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CROP REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 15

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY

Corn harvest is steadily gaining momentum in the southern regions and is underway in some early maturing fields in other areas of the state, according to the Indiana Agricultural Statistics Service. Hot, dry weather prevailed during most of the week helping corn and soybeans advance toward maturity. Precipitation was spotty and scattered. Many soybean fields are turning yellow and plants are rapidly dropping leaves. Chopping corn for silage and harvest of seed corn continued. Topsoil moisture is becoming very dry in most areas of the state from lack of precipitation.

FIELD CROPS REPORT

There were 6.8 **days suitable for fieldwork**. Corn **condition** is rated 26 percent good to excellent compared with 28 percent last week and 74 percent last year at this time. Eighty-three percent of the corn acreage has reached the **dent** stage compared with 98 percent last year and 91 percent for the average. By area, 80 percent of the corn acreage is in the dent stage in the north, 86 percent in the central regions and 83 percent in the south. Thirty-three percent of the corn crop is **mature** compared with 54 percent last year and 50 percent for the 5-year average. Four percent of the corn acreage is **harvested** compared with 6 percent last year and 6 percent for the 5-year average.

Soybean **condition** is rated 30 percent good to excellent compared with 32 percent last week and 72 percent a year earlier. Thirty-nine percent of the soybean acreage is **shedding leaves** compared with 55 percent last year and 58 percent for the average. By area, 36 percent of the soybean acreage is shedding leaves in the north, 38 percent in the central regions and 44 percent in the south.

Other activities during the week included baling hay, cleaning grain bins, preparing equipment, FSA paperwork and taking care of livestock.

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE REPORT

Pasture condition is rated 4 percent good, 18 percent fair, 31 percent poor and 47 percent very poor. Third cutting of **alfalfa** hay is 83 percent complete compared with 100 percent last year and 93 percent for the average. **Tobacco** harvest is 59 percent complete compared with 74 percent last year and 64 percent for the average. Feeding of hay continued on many livestock farms.

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Avg
Percent				
Corn in Dent	83	64	98	91
Corn Mature	33	20	54	50
Corn Harvested	4	NA	6	6
Soybeans Shedding Lvs	39	18	55	58
Winter Wheat Planted	2	0	2	2
Alfalfa Third Cutting	83	77	100	93
Tobacco Harvested	59	44	74	64

CROP CONDITION TABLE

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					
Corn	20	25	29	24	2
Soybean	15	23	32	27	3
Pasture	47	31	18	4	0

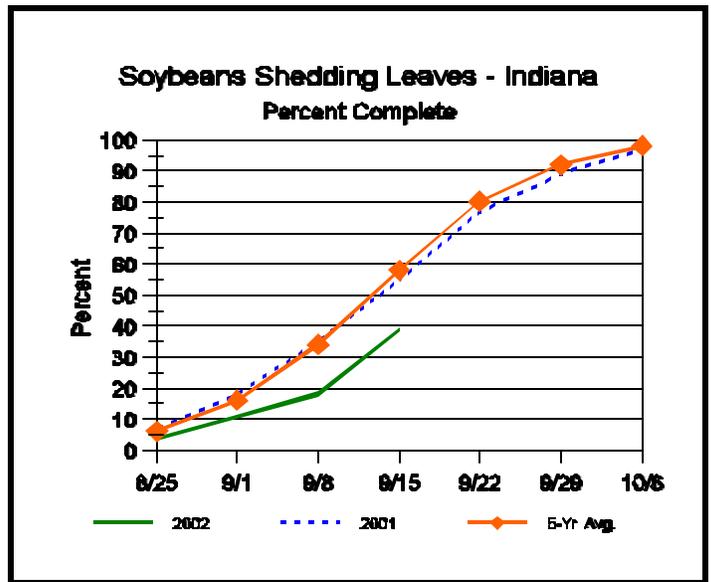
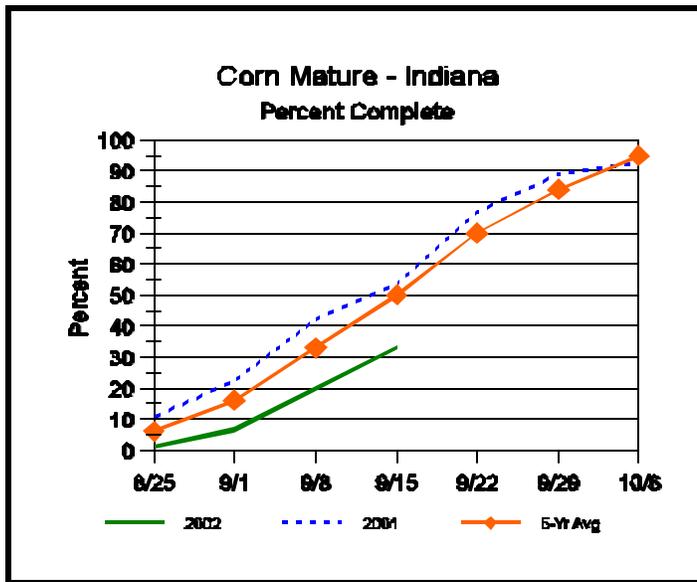
SOIL MOISTURE & DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK TABLE

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
Percent			
Topsoil			
Very Short	54	46	3
Short	35	41	13
Adequate	11	13	79
Surplus	0	0	5
Subsoil			
Very Short	49	42	9
Short	37	40	23
Adequate	14	18	65
Surplus	0	0	3
Days Suitable	6.8	7.0	5.1

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Crop Progress



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PRELIMINARY DISTRICT ESTIMATES SEPTEMBER 2002

District	Planted Acres		Harvested Acres		Yield		Production	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Thousands		Thousands		Bushels		Thousands	
Corn								
NW	918	920	883	890	149	133	131,427	118,567
NC	752	720	728	700	154	115	112,316	80,728
NE	560	520	538	500	143	103	77,039	51,698
WC	713	680	705	670	156	136	109,688	91,257
C	1,205	1,120	1,195	1,110	165	129	196,676	143,462
EC	470	450	463	440	159	100	73,518	44,182
SW	787	650	778	640	162	103	126,280	66,173
SC	200	165	192	155	149	92	28,540	14,331
SE	195	175	188	165	154	101	29,036	16,732
State	5,800	5,400	5,670	5,270	156	119	884,520	627,130
Soybeans								
NW	760	780	759	778	48	44	36,140	33,991
NC	670	660	669	658	50	42	33,252	27,411
NE	640	640	639	638	46	39	29,592	24,633
WC	677	700	676	698	50	47	33,488	32,623
C	1,200	1,170	1,198	1,165	53	44	62,937	50,900
EC	530	580	529	578	51	39	26,824	22,316
SW	686	700	685	698	46	36	31,359	24,822
SC	195	210	194	208	47	34	9,020	6,974
SE	242	260	241	259	47	36	11,298	9,210
State	5,600	5,700	5,590	5,680	49	41	273,910	232,880

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Weather Information Table

Week ending Sunday September 15, 2002

Station	Past Week Weather Summary Data							Accumulation				
	Air Temperature				Precip.		Avg	April 1, 2002 thru September 15, 2002				
							4 in	Precipitation			GDD Base 50°F	
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	Soil Temp	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN
Northwest (1)												
Chalmers_5W	97	46	71	+4	0.11	2		17.40	-3.34	63	2973	+147
Valparaiso_AP_I	94	50	72	+7	0.15	2		17.23	-4.79	61	2976	+394
Wanatah	95	43	69	+5	0.11	1	80	17.74	-3.63	65	2824	+355
Wheatfield	94	47	70	+5	0.59	2		20.80	+0.01	51	2874	+348
Winamac	93	49	71	+6	0.21	2	70	19.16	-1.69	59	2905	+305
North Central(2)												
Plymouth	94	49	71	+5	0.09	2		17.90	-3.22	64	2786	+54
South_Bend	94	49	72	+7	0.04	1		15.19	-5.31	60	2943	+377
Young_America	92	47	71	+5	0.07	1		20.35	+0.26	55	3000	+317
Northeast (3)												
Columbia_City	93	45	69	+5	0.13	1	75	17.02	-3.16	59	2756	+309
Fort_Wayne	92	48	71	+6	0.35	1		18.72	+0.08	53	2984	+300
West Central (4)												
Greencastle	93	45	70	+2	0.03	1		25.34	+1.93	55	2927	-94
Perrysville	91	48	71	+4	0.06	1	77	27.25	+5.10	57	3078	+265
Spencer_Ag	95	49	72	+6	0.11	2		27.09	+3.32	59	3136	+293
Terre_Haute_AFB	94	47	73	+5	0.83	1		30.97	+8.83	57	3339	+339
W_Lafayette_6NW	93	44	70	+5	0.10	2	78	24.17	+3.48	65	3033	+364
Central (5)												
Eagle_Creek_AP	94	53	74	+7	0.02	1		21.06	+0.26	60	3340	+364
Greenfield	94	49	72	+5	0.19	1		28.15	+5.39	61	3154	+295
Indianapolis_AP	94	55	75	+8	0.14	1		19.43	-1.37	53	3464	+488
Indianapolis_SE	93	46	72	+4	0.17	1		23.02	+1.73	51	3146	+180
Tipton_Ag	92	46	70	+5	0.09	2	78	19.39	-1.62	56	2904	+313
East Central (6)												
Farmland	95	43	69	+4	0.05	1	74	17.77	-2.68	58	2993	+462
New_Castle	92	46	70	+5	0.13	1		20.97	-0.86	51	2716	+122
Southwest (7)												
Evansville	97	53	77	+8	0.00	0		19.58	-1.33	44	3878	+431
Freelandville	96	53	74	+7	0.33	1		22.61	+0.80	48	3535	+437
Shoals	96	51	74	+7	0.73	1		22.03	-1.61	45	3410	+406
Stendal	96	54	76	+8	0.00	0		23.46	-0.02	47	3686	+433
Vincennes_5NE	99	50	75	+7	1.88	1	78	25.73	+3.92	57	3616	+518
South Central(8)												
Leavenworth	96	55	75	+7	0.66	1		21.91	-2.13	49	3502	+517
Oolitic	96	52	74	+8	0.56	1	79	24.73	+2.04	56	3345	+473
Tell_City	96	56	76	+6	0.84	1		21.94	-2.11	39	3979	+658
Southeast (9)												
Brookville	99	48	75	+9	0.30	1		20.64	-1.38	51	3402	+673
Milan_5NE	95	50	73	+7	0.71	1		26.97	+4.95	60	3037	+308
Scottsburg	95	47	73	+5	0.20	1		23.65	+1.16	55	3336	+250

DFN = Departure From Normal (Using 1961-90 Normals Period).

GDD = Growing Degree Days.

Precipitation (Rainfall or melted snow/ice) in inches.

Precipitation Days = Days with precip of .01 inch or more.

Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit.

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SEPTEMBER 2002 (Continued)**

District	Planted Acres		Harvested Acres		Yield		Production	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Thousands		Thousands		Bushels		Thousands	
	Wheat							
NW	15	22	14	18	65	54	904	975
NC	38	30	36	28	65	53	2,333	1,471
NE	73	59	72	59	67	54	4,803	3,197
WC	29	28	28	25	64	49	1,798	1,230
C	52	43	49	40	74	54	3,606	2,168
EC	39	27	38	26	70	56	2,672	1,452
SW	117	108	109	102	63	51	6,874	5,187
SC	19	17	17	16	59	43	1,003	680
SE	18	16	17	16	64	50	1,087	800
State	400	350	380	330	66	52	25,080	17,160

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