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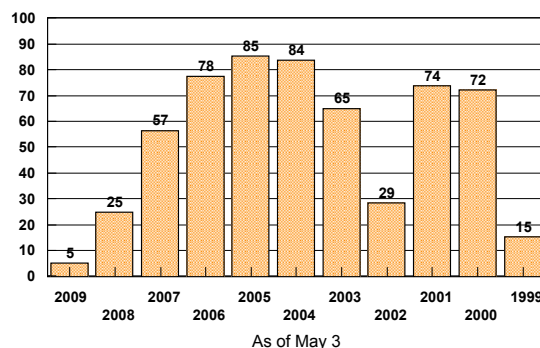
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Agricultural Summary

Another week of cool, wet conditions caused planting activities to fall further behind schedule. With a warmer and slightly dryer forecast on the horizon, producers continue to prepare for full swing planting to get underway. Corn planting continues to inch forward, but is twenty percentage points behind last year's pace. The last time that corn planting progress was this slow was in 1993. Temperatures averaged 59.3 degrees, 2.7 degrees above normal across the state. Statewide precipitation averaged 2.34 inches, 1.37 inch above normal. There was 0.5 day suitable for fieldwork reported. Topsoil moisture was rated 22 percent adequate and 78 percent surplus.

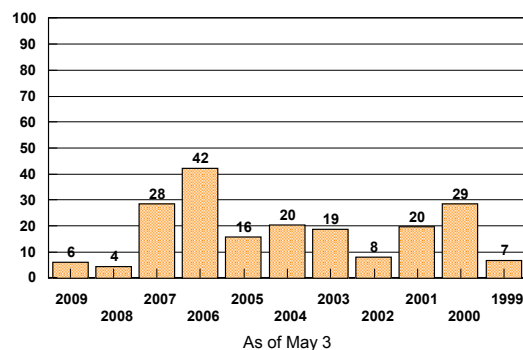
Corn - Percent Planted
Illinois



Crop Progress Percents

	This Week	Last Week	2008	5-Year Average
May 3				
Corn:				
Planted	5	4	25	66
Wheat:				
Headed	6	1/	4	22
OATS:				
Planted	74	72	76	91
1/ Less than 1 percent.				

Winter Wheat - Percent Headed
Illinois



Crop Condition Percents

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
			May 3		
Winter Wheat	-	4	22	64	10
Oats	2	3	38	52	5
Alfalfa	1	4	28	55	12
Red Clover	-	1	18	61	20
Pasture	1	3	18	60	18

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture Percents

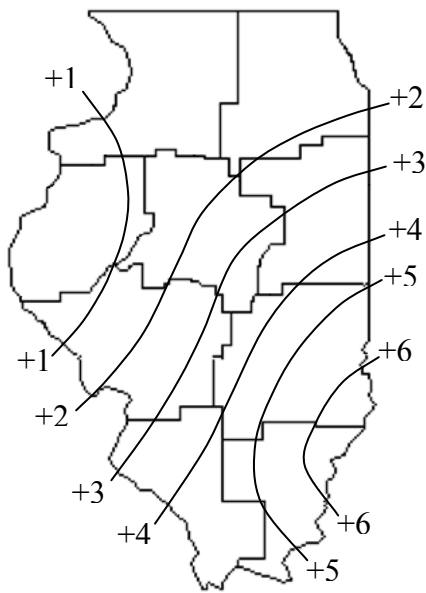
District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture Percents			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	April 27 - May 3			May 3	
Northwest	0.6	-	-	17	83
Northeast	0.3	-	-	27	73
West	0.1	-	-	15	85
Central	0.2	-	-	28	72
East	0.8	-	-	28	72
W Southwest	0.6	-	-	34	66
E Southeast	0.4	-	-	15	85
Southwest	1.2	-	-	-	100
Southeast	0.9	-	-	27	73
State	0.5	-	-	22	78

Crop Progress Percents by Districts

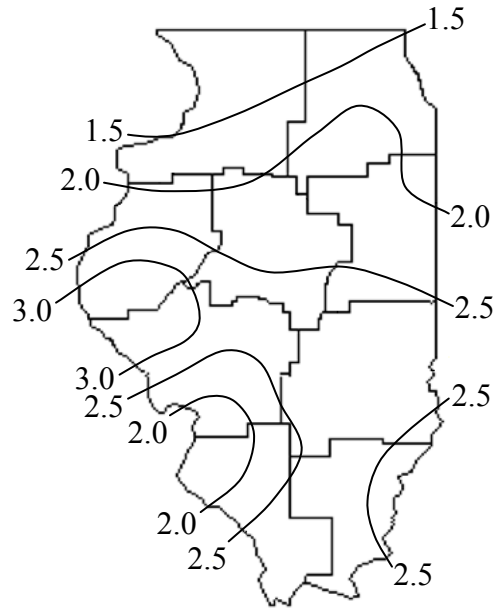
District	Corn Planted
	May 3
Northwest	6
Northeast	1
West	3
Central	4
East	2
W Southwest	11
E Southeast	2
Southwest	11
Southeast	7
State	5

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature		Precipitation	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure
April 27 - May 3				
Northwest	55.5	1.6	1.54	0.74
Northeast	54.1	1.2	1.91	1.13
West	57.4	0.8	2.85	2.01
Central	57.6	1.7	2.38	1.58
East	58.8	3.5	2.21	1.34
W Southwest	59.7	1.8	2.41	1.42
E Southeast	63.3	5.2	2.77	1.71
Southwest	63.6	4.2	2.58	1.28
Southeast	65.1	5.3	2.62	1.16
State	59.3	2.7	2.34	1.37



Temperature (°F) Departure
April 27 - May 3



Precipitation (in.) Total
April 27 - May 3

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