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Agricultural Summary

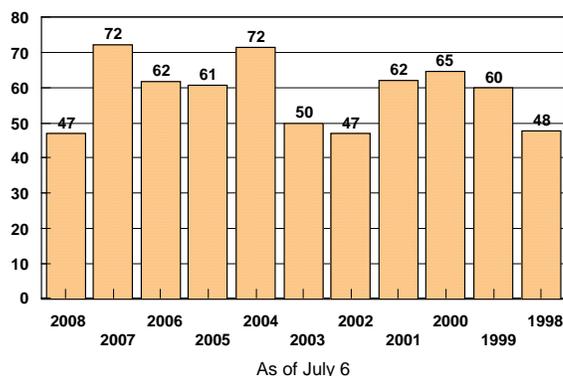
Weather conditions this past week were drier, which allowed producers to finish up planting throughout most of the state. Rain in the southern part of the state brought more standing water to already soaked fields in and near areas that have been flooded. Farmers in the drier areas have been able to get into fields in order to spray for weeds or mow waterways. Favorable weather conditions allowed for a 12 inch growth in corn at 47 inches, still below the 2007 reported number of 72 inches. There were 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 14 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 12 percent surplus. The average weekly temperature was 4.6 degrees below normal. Farmers made good progress last week between rain showers harvesting wheat and baling hay.

Crop Progress

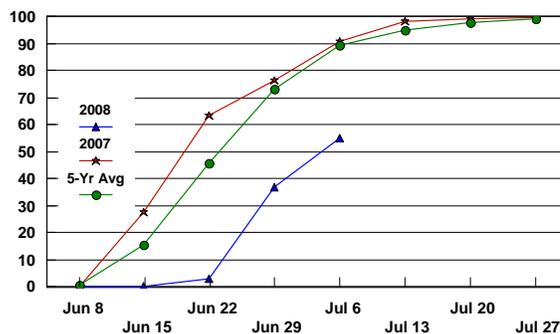
	This Week	Last Week	2007	5-Year Average
July 6				
CORN:				
Height	47	35	72	63
Silked	1	<u>1</u> /	58	36
SOYBEANS:				
Emerged	96	90	100	99
Blooming	11	2	43	31
Setting Pods	1	<u>1</u> /	4	3
SORGHUM:				
Headed	13	<u>1</u> /	8	6
WHEAT:				
Ripe	95	66	99	98
Harvested	55	37	91	90
OATS:				
Filled	90	56	96	88
Turning yellow	36	16	69	59
Ripe	9	4	28	25
Harvested	2	1	11	9
ALFALFA:				
Second cutting	36	15	63	62
Third cutting	1	<u>1</u> /	6	4
RED CLOVER:				
Cutting	90	87	92	95

1/ Less than one percent

Corn - Average Height
Illinois



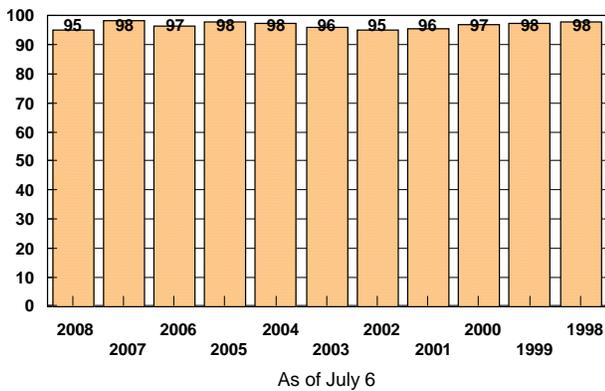
Winter Wheat - Percent Harvested
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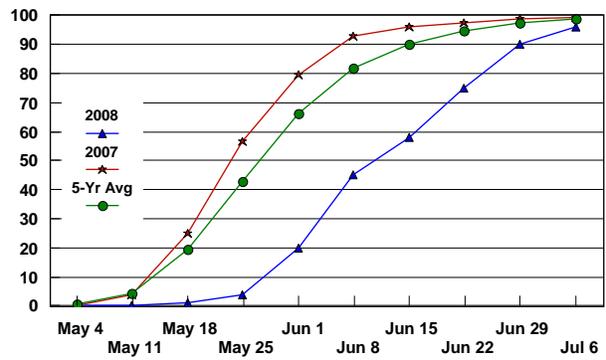
Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table

District	Days Suitable for Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	June 30 - July 6			July 6	
Northwest	5.9	1	18	79	2
Northeast	6.5	-	18	81	1
West	5.1	-	-	89	11
Central	5.6	-	29	67	4
East	6.4	6	26	65	3
W Southwest	4.4	-	2	70	28
E Southeast	5.5	-	6	70	24
Southwest	5.5	-	15	75	10
Southeast	5.0	-	8	52	40
State	5.5	1	14	73	12

Winter Wheat - Percent Ripe
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Soybeans- Percent Emerged
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Crop Conditions

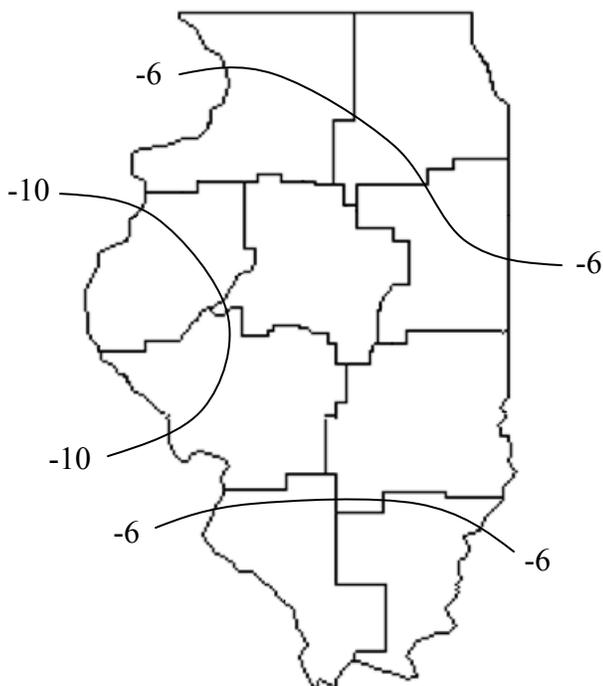
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
			July 6		
Corn	2	7	28	47	16
Soybeans	2	8	34	48	8
Sorghum	-	4	36	39	21
Alfalfa	1	3	24	54	18
Pasture	-	1	19	62	18

Crop Progress by Districts

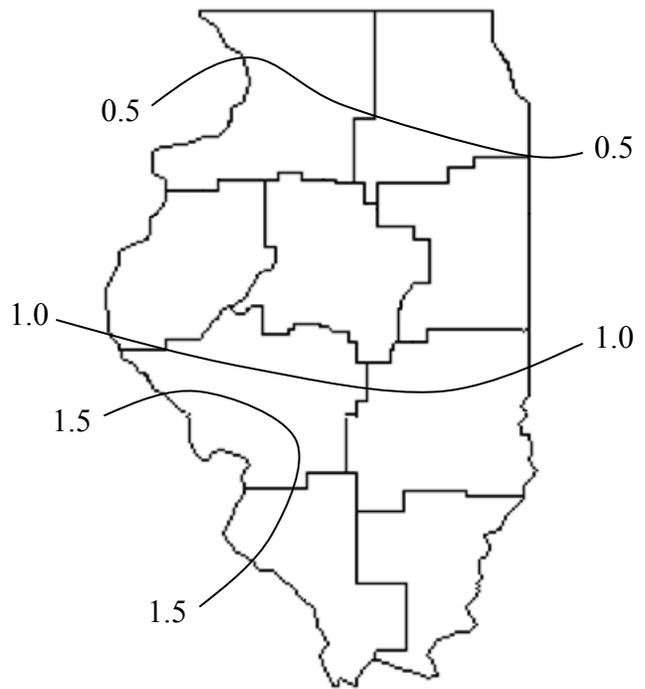
District	Corn Height	Soybeans Emerged
	July 6	
Northwest	47	99
Northeast	45	99
West	53	97
Central	54	99
East	46	100
W Southwest	38	96
E Southeast	46	91
Southwest	54	88
Southeast	45	81
State	47	96

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure	Since May 1	Departure
	June 30 - July 6					
Northwest	68.0	-4.6	0.27	-0.68	944	-128
Northeast	67.8	-4.3	0.31	-0.57	897	-131
West	70.1	-5.0	0.62	-0.42	1081	-134
Central	69.7	-4.5	0.41	-0.45	1055	-131
East	69.6	-4.1	0.44	-0.49	1039	-131
W Southwest	70.6	-5.2	1.45	0.59	1160	-115
E Southeast	71.3	-4.5	1.24	0.25	1205	-81
Southwest	72.2	-4.9	1.16	0.23	1270	-77
Southeast	72.8	-4.2	1.06	0.03	1324	-42
State	70.1	-4.6	0.78	-0.16	1100	-110



Temperature (°F) Departure
June 30 - July 6



Precipitation (in.) Total
June 30 - July 6

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