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Agricultural Summary

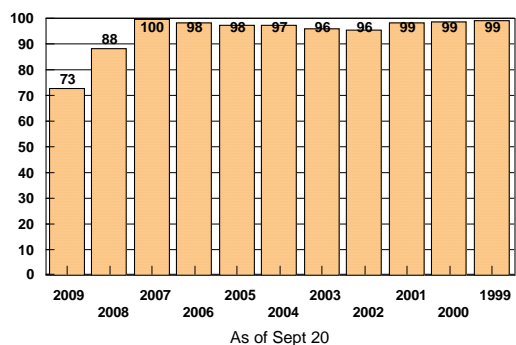
Another week of dry and warm weather has aided in the maturing of corn and soybeans. The first reports of completed fields of corn harvest have been received and some soybean fields have started to drop leaves. Producers were busy mowing weeds, cutting hay, and preparing equipment for harvest. There were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork reported. Topsoil moisture was rated 4 percent very short, 20 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Corn in the dent stage is at 73 percent, compared to the five-year average of 96 percent. Corn was rated at 62 percent good to excellent, 29 percent fair, and 9 percent poor or very poor. Soybeans are 54 percent turning yellow, compared to the five-year average of 82 percent. Soybeans were rated at 60 percent good to excellent, 30 percent fair and 10 percent poor or very poor. Temperatures statewide averaged 66.1 degrees, 0.5 degree above average. Statewide precipitation averaged 0.11 inch, 0.72 inch below normal.

Crop Progress Percents

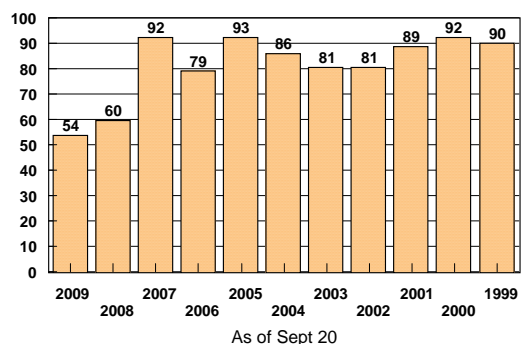
	This Week	Last Week	2008	5-Year Average
September 20				
CORN:				
Dough	97	91	99	100
Dent	73	56	88	96
Mature	13	6	29	69
Harvested	1	<u>1</u> / ₈	1	16
SOYBEANS:				
Turning Yellow	54	21	60	82
Shedding Leaves	20	3	22	56
Harvested	<u>1</u> / ₈	<u>1</u> / ₈	1	8
SORGHUM:				
Headed	98	93	100	100
Coloring	75	67	71	92
Mature	21	7	10	65
Harvested	<u>1</u> / ₈	<u>1</u> / ₈	<u>1</u> / ₈	12
ALFALFA:				
Third Cutting	95	89	94	97
WINTER WHEAT:				
Seeded	1	<u>1</u> / ₈	2	2

1/₈ Less than one percent.

Corn - Percent Dented
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Soybeans - Percent Turning Yellow
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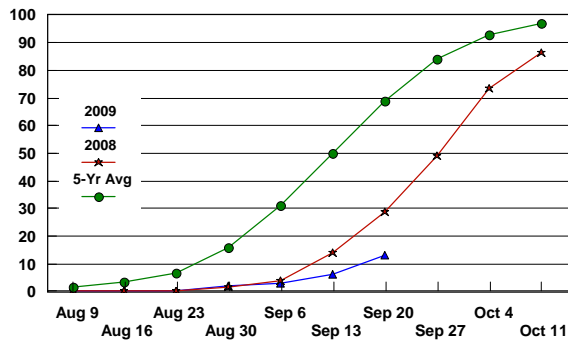
Crop Condition Percents

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
September 20					
Corn	2	7	29	49	13
Soybeans	3	7	30	49	11
Sorghum	-	5	19	66	10
Pasture	2	6	23	55	14

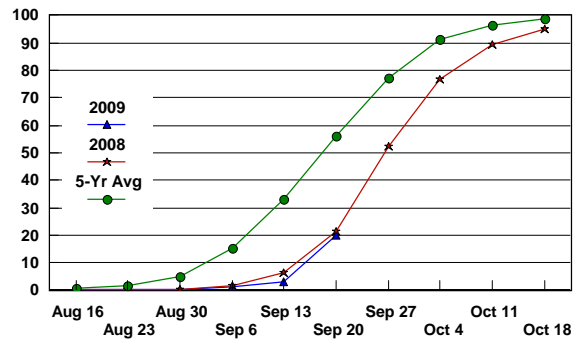
Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture Percents

District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture Percents			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Sept. 14 - 20		September 20			
Northwest	6.5	-	8	85	7
Northeast	6.8	-	25	75	-
West	6.6	-	12	85	3
Central	6.2	2	6	84	8
East	6.9	14	49	37	-
W Southwest	6.4	-	2	91	7
E Southeast	6.7	8	36	56	-
Southwest	7.0	-	3	97	-
Southeast	6.1	-	9	81	10
State	6.6	4	20	73	3

Corn - Percent Mature
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Soybeans - Percent Shedding Leaves
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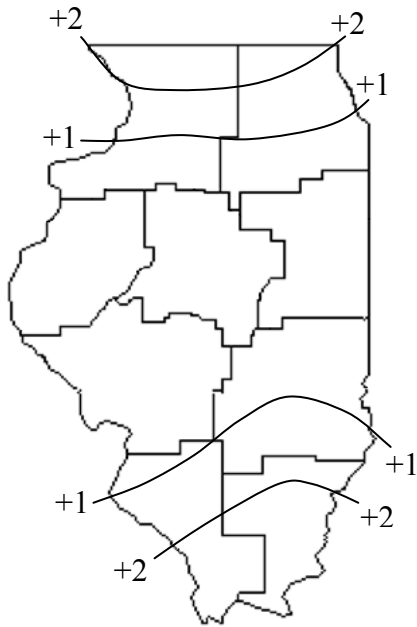


Crop Progress Percents by Districts

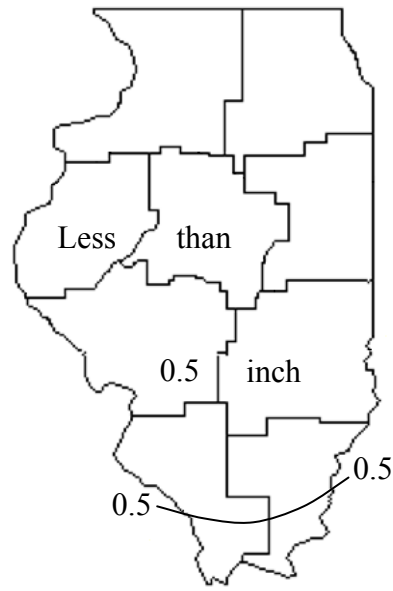
District	Corn Dent	Corn Mature	Soybeans Turning Yellow	Soybeans Shedding Leaves
September 20				
Northwest	66	9	45	16
Northeast	69	1	58	23
West	65	4	47	15
Central	88	23	77	18
East	70	9	72	32
W Southwest	70	23	28	4
E Southeast	68	13	39	14
Southwest	93	33	49	13
Southeast	99	59	67	52
State	73	13	54	20

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure	Since May 1	Departure
September 14 - 20						
Northwest	63.8	1.1	0.00	-0.85	2,324	-332
Northeast	64.4	1.1	0.01	-0.85	2,323	-297
West	65.1	-0.2	0.04	-0.92	2,673	-311
Central	64.5	-0.7	0.05	-0.84	2,610	-288
East	65.1	-0.1	0.06	-0.72	2,628	-214
W Southwest	65.9	-0.7	0.08	-0.71	2,838	-264
E Southeast	67.5	0.5	0.11	-0.61	2,946	-172
Southwest	69.5	1.8	0.35	-0.54	3,147	-125
Southeast	70.9	2.7	0.46	-0.39	3,210	-94
State	66.1	0.5	0.11	-0.72	2,724	-239



Temperature (°F) Departure
September 14 - 20



Precipitation (in.) Total
September 14 - 20

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