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CROP REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 20

Corn and soybean harvest gained momentum last week as warm sunny weather helped crops advance toward maturity, according to the Indiana Agricultural Statistics Service. Corn and soybeans continued to dry down and mature ahead of average. Soil conditions are dry around the state, but some areas received scattered showers over the weekend.

CORN

Corn condition is rated 62 percent good to excellent, 2 points higher than last week and 6 points higher than last year. Seventy-three percent of the corn is **mature** (safe from frost), more than a week ahead of average for this date. By region, 75 percent is mature in the north, 74 percent in the central, and 66 percent in the south. Eight percent of the corn acreage has been **harvested** compared with 2 percent for last year and 4 percent for average. **Moisture** content of harvested corn averaged around 22 percent.

SOYBEANS

Soybean condition is rated 62 percent good to excellent, 2 points higher than both last week and last year. Eighty-seven percent of the crop is **shedding leaves** compared with 51 percent for average. By region, 90 percent of the crop is shedding leaves in the north, 91 percent in the central, and 72 percent in the south. Fifty-eight percent of the crop is reported to be **mature**. Nine percent of the soybean acreage has been **harvested** compared with 1 percent last year and 3 percent for the 5-year average. **Moisture** content of harvested soybeans averaged 12.5 percent.

OTHER CROPS

Pasture condition is rated 4 percent excellent, 20 percent good, 37 percent fair, 29 percent poor and 10 percent very poor. **Third cutting of alfalfa** is virtually complete. **Tobacco harvest** is 75 percent complete, compared with 46 percent last year and the 68 percent average.

DAYS SUITABLE and SOIL MOISTURE

For the week ending Friday, 6.8 days were rated **suitable for fieldwork**. **Topsoil moisture** was rated 35 percent very short, 50 percent short, and 15 percent adequate. **Subsoil moisture** was rated 24 percent very short, 47 percent short, and 29 percent adequate.

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Avg
Corn Dent	98	85	83	91
Corn Mature	73	46	31	44
Corn Harvested	8	4	2	4
Soybeans Shedding	87	63	57	51
Soybeans Harvested	9	3	1	3

CROP CONDITION

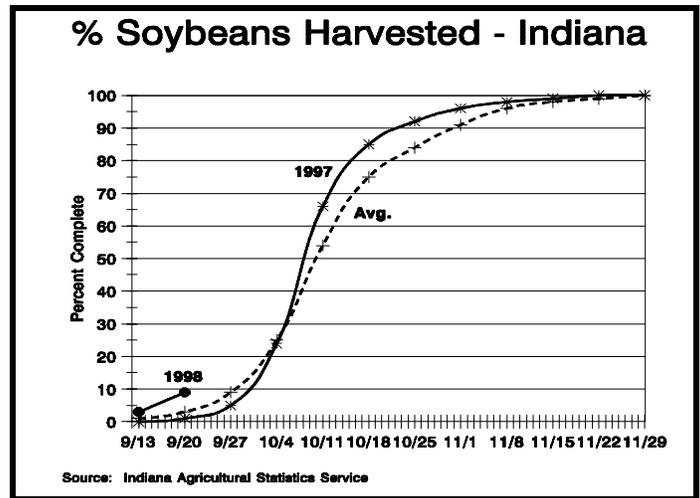
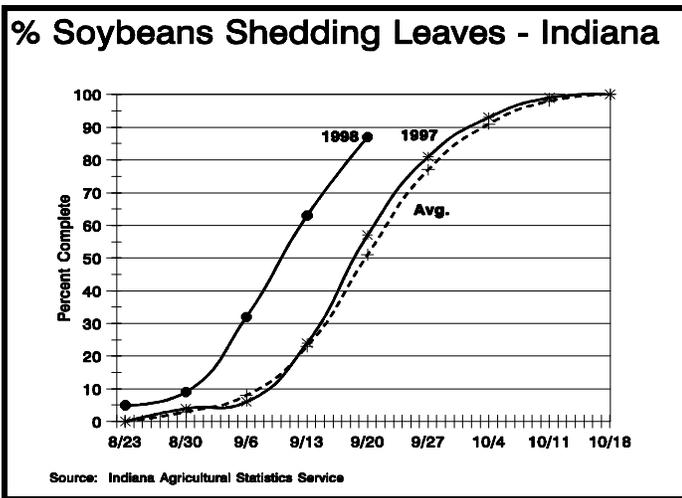
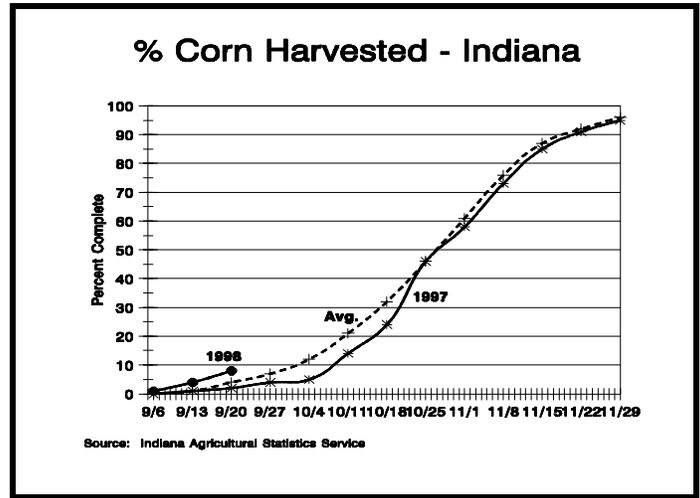
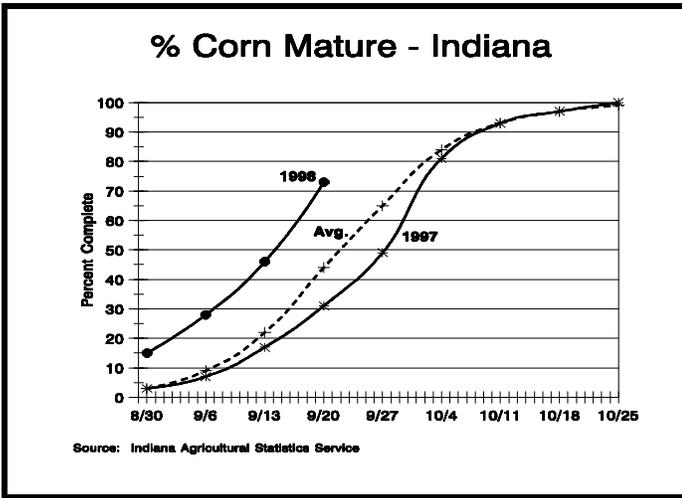
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	3	6	29	48	14
Soybeans	3	7	28	48	14
Pasture	10	29	37	20	4

SOIL MOISTURE

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
Topsoil			
Very Short	35	23	7
Short	50	51	28
Adequate	15	26	58
Surplus	0	0	7
Subsoil			
Very Short	24	18	10
Short	47	41	29
Adequate	29	41	57
Surplus	0	0	4

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Crop Progress

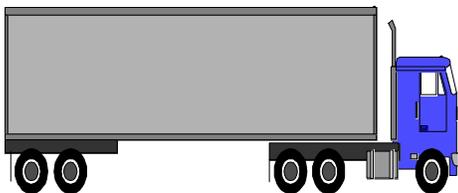


Information About Truck Registration

The following information was received via FAX from Jennifer Whaley of the Indiana Department of Revenue concerning the new Farm Truck Registration legislation. We have attempted to get forms for the INTRAsate registration for you to have available in your office but at this time have not been able to. Please encourage producers in your county who do not cross state lines to be patient and wait for their packets from the Indiana Department of Revenue Motor Carrier Services Division.

Information about Farm Truck Registration:

The Indiana Department of Revenue will be notifying all Farmers affected by new legislation requiring them to register their vehicles. The vehicles affected are trucks or truck and trailer combinations with a gross



vehicle weight rating of 10,001 pounds or more. **Farmers who do not cross state lines in these vehicles will be notified by the Motor Carrier Services Division in late 1998/early 1999.** The Department of Revenue and the Motor Carrier branch of the Indiana State Police are coordinating efforts to ensure all registration phases have been completed before actual enforcement begins.

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Weather Data

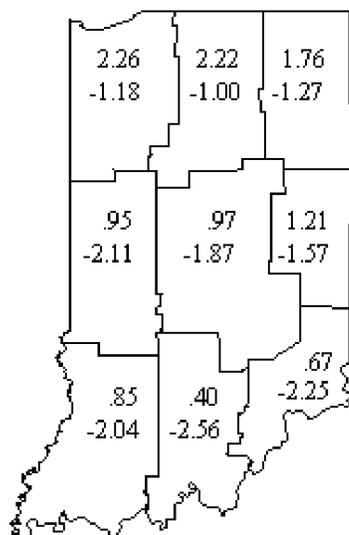
Average Daily Values for week ending Monday morning September 21, 1998

Area	Station	Air Temperature			Precipitation			Growing Degree Days		
					Past Week	Since April 1	DN Since April 1	Past Week	Since April 1	DN Since April 1
		Max	Min	DN						
NW	Wanatah	85	56	+8	.59	20.01	-1.97	143	2931	+332
	Kentland	85	63	+9	.53	24.40	+2.47	165	3267	+356
	Winamac	83	63	+10	.38	23.71	+2.37	162	3157	+411
NC	South Bend	85	62	+10	1.81	20.96	-.13	162	3122	+434
	Waterford Mills	85	61	+10	1.28	23.23	+3.19	160	3123	+395
NE	Prairie Heights	84	62	+12	.74	20.19	-.64	162	3156	+712
	Columbia City	84	62	+11	.21	20.63	-.06	162	3045	+440
	Fort Wayne	85	63	+10	.67	23.36	+4.31	166	3140	+315
	Bluffton	83	63	+9	.51	25.29	+4.84	162	3228	+332
WC	West Lafayette	85	63	+10	.14	25.64	+4.49	169	3262	+459
	Perrysville	86	63	+8	2.75	31.08	+7.53	167	3379	+161
	Crawfordsville	85	61	+9	.13	27.70	+7.02	160	3197	+369
	Terre Haute 8s	85	67	+10	.04	25.86	+3.13	182	3664	+528
C	Tipton	83	62	+9	.08	30.59	+9.06	160	3053	+309
	Indianapolis	85	65	+10	.26	28.75	+7.44	175	3489	+373
	Indian Creek	85	65	+11	.04	26.23	+4.20	177	3498	+533
EC	Farmland	84	62	+10	.25	24.54	+3.62	159	3157	+475
	Liberty	85	64	+10	.18	24.66	+2.14	171	3258	+317
SW	Vincennes	86	66	+9	.15	31.58	+9.20	177	3601	+382
	Dubois	84	65	+8	.14	27.37	+2.82	175	3494	+334
	Evansville	87	68	+9	.15	24.37	+2.89	185	3799	+286
SC	Bedford	84	65	+9	.02	33.77	+10.57	173	3432	+384
	Louisville	89	71	+12	.31	27.02	+4.45	202	3939	+456
SE	Butler	85	63	+7	.33	32.34	+10.14	167	3376	+128

DN = departure from normal.

Growing Degree Days = daily mean - 50 (below 50 adjusted to 50, above 86 adjusted to 86.)

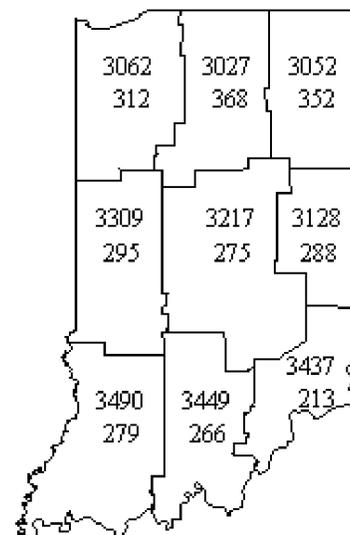
Rainfall for Past 4 Weeks and Departure from Normal



Rainfall of 1 Inch or More for Past 7 Days as of Monday morning



Growing Degree Days and Departure since April 1



Registration (continued)

If a farmer DOES cross state lines for the purposes of their farming operation, they need to contact the U.S. Department of Transportation to be registered for INTERSTATE travel. (This is not a new law.) They can call (317)226-7474 to receive a packet of information to register for travel across state lines.

The information for the new **INTRA**state registration is apparently generating new registration for **INTER**state registration that has been required for some time (e.g. those traveling into Kentucky). The Interstate registration is done through the U.S. Department of Transportation. Their local number is (317)226-7474. They are aware that we will be giving out their number.

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