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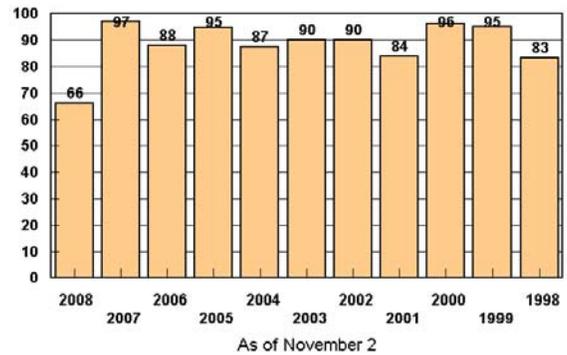
## Agricultural Summary

High moisture conditions in the corn crop have slowed the progression of harvest. Many elevators are shutting down early in the day in order to have sufficient drying time. Soybean harvest is progressing normally. There were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork. The average temperature was 2.7 degrees below normal. The average weekly precipitation was 0.78 inch below normal.

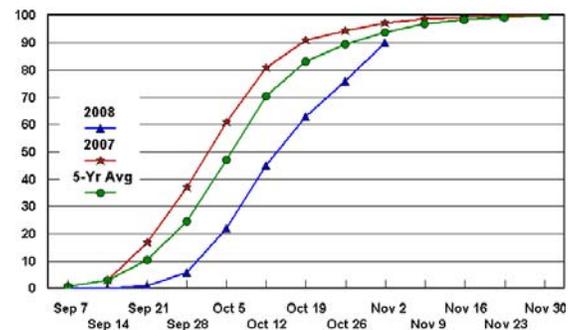
### Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	2007	5-Year Average
November 2				
<b>CORN:</b>				
Harvested	66	46	97	92
<b>SOYBEANS:</b>				
Harvested	90	76	97	94
<b>SORGHUM:</b>				
Harvested	52	39	98	85
<b>WINTER WHEAT:</b>				
Seeding	92	78	98	93
Emerged	64	40	85	74

Corn - Percent Harvested  
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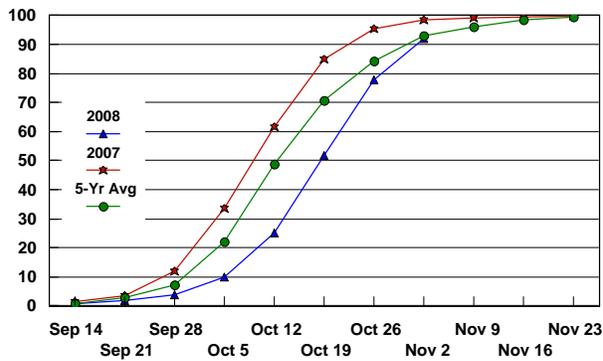
Soybeans - Percent Harvested  
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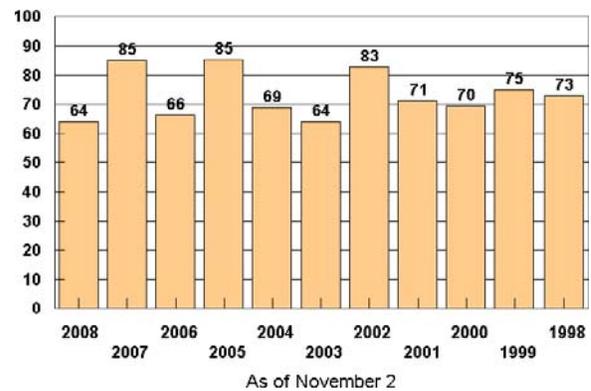
**Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table**

District	Days Suitable for Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	October 27 - November 2				
Northwest	6.3	-	4	88	8
Northeast	6.2	-	2	76	22
West	6.9	-	-	96	4
Central	6.7	-	-	97	3
East	6.9	-	7	91	2
W Southwest	6.7	-	-	92	8
E Southeast	6.5	8	6	83	3
Southwest	7.0	-	4	96	-
Southeast	6.4	2	15	73	10
State	6.6	1	4	88	7

**Winter Wheat - Percent Seeded**  
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**Winter Wheat - Percent Emerged**  
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**Crop Conditions**

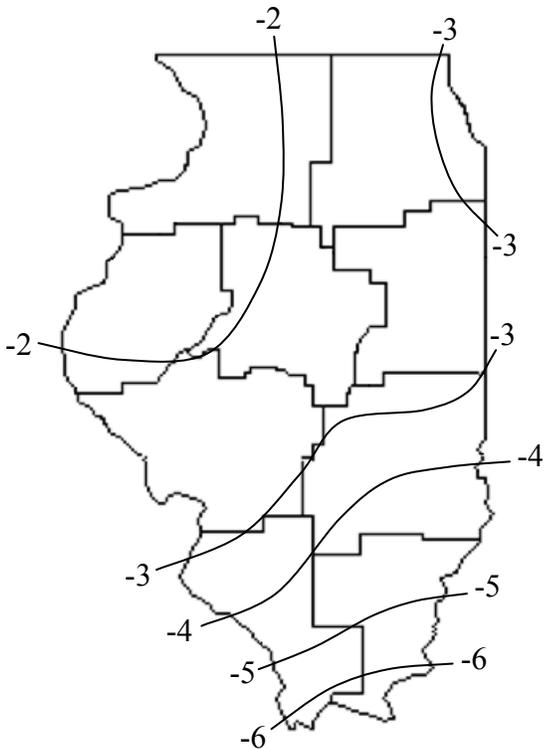
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	-	1	22	65	12

**Crop Progress by Districts**

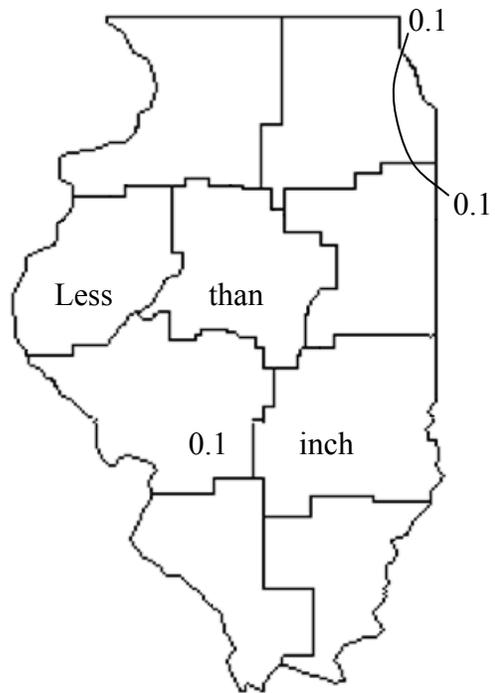
District	Corn Harvested	Soybeans Harvested
	November 2	
Northwest	50	93
Northeast	51	96
West	63	92
Central	77	96
East	70	91
W Southwest	66	79
E Southeast	80	91
Southwest	93	84
Southeast	76	78
State	66	90

**Weather Information Table**

District	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure	Since May 1	Departure
October 27 - November 2						
Northwest	46.4	-1.7	0.01	-0.84	2,771	-116
Northeast	46.2	-2.7	0.03	-0.74	2,731	-131
West	49.3	-1.8	0.00	-0.89	3,102	-198
Central	48.5	-2.3	0.00	-0.80	3,014	-186
East	48.2	-2.3	0.01	-0.72	3,000	-134
W Southwest	50.1	-2.6	0.00	-0.78	3,281	-178
E Southeast	49.9	-3.3	0.00	-0.73	3,398	-87
Southwest	50.5	-3.9	0.00	-0.78	3,600	-74
Southeast	50.4	-4.5	0.00	-0.72	3,738	19
State	48.8	-2.7	0.01	-0.78	3,160	-125



Temperature (°F) Departure  
October 27 - November 2



Precipitation (in.) Total  
October 27 - November 2

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