



Illinois Crop Progress and Condition

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Minimal rain and warm temperatures allowed producers to advance corn planting 38 percentage points last week. Statewide, precipitation averaged 0.03 inches, 0.94 inches below normal. The average temperature was 55.2 degrees, 1.3 degrees below normal. There were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork during the week ending May 3. Topsoil moisture supply was rated at 10 percent short, 82 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supply was rated at 1 percent very short, 11 percent short, 83 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. Corn planting jumped to 69 percent complete, compared to 41 percent last year and the 5-year average of 47 percent. Corn emerged reached 15 percent, compared to 7 percent last year and the 5-year average of 21 percent. Soybeans planted reached 12 percent, compared to 3 percent last year and the 5-year average of 7 percent. Winter wheat headed reached 10 percent, compared to 2 percent last year but behind the 5-year average of 23 percent. Winter wheat condition was rated 1 percent very poor, 8 percent poor, 35 percent fair, 48 percent good, and 8 percent excellent. Oats planted reached 91 percent complete. Pasture and range condition was rated 2 percent poor, 25 percent fair, 60 percent good, and 13 percent excellent.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Supply: Week Ending May 3, 2015

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	6.3	1	19	76	4	5	22	70	3
Northeast	5.3	-	3	96	1	-	21	78	1
West	5.5	2	28	70	-	2	38	60	-
Central	5.8	-	11	84	5	2	9	87	2
East	5.3	-	3	92	5	-	7	93	-
West Southwest	6.1	-	15	81	4	-	8	89	3
East Southeast	6.4	-	4	79	17	-	1	89	10
Southwest	6.2	-	6	69	25	-	7	75	18
Southeast	5.7	-	1	77	22	-	-	83	17
Illinois	5.9	-	10	82	8	1	11	83	5

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress – Illinois

Item	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	May 3, 2015	April 26, 2015	May 3, 2014	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn planted	69	31	41	47
Corn emerged	15	1	7	21
Soybeans planted	12	(NA)	3	7
Sorghum planted	4	(NA)	7	10
Winter wheat headed	10	2	2	23
Oats planted	91	78	71	81

(NA) Not available.

Crop Condition – Illinois: Week Ending May 3, 2015

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Winter Wheat	1	8	35	48	8
Oats	1	4	25	60	10
Pasture	-	2	25	60	13

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress by District: Week Ending May 3, 2015

Item	NW	NE	W	C	E	WSW	ESE	SW	SE
	(percent)								
Corn planted	67	69	89	81	59	82	68	55	33
Corn emerged	4	2	34	38	5	37	-	7	1
Soybeans planted	18	8	25	17	9	12	14	5	6

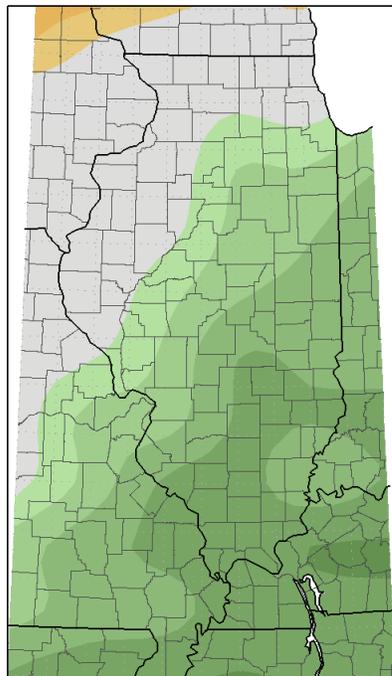
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Weather Information: Week Ending May 3, 2015

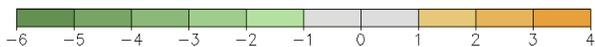
District and State	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days	
	Average	Departure from Normal	Total	Departure from Normal	Since May 1	Departure from Normal
	(degrees - F)	(degrees - F)	(inches)	(inches)		
Northwest	54.4	0.5	0.07	-0.72	37	13
Northeast	52.9	0	0.06	-0.72	38	16
West	56.9	0.3	0.04	-0.81	40	12
Central	55.1	-0.8	0.01	-0.79	41	13
East	53.5	-1.8	0.02	-0.86	39	13
West Southwest	56.7	-1.1	0.01	-0.98	41	11
East Southeast	55.2	-3.0	0.03	-1.03	38	8
Southwest	56.1	-3.4	0	-1.30	39	5
Southeast	56.7	-3.1	0	-1.46	39	5
Illinois	55.2	-1.3	0.03	-0.94	39	11

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

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from Mean
April 27, 2015 to May 3, 2015

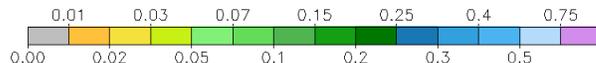
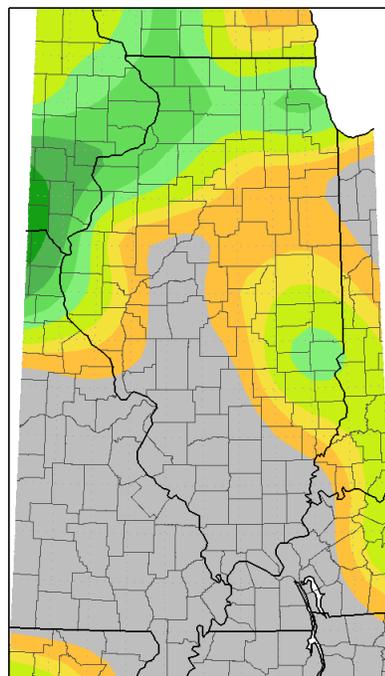


Mean period is 1981-2010.



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Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 27, 2015 to May 3, 2015



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