



# Illinois Crop Progress and Condition

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Warm temperatures continued throughout the state last week giving emerging crops opportunity to advance. Peas for processing were blooming in district 40. Statewide, precipitation averaged 1.41 inches, 0.38 inches above normal. The average temperature was 63.2 degrees, 0.6 degrees above normal. There were 2.1 days suitable for fieldwork during the week ending May 17. Topsoil moisture supply was rated at 3 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 22 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supply was rated at 9 percent short, 79 percent adequate, and 12 percent surplus. Corn planting reached 94 percent complete, compared to 83 percent last year and the 5-year average of 82 percent. Corn emerged continued to climb and reached 75 percent, up 33 percentage points from last week. Soybeans planted reached 47 percent, compared to 35 percent last year and the 5-year average of 36 percent. Winter wheat headed jumped to 70 percent, up 34 percentage points from last week. Winter wheat condition was rated 2 percent very poor, 9 percent poor, 32 percent fair, 49 percent good, and 8 percent excellent. Oats planted reached 94 percent complete. Pasture and range condition was rated 2 percent poor, 17 percent fair, 60 percent good, and 21 percent excellent.

## Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Supply: Week Ending May 17, 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 .....	3.5	-	6	84	10	3	13	80	4
Northeast .....	2.8	-	1	90	9	-	13	86	1
West .....	1.6	1	9	71	19	1	19	80	-
Central .....	2.1	-	2	86	12	-	5	84	11
East .....	1.5	-	1	82	17	-	9	77	14
West Southwest .....	2.3	-	5	84	11	-	17	77	6
East Southeast .....	1.0	-	5	42	53	2	1	66	31
Southwest .....	2.5	-	1	58	41	-	2	73	25
Southeast .....	2.3	-	1	62	37	1	5	76	18
Illinois .....	2.1	-	3	75	22	-	9	79	12

- Represents zero.

## Crop Progress – Illinois

Item	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	May 17, 2015	May 10, 2015	May 17, 2014	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn planted .....	94	88	83	82
Corn emerged .....	75	42	57	53
Soybeans planted .....	47	33	35	36
Soybeans emerged .....	14	(NA)	9	11
Sorghum planted .....	26	19	13	18
Winter wheat headed .....	70	36	45	61
Oats planted .....	94	93	85	93
Alfalfa hay 1st cutting .....	10	4	9	19
Other hay cut <sup>1</sup> .....	5	(NA)	6	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

<sup>1</sup> Data not collected prior to 2014.

**Crop Condition – Illinois: Week Ending May 17, 2015**

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn .....	1	1	16	65	17
Winter Wheat .....	2	9	32	49	8
Oats .....	1	4	22	62	11
Pasture .....	-	2	17	60	21

- Represents zero.

**Crop Progress by District: Week Ending May 17, 2015**

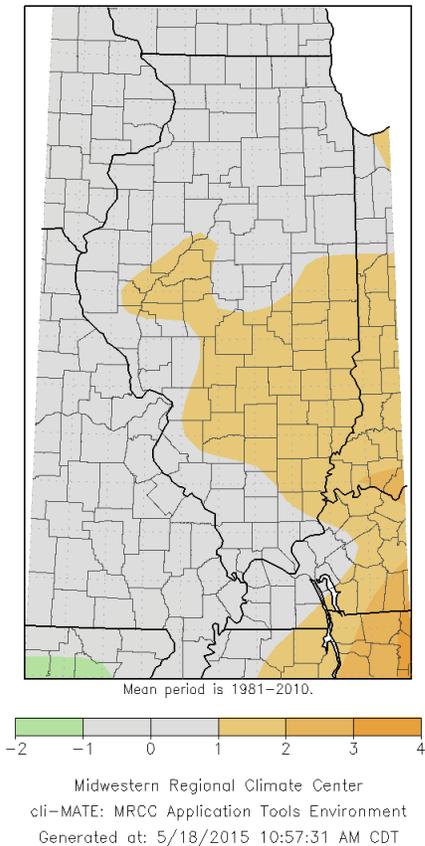
Item	NW	NE	W	C	E	WSW	ESE	SW	SE
	(percent)								
Corn planted .....	94	94	97	97	92	95	95	90	87
Corn emerged .....	54	74	85	86	75	87	82	56	71
Soybeans planted .....	53	22	65	58	39	57	52	31	36
Soybeans emerged .....	2	4	11	17	18	28	20	5	11

**Weather Information: Week Ending May 17, 2015**

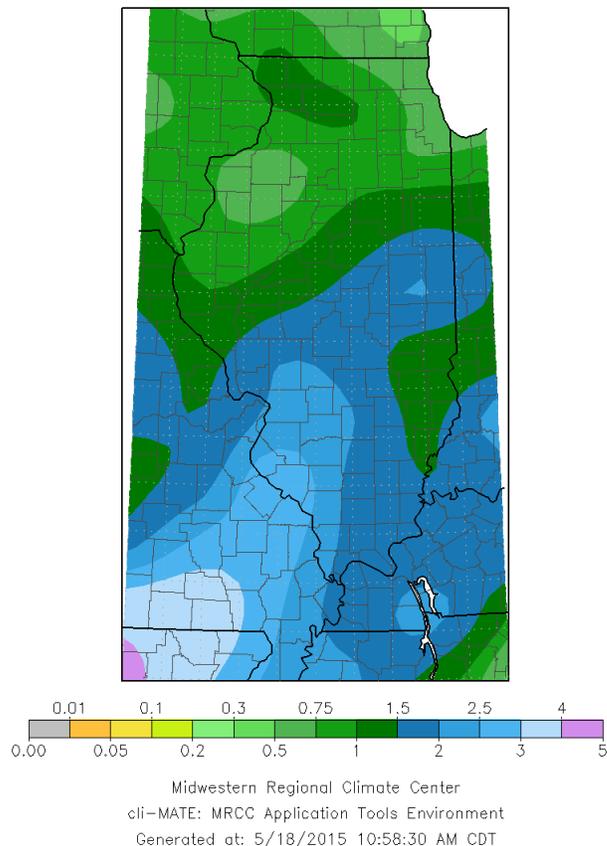
District and State	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days	
	Average	Departure from Normal	Total	Departure from Normal	Since May 1	Departure from Normal
	(degrees - F)	(degrees - F)	(inches)	(inches)		
Northwest .....	60.4	-0.2	0.91	-0.11	223	39
Northeast .....	59.5	0	0.80	-0.09	214	41
West .....	62.9	0.2	0.92	-0.07	270	62
Central .....	62.8	0.5	1.13	0.16	275	70
East .....	62.3	0.5	1.56	0.62	273	72
West Southwest .....	64.3	0.7	1.82	0.81	295	73
East Southeast .....	65.3	1.6	1.53	0.44	303	80
Southwest .....	65.7	1.0	2.45	1.27	302	64
Southeast .....	66.5	1.5	1.70	0.49	311	70
Illinois .....	63.2	0.6	1.41	0.38	272	63

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

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from Mean  
May 11, 2015 to May 17, 2015



Accumulated Precipitation (in)  
May 11, 2015 to May 17, 2015



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