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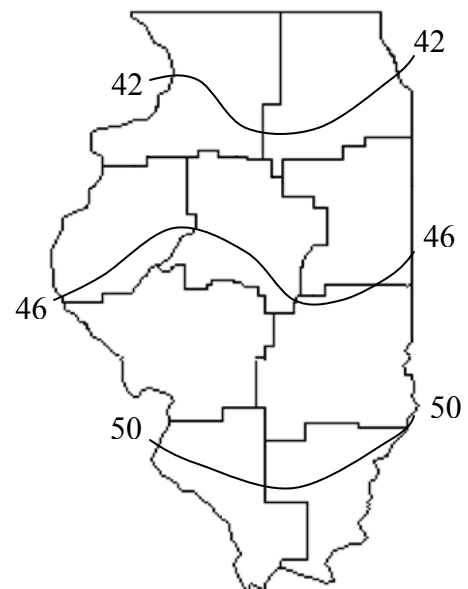
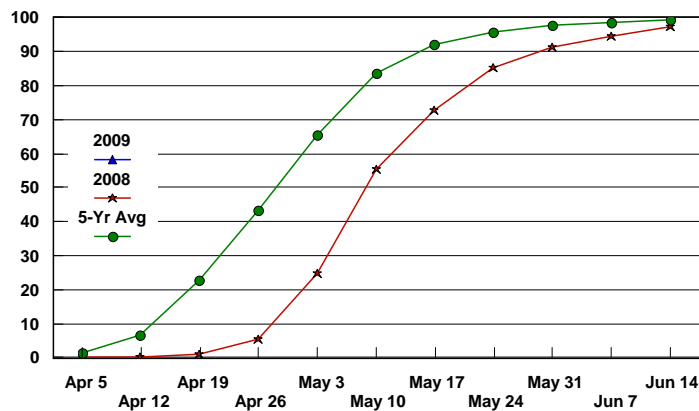
## Agricultural Summary

Cool, wet conditions this past week slowed the start of the planting season in Illinois. Producers are reporting that it may take a few weeks of warm, dry conditions to begin planting in earnest. Temperatures averaged 45.8 degrees, 1.4 degrees below normal across the state. Statewide precipitation averaged 0.90 inches, 0.11 inch above normal. There were 0.6 days suitable for fieldwork reported. Topsoil moisture was rated 36 percent adequate and 64 percent surplus. Oats were 14 percent planted, compared to 7 percent in 2008 and 25 percent for the five-year average. Winter wheat conditions stood at 3 percent poor, 23 percent fair, 64 percent good, and 10 percent excellent. Alfalfa conditions stood at 2 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 29 percent fair, 59 percent good, and 6 percent excellent.

### Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	2008	5-Year Average
April 5				
<b>OATS:</b>				
Planted	14	9	7	25

### Corn - Percent Planted Illinois

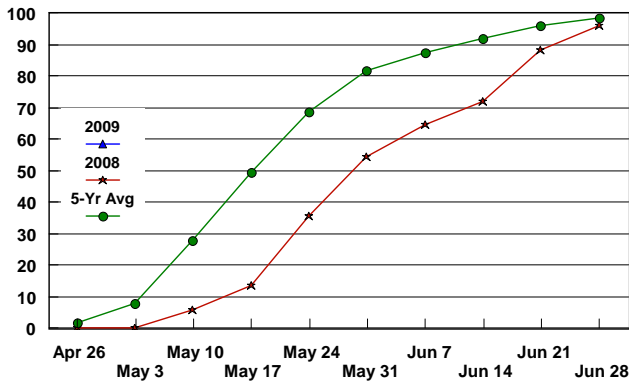


Bare Soil 4-inch Temp (°F)  
April 5 10 a.m.

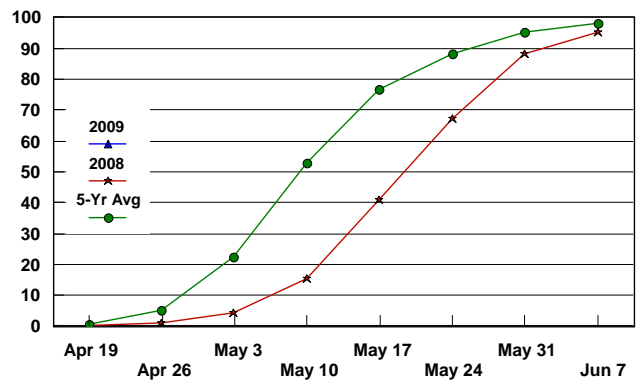
**Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Table**

District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	March 30-April 5			April 5	
Northwest	0.1	-	-	22	78
Northeast	0.4	-	-	63	37
West	0.1	-	-	33	67
Central	0.3	-	-	34	66
East	1.3	-	-	46	54
W Southwest	0.3	-	-	36	64
E Southeast	0.9	-	-	34	66
Southwest	1.9	-	-	46	54
Southeast	0.5	-	-	15	85
State	0.6	-	-	36	64

**Soybeans - Percent Planted  
Illinois**



**Winter Wheat - Percent Headed  
Illinois**

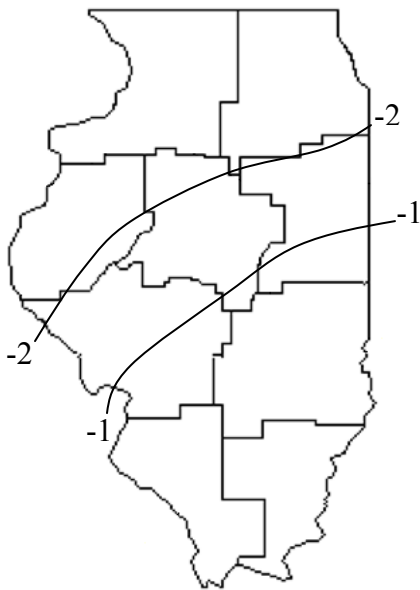


**Crop Conditions**

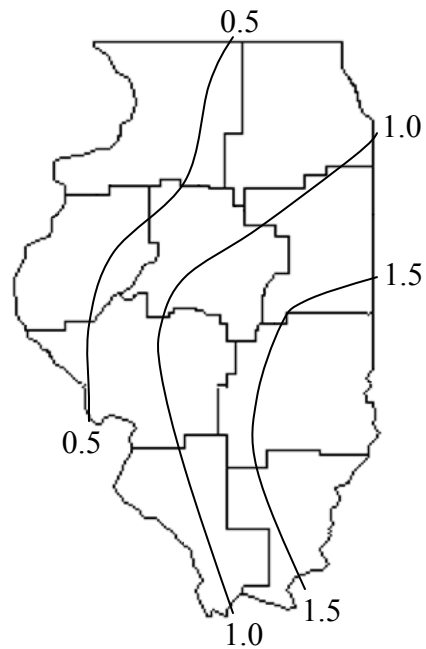
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
			April 5		
Winter Wheat	-	3	23	64	10
Alfalfa	2	4	29	59	6
Pasture	2	8	26	59	5

**Weather Information Table**

District	Temperature		Precipitation	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure
March 30 - April 5				
Northwest	41.4	-2.3	0.39	-0.30
Northeast	41.2	-2.4	0.75	0.02
West	44.2	-2.6	0.32	-0.38
Central	44.6	-1.6	0.87	0.19
East	45.1	-0.9	1.24	0.48
W Southwest	47.4	-1.2	0.69	-0.02
E Southeast	47.9	-1.1	1.59	0.69
Southwest	50.8	-0.2	0.88	-0.07
Southeast	51.3	-0.1	1.45	0.38
State	45.8	-1.4	0.90	0.11



Temperature (°F) Departure  
March 30 - April 5



Precipitation (in.) Total  
March 30 - April 5

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