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## Agricultural Summary

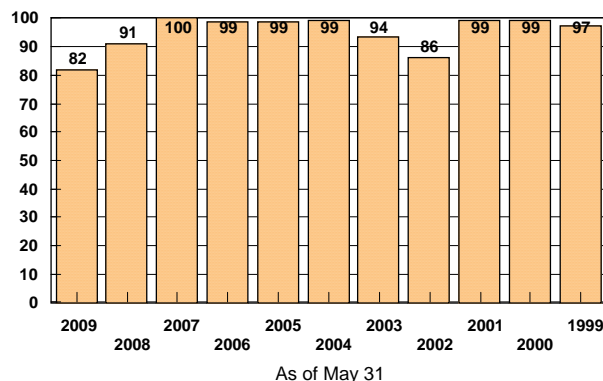
Variable weather patterns across the state led to an average of 3.5 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil was still quite wet and rated at 2 percent short, 57 percent adequate, and 41 percent surplus. Corn is reported at 82 percent planted and 52 percent emerged with an average height of 5 inches. Many farmers in the northern districts were able to finish up corn plantings, even if it was done in less than ideal conditions. Planting corn in the southern half of the state was brought to a halt due to continued rains, and this will lead to some corn acreage being replanted. As some farmers contemplate switching their corn to soybeans, soybeans are coming in at 34 percent planted and 6 percent emerged. Temperatures statewide averaged 66.5 degrees, .3 degrees above average. Precipitation averaged 1.4 inches, up .39 inches from normal across the state.

### Crop Progress Percents

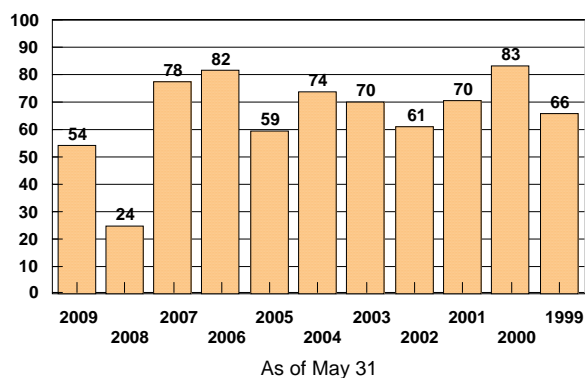
	This Week	Last Week	2008	5-Year Average
May 31				
<b>CORN:</b>				
Planted	82	62	91	98
Emerged	52	22	74	92
Average Height	5	4	4	9
<b>SOYBEANS:</b>				
Planted	34	12	54	82
Emerged	6	1	18	60
<b>SORGHUM:</b>				
Planted	5	3	11	58
<b>WHEAT:</b>				
Filled	54	19	24	63
Turning Yellow	14	1/	3	31
<b>OATS:</b>				
Headed	17	6	9	34
Filled	3	2	3	10
<b>ALFALFA:</b>				
First Cutting	39	25	31	56
<b>RED CLOVER:</b>				
Cutting	30	12	18	49

1/ Less than 1 percent.

**Corn - Percent Planted**  
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**Winter Wheat - Percent Filled**  
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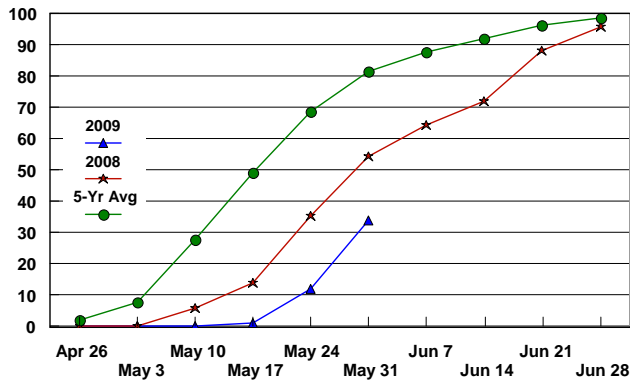
**Crop Condition Percents**

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
May 31					
Winter Wheat	-	10	34	43	13
Oats	2	4	29	58	7
Alfalfa	1	4	21	57	17
Red Clover	1	4	30	48	17
Pasture	1	2	16	50	31

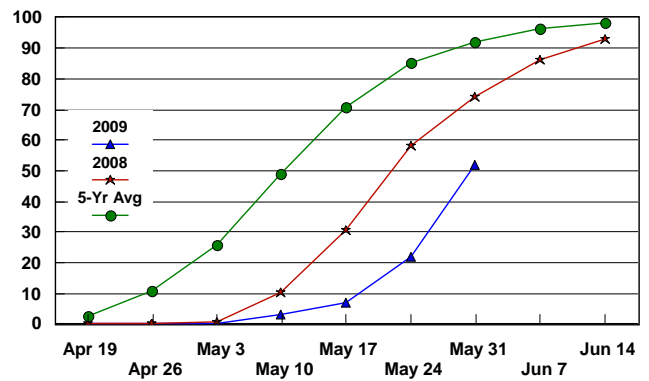
**Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture Percents**

District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture Percents			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
May 25 - 31		May 31			
Northwest	4.8	-	1	67	32
Northeast	4.2	-	-	88	12
West	3.5	-	-	74	26
Central	4.5	-	-	70	30
East	5.7	2	12	75	11
W Southwest	1.5	-	-	28	72
E Southeast	1.3	-	-	27	73
Southwest	2.0	-	-	41	59
Southeast	0.8	-	-	8	92
State	3.5	-	2	57	41

**Soybeans - Percent Planted**  
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**Corn - Percent Emerged**  
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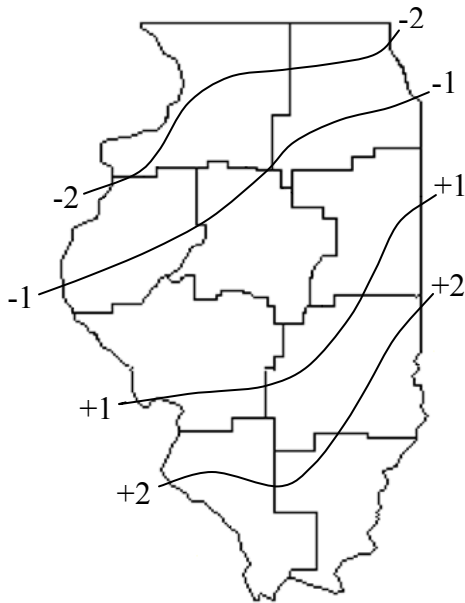


**Crop Progress Percents by Districts**

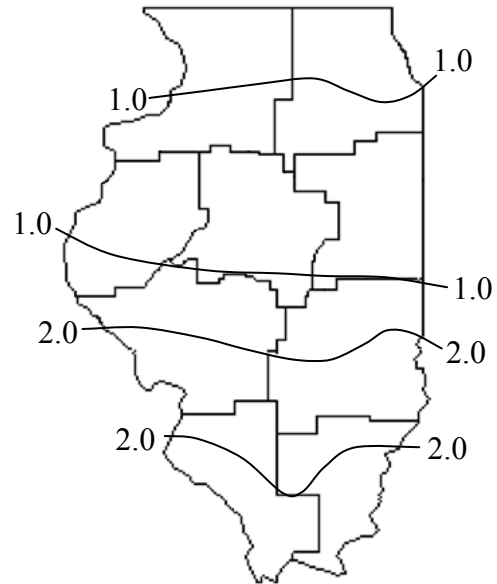
District	Corn Planted	Corn Emerged	Soybeans Planted	Soybeans Emerged
	May 31			
Northwest	93	65	66	16
Northeast	83	35	46	2
West	82	50	32	6
Central	90	53	29	4
East	95	62	52	4
W Southwest	72	55	23	6
E Southeast	59	33	8	1
Southwest	50	38	18	6
Southeast	51	45	10	9
State	82	52	34	6

**Weather Information Table**

District	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure	Since May 1	Departure
	May 25 - 31					
Northwest	62.2	-2.0	1.05	0.11	316	-23
Northeast	62.0	-1.4	1.30	0.31	309	-8
West	65.0	-0.9	0.93	-0.17	392	-10
Central	65.5	-0.4	0.78	-0.15	386	-5
East	66.5	0.7	0.51	-0.42	388	5
W Southwest	67.4	0.2	2.00	1.05	435	2
E Southeast	69.2	1.8	2.05	1.04	450	11
Southwest	71.0	2.6	1.94	0.84	485	16
Southeast	71.5	2.8	1.89	0.72	495	16
State	66.5	0.3	1.40	0.39	402	0



Temperature (°F) Departure  
May 25 - 31



Precipitation (in.) Total  
May 25 - 31

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