



# Illinois Crop Progress and Condition

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Statewide, precipitation averaged 0.29 inches, 0.60 inches below normal. The average temperature was 60.2 degrees, 5.3 degrees below normal. There were 4.0 days suitable for fieldwork during the week ending May 24. Topsoil moisture supply was rated at 3 percent short, 82 percent adequate, and 15 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supply was rated at 10 percent short, 81 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus. Corn planting reached 97 percent complete, compared to 93 percent for both last year and the 5-year average. Corn emerged reached 87 percent. Corn condition was rated 1 percent very poor, 2 percent poor, 17 percent fair, 64 percent good, and 16 percent excellent. Soybeans planted climbed to 69 percent, up 22 percentage points from last week. Winter wheat headed increased to 89 percent. Winter wheat condition was rated 2 percent very poor, 8 percent poor, 31 percent fair, 51 percent good, and 8 percent excellent. Oats planted reached 95 percent complete. Pasture and range condition was rated 2 percent poor, 15 percent fair, 63 percent good, and 20 percent excellent.

## Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Supply: Week Ending May 24, 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 .....	4.2	-	4	85	11	3	13	80	4
Northeast .....	4.4	-	1	96	3	-	13	86	1
West .....	3.7	1	7	81	11	1	17	82	-
Central .....	4.3	-	2	86	12	-	4	84	12
East .....	4.0	-	3	90	7	-	10	84	6
West Southwest .....	4.1	-	5	87	8	-	16	78	6
East Southeast .....	4.6	-	8	67	25	-	8	78	14
Southwest .....	3.0	-	1	64	35	-	2	78	20
Southeast .....	2.5	-	1	61	38	1	5	66	28
Illinois .....	4.0	-	3	82	15	-	10	81	9

- Represents zero.

## Crop Progress – Illinois

Item	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	May 24, 2015	May 17, 2015	May 24, 2014	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn planted .....	97	94	93	93
Corn emerged .....	87	75	78	75
Soybeans planted .....	69	47	60	57
Soybeans emerged .....	38	14	29	29
Sorghum planted .....	48	26	32	28
Winter wheat headed .....	89	70	77	83
Oats planted .....	95	94	89	96
Oats headed .....	10	1	(NA)	15
Alfalfa hay 1st cutting .....	29	10	29	36
Other hay cut <sup>1</sup> .....	20	5	24	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

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

**Crop Condition – Illinois: Week Ending May 24, 2015**

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn .....	1	2	17	64	16
Winter Wheat .....	2	8	31	51	8
Oats .....	1	4	22	61	12
Pasture .....	-	2	15	63	20

- Represents zero.

**Crop Progress by District: Week Ending May 24, 2015**

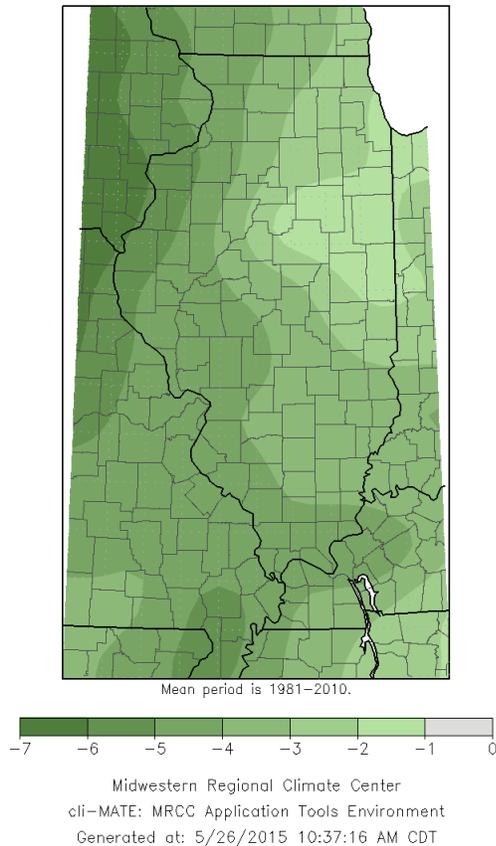
Item	NW	NE	W	C	E	WSW	ESE	SW	SE
	(percent)								
Corn planted .....	98	99	98	99	96	97	98	94	91
Corn emerged .....	77	88	94	94	86	93	90	76	82
Soybeans planted .....	84	62	82	82	61	79	73	41	45
Soybeans emerged .....	37	19	51	45	26	51	51	25	26

**Weather Information: Week Ending May 24, 2015**

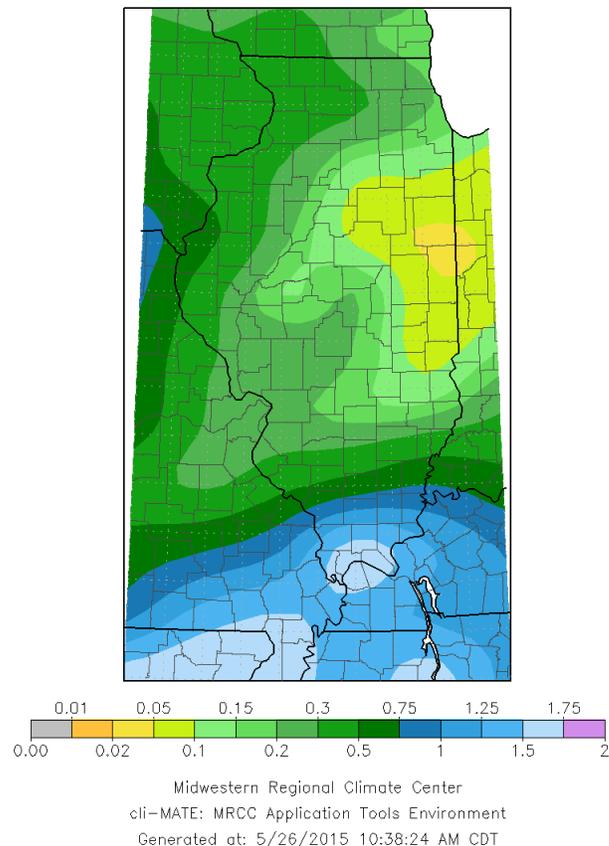
District and State	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days	
	Average	Departure from Normal	Total	Departure from Normal	Since May 1	Departure from Normal
	(degrees - F)	(degrees - F)	(inches)	(inches)		
Northwest .....	57.2	-6.0	0.34	-0.55	293	9
Northeast .....	58.1	-4.4	0.21	-0.68	288	19
West .....	58.8	-6.7	0.40	-0.56	348	29
Central .....	60.4	-4.6	0.15	-0.77	363	48
East .....	61.2	-3.7	0.06	-0.89	365	55
West Southwest .....	60.4	-6.1	0.26	-0.61	381	40
East Southeast .....	61.8	-5.0	0.15	-0.67	393	50
Southwest .....	62.0	-5.7	0.51	-0.33	394	30
Southeast .....	62.9	-5.1	0.70	-0.21	403	35
Illinois .....	60.2	-5.3	0.29	-0.60	357	35

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

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from Mean  
May 18, 2015 to May 24, 2015



Accumulated Precipitation (in)  
May 18, 2015 to May 24, 2015



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