



Illinois Crop Progress and Condition

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A warm, dry week allowed producers to make good progress harvesting row crops, applying fall fertilizers and seeding cover crops. Statewide, precipitation averaged 0.01 inches, 0.78 inches below normal. The average temperature was 67.0 degrees, 6.0 degrees above normal. There were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending September 27. Topsoil moisture supply was rated at 4 percent very short, 21 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supply was rated at 3 percent very short, 20 percent short, 72 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. Corn mature reached 89 percent, compared to 77 percent last year and the 5-year average of 84 percent. Corn harvest was 30 percent complete, an increase of 17 percentage points over last week. Corn condition was rated 5 percent very poor, 10 percent poor, 30 percent fair, 42 percent good, and 13 percent excellent. Soybeans coloring was at 91 percent, comparable to last year and the 5-year average. Soybeans dropping leaves reached 75 percent, a jump of 21 percentage points over last week. Soybean harvest was 24 percent complete, compared to 12 percent for the 5-year average. Soybean condition was rated 5 percent very poor, 12 percent poor, 28 percent fair, 45 percent good, and 10 percent excellent. Sorghum harvest was 31 percent complete, an increase of 25 percentage points from last week. Pasture and range condition was rated 3 percent very poor, 10 percent poor, 37 percent fair, 43 percent good, and 7 percent excellent.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Supply: Week Ending September 27, 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	6.5	-	17	73	10	1	13	75	11
Northeast	7.0	-	1	70	29	-	6	87	7
West	6.7	14	52	34	-	7	50	43	-
Central	6.7	2	13	75	10	-	14	83	3
East	6.8	-	7	92	1	1	10	89	-
West Southwest	6.7	6	19	71	4	2	30	66	2
East Southeast	6.8	7	31	57	5	6	27	61	6
Southwest	6.2	6	23	62	9	5	16	70	9
Southeast	6.8	9	34	48	9	10	20	58	12
Illinois	6.7	4	21	67	8	3	20	72	5

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress – Illinois

Item	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	September 27, 2015	September 20, 2015	September 27, 2014	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn mature	89	78	77	84
Corn harvested	30	13	13	34
Soybeans turning color	91	80	89	90
Soybeans dropping leaves	75	54	65	69
Soybeans harvested	24	3	6	12
Sorghum turning color	90	87	91	95
Sorghum mature	67	52	60	72
Sorghum harvested	31	6	9	18
Winter wheat planted	4	3	2	6
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting	95	93	99	98

Crop Condition – Illinois: Week Ending September 27, 2015

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	5	10	30	42	13
Soybeans	5	12	28	45	10
Sorghum	2	8	45	38	7
Pasture	3	10	37	43	7

Crop Progress by District: Week Ending September 27, 2015

Item	NW	NE	W	C	E	WSW	ESE	SW	SE
	(percent)								
Corn mature	81	57	98	95	93	97	94	90	88
Corn harvested	11	6	30	43	23	52	27	55	40
Soybeans turning color	96	95	97	95	90	92	93	77	79
Soybeans dropping leaves	72	77	79	87	77	74	82	47	64
Soybeans harvested	12	10	18	29	29	31	32	15	24

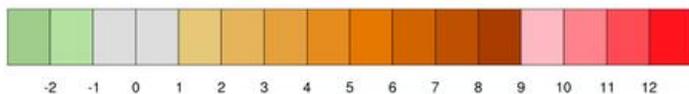
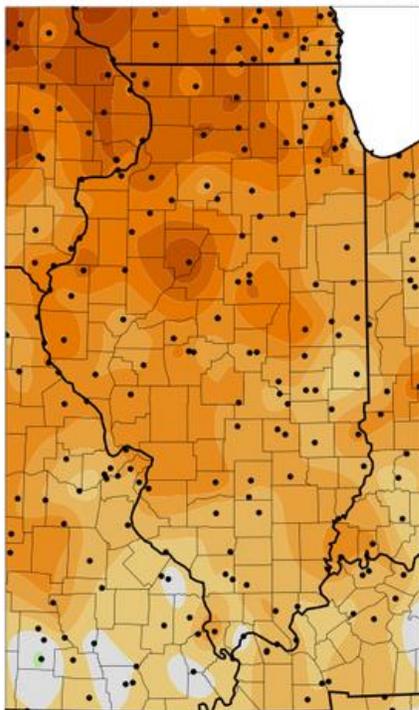
Weather Information: Week Ending September 27, 2015

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	66.6	8.3	0	-0.81	2,780	35
Northeast	65.7	6.9	0	-0.82	2,754	41
West	68.1	7.3	0	-0.82	3,093	78
Central	67.4	6.9	0	-0.71	3,060	108
East	66.2	5.7	0	-0.63	3,000	90
West Southwest	67.7	5.7	0	-0.74	3,234	113
East Southeast	67.0	4.6	0.01	-0.77	3,244	99
Southwest	66.9	3.6	0.01	-0.86	3,409	157
Southeast	67.9	4.0	0.02	-0.86	3,444	155
Illinois	67.0	6.0	0.01	-0.78	3,098	94

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

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals

September 21, 2015 to September 27, 2015

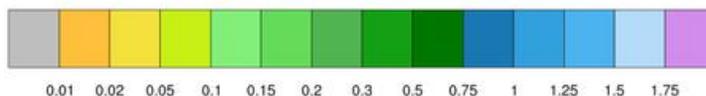
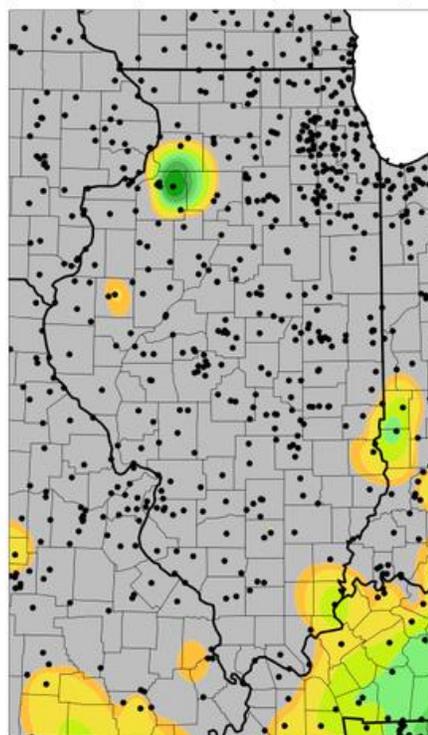


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Accumulated Precipitation (in)

September 21, 2015 to September 27, 2015



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