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Agricultural Summary

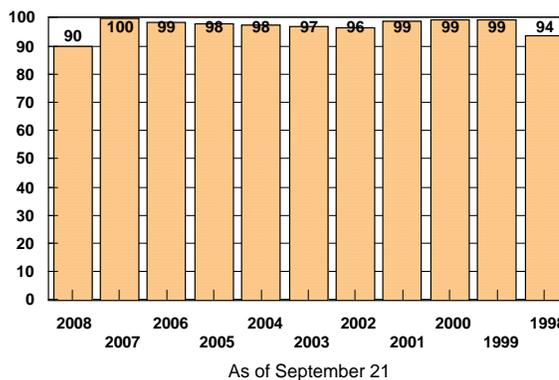
Heavy rains two weeks ago delayed many types of field work. Seasonal temperatures last week helped in the drying process. The time is drawing near for harvest and many are spending time in preparation. There were 3.8 days suitable for fieldwork. Cool temperatures were also received with the heavy precipitation this past week. The average temperature was 0.2 degrees above normal. The average weekly precipitation was 0.33 inches above normal.

Crop Progress

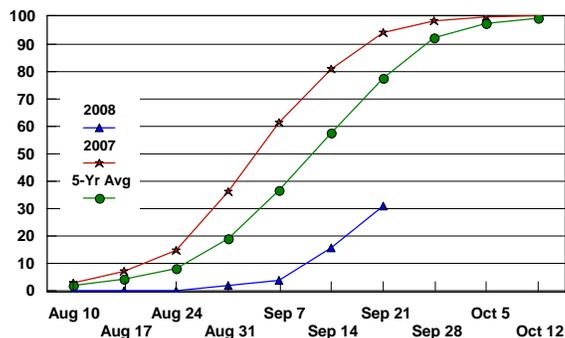
	This Week	Last Week	2007	5-Year Average
September 21				
CORN:				
Dent	90	77	100	98
Mature	31	16	94	77
Harvested	1	1/	40	19
SOYBEANS:				
Turning Yellow	63	41	94	88
Shedding Leaves	24	7	79	64
Harvested	1	1/	17	10
SORGHUM:				
Coloring	74	52	98	95
Mature	11	5	92	68
Harvested	1/	1/	35	14
WINTER WHEAT:				
Seeding	2	1	3	3

1/ Less than one percent

Corn - Percent Dented
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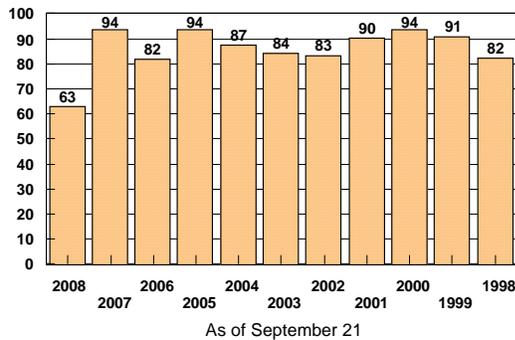
Corn - Percent Mature
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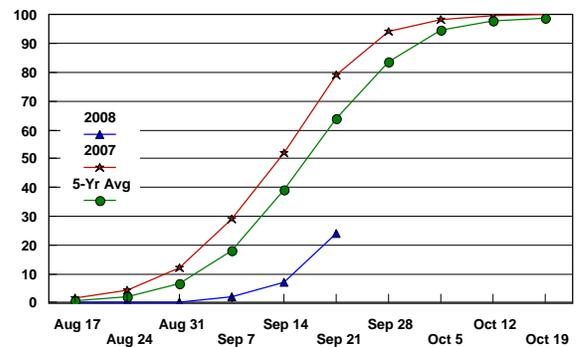
Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table

District	Days Suitable for Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	September 15-21			September 21	
Northwest	4.0	-	1	61	38
Northeast	2.8	-	-	55	45
West	3.5	-	1	73	26
Central	3.8	-	1	69	30
East	3.0	-	-	61	39
W Southwest	3.0	-	-	41	59
E Southeast	4.8	-	2	77	21
Southwest	5.5	-	12	72	16
Southeast	5.7	25	23	47	5
State	3.8	1	3	62	34

Soybeans - Percent Turning Yellow
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Soybeans - Percent Shedding Leaves
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Crop Conditions

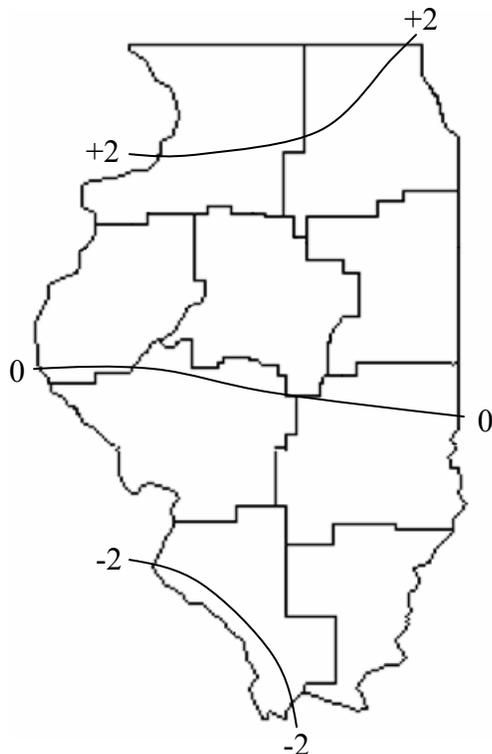
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	September 21				
Pasture	1	4	27	60	8

Crop Progress by Districts

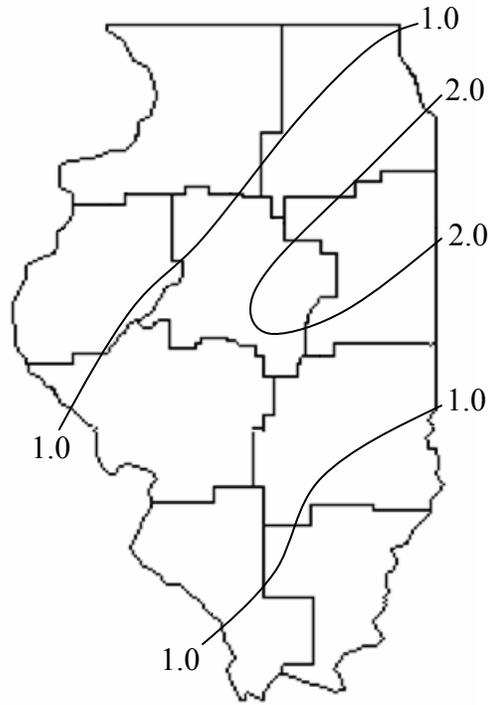
District	Corn Dent	Corn Mature	Soybeans Turning Yellow	Soybeans Shedding Leaves
	September 21			
Northwest	86	22	78	39
Northeast	86	12	80	37
West	94	18	68	19
Central	90	46	73	32
East	94	36	54	26
W Southwest	91	33	47	13
E Southeast	85	32	55	21
Southwest	96	53	60	13
Southeast	94	61	55	11
State	90	31	63	24

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure	Since May 1	Departure
	September 15 - 21					
Northwest	64.3	2.3	0.37	-0.45	2,505	-160
Northeast	64.4	1.9	1.11	0.26	2,470	-160
West	65.0	0.5	0.45	-0.42	2,750	-245
Central	65.2	0.7	1.08	0.27	2,684	-225
East	65.2	0.8	2.19	1.52	2,676	-178
W Southwest	64.9	-0.9	1.59	0.84	2,901	-215
E Southeast	65.7	-0.7	1.32	0.67	2,991	-141
Southwest	65.0	-2.0	1.03	0.20	3,158	-129
Southeast	66.5	-0.9	0.68	-0.09	3,275	-45
State	65.1	0.2	1.10	0.33	2,806	-170



Temperature (°F) Departure
September 15 - 21



Precipitation (in.) Total
September 15 - 21

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