



Illinois Crop Progress and Condition

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Warm, dry conditions last week allowed farmers 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork. Activities included cutting hay and harvesting corn, soybeans and sorghum. Statewide, little to no precipitation was recorded, 0.78 inches below normal. The average temperature was 64.2 degrees, 3.0 degrees above normal for the week ending September 29th. Corn mature reached 80 percent, compared to 68 percent last year. Corn harvest was 14 percent complete, 2 percentage points higher last year but behind the 5 year average of 34 percent. Corn condition remained at 83 percent good to excellent. Soybeans turning color reached 91 percent, compared to 86 percent last year. Soybeans dropping leaves reached 68 percent, up 23 percentage points from last week. Soybean harvest was 7 percent complete, compared to the 5-year average of 13 percent. Soybean condition was rated at 78 percent good to excellent. Sorghum mature reached 62 percent and sorghum harvest was 10 percent complete. Pasture condition was rated at 1 percent very poor, 5 percent poor, 24 percent fair, 54 percent good, and 16 percent excellent. Topsoil moisture supply was rated at 1 percent very short, 9 percent short, 80 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supply was rated at 1 percent very short, 13 percent short, 82 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Supply: Week Ending September 28, 2014

District and State	Days Suitable for Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture Supply				Subsoil Moisture Supply			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Northwest	6.7	9	9	69	13	3	17	72	8
Northeast	6.7	-	6	93	1	1	17	81	1
West	6.5	-	1	72	27	-	13	83	4
Central	6.2	1	10	71	18	2	11	81	6
East	6.5	-	5	94	1	1	12	87	-
West Southwest	6.6	-	5	85	10	-	6	87	7
East Southeast	6.7	-	11	84	5	-	14	84	2
Southwest	7.0	3	34	61	2	2	27	68	3
Southeast	6.8	-	7	73	20	2	7	76	15
Illinois	6.6	1	9	80	10	1	13	82	4

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress – Illinois

Item	Week ending			2009-2013 Average
	September 28, 2014	September 21, 2014	September 28, 2013	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn mature	80	56	68	75
Corn harvested	14	6	12	34
Soybeans turning color	91	79	86	88
Soybeans dropping leaves	68	45	62	67
Soybeans harvested	7	(NA)	9	13
Sorghum turning color	92	88	92	94
Sorghum mature	62	46	69	67
Sorghum harvested	10	3	12	18
Winter wheat planted	2	1	5	8

(NA) Not available.

Crop Condition – Illinois: Week Ending September 28, 2014

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	1	3	13	49	34
Soybeans	1	4	17	51	27
Sorghum	2	2	16	61	19
Pasture	1	5	24	54	16

Crop Progress by District: Week Ending September 28, 2014

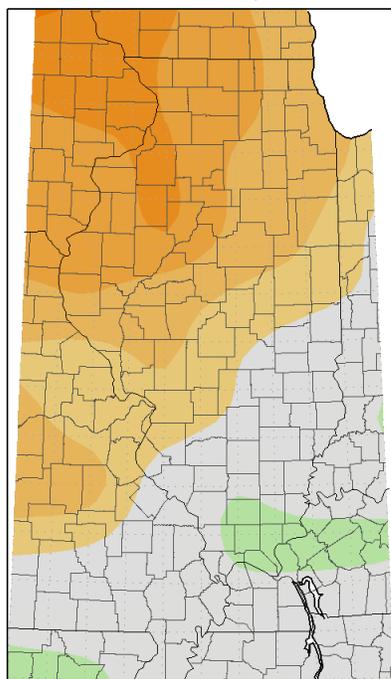
Item	NW	NE	W	C	E	WSW	ESE	SW	SE
	(percent)								
Corn mature	64	62	84	93	82	86	85	86	90
Corn harvested	8	4	7	19	9	27	15	44	17
Soybeans turning color	96	98	96	94	91	90	93	87	78
Soybeans dropping leaves	63	85	83	77	72	64	69	39	59
Soybeans harvested	6	5	2	13	6	5	9	8	7

Weather Information: Week Ending September 28, 2014

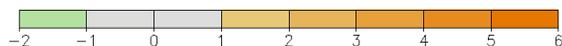
District and State	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days	
	Average	Departure from Normal	Total	Departure from Normal	Since May 1	Departure from Normal
	(degrees - F)	(degrees - F)	(inches)	(inches)		
Northwest	63.4	4.9	0	-0.83	2,680	-77
Northeast	62.7	3.7	0	-0.80	2,632	-93
West	65.2	4.2	0	-0.83	2,926	-103
Central	64.6	3.9	0	-0.70	2,878	-89
East	63.6	3.0	0	-0.64	2,810	-114
West Southwest	65.3	3.2	0	-0.72	3,045	-92
East Southeast	64.2	1.7	0	-0.79	3,036	-125
Southwest	64.1	0.9	0	-0.87	3,215	-52
Southeast	64.4	0.6	0.01	-0.82	3,272	-34
Illinois	64.2	3.0	0	-0.78	2,930	-89

Weather data provided by the Midwestern Regional Climate Center: <http://mrcc.isws.illinois.edu>

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from Mean
September 22, 2014 to September 28, 2014

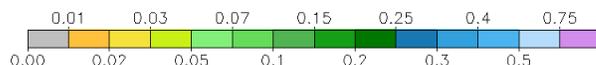
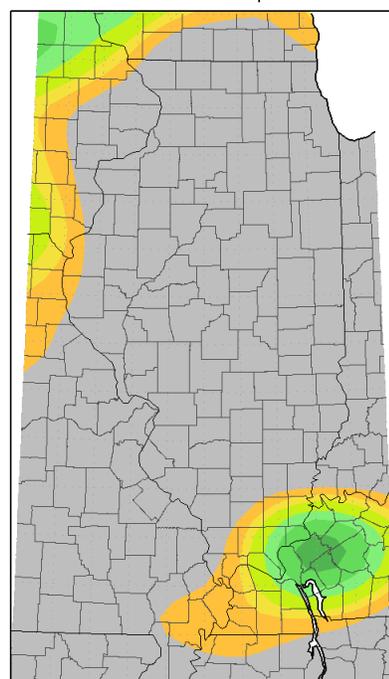


Mean period is 1981–2010.



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Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 22, 2014 to September 28, 2014



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