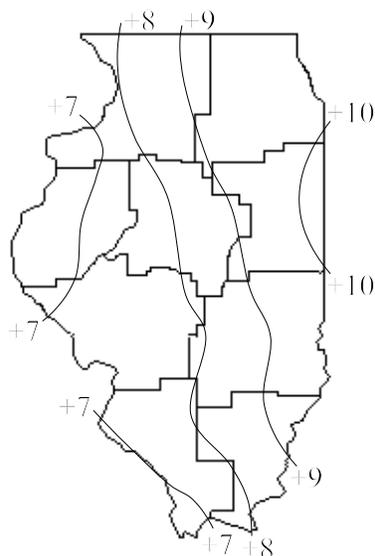
District	:	Corn	:	Soybeans
	:	Harvested	:	Harvested

	October 21	
Northwest	77	92
Northeast	77	87
West	93	90
Central	97	95
East	97	98
W Southwest	99	97
E Southeast	98	93
Southwest	100	87
Southeast	100	89

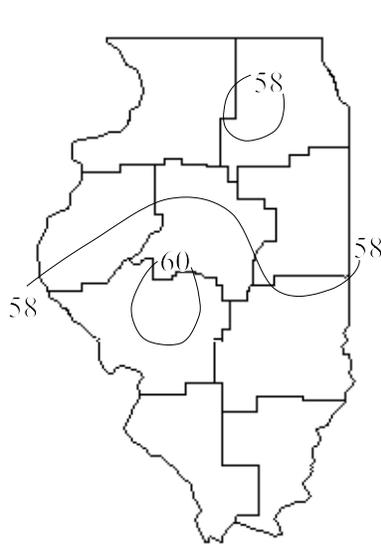
State	92	93
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Weather Information Table

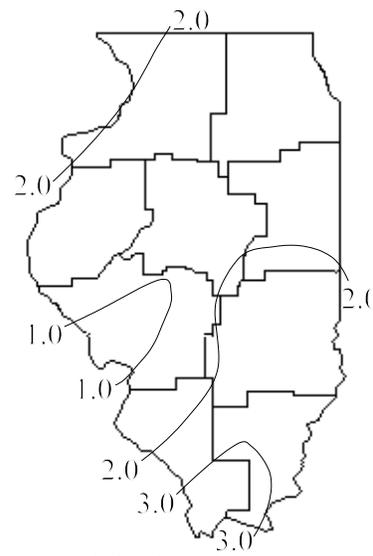
District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
October 15 - 21						
Northwest	58.8	50.7	8.1	1.70	0.72	0.98
Northeast	60.3	50.9	9.4	1.39	0.71	0.68
West	60.4	53.6	6.8	1.40	0.62	0.78
Central	61.2	52.9	8.3	1.30	0.63	0.66
East	62.3	52.4	9.9	1.64	0.69	0.95
W Southwest	62.3	54.7	7.6	1.14	0.69	0.45
E Southeast	63.4	54.7	8.7	2.53	0.77	1.77
Southwest	63.4	56.0	7.4	2.05	0.83	1.22
Southeast	64.9	56.2	8.7	2.48	0.80	1.68
State	61.8	53.4	8.3	1.72	0.71	1.00



Temperature (°F) Departure
October 15 - 21



4-inch Bare Soil Temp (°F)
October 21 10 a.m.



Precipitation (in.) Total
October 15 - 21

Weather data provided by the Midwestern Regional Climate Center
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