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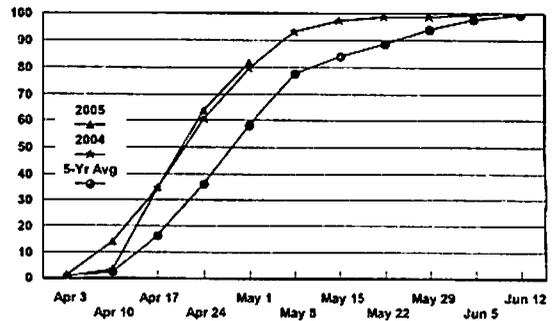
Agricultural Summary

Temperatures averaged 8 degrees below normal last week which allowed farmers only 3.9 days suitable for fieldwork. Cold temperatures and frost in some regions have slowed the growth of emerged corn. The cool weather conditions have turned young corn yellow and pale. Farmers are waiting for warmer weather conditions to continue planting soybeans. Topsoil moisture was reported as 2 percent very short, 16 percent short, 71 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus. Corn planted progressed to 82 percent complete, compared to 79 percent last year, and 58 percent for the five-year average. Corn emerged is 30 percent, compared to 36 percent last year, and 19 percent for the five-year average. Soybean planting is at 6 percent, compared to 6 percent last year and 7 percent for the five-year average. Sorghum planting moved to 9 percent, compared to 12 percent last year and 7 percent five-year average. Oats planting is nearly complete at 98 percent. The winter wheat crop has started heading with 6 percent headed, compared to 11 percent last year and 12 percent five-year average. Winter wheat conditions were rated 1 percent very poor, 10 percent poor, 23 percent fair, 54 percent good, and 12 percent excellent. Activities last week included first cutting of alfalfa and red clover, tilling, fertilizer and chemical applications, spring planting, and tending livestock and new calf crop.

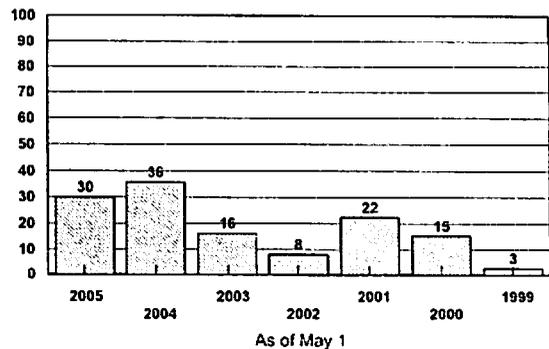
Crop Progress

Crop Stage	2005	2004	5-Year Average
May 1			
CORN:			
Planted	82	79	58
Emerged	30	36	19
SOYBEANS:			
Planted	6	6	7
SORGHUM:			
Planted	9	12	7
WINTER WHEAT:			
Headed	6	11	12
OATS:			
Planted	98	97	94
Headed	2	2	-
ALFALFA:			
First Cutting	2	2	1

Corn - Percent Planted
Illinois



Corn - Percent Emerged
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Weather Information Table

Location	Temperature			Precipitation	Growing Degree Days
	Maximum	Minimum	Departure		

April 25 - May 1					
Northwest:					
Freeport	66	32	-7	0.14	2
Kewanee	64	33	-8	0.12	2
Moline	68	34	-8	0.28	3
Mount Carroll	67	28	-8	0.25	0
Paw Paw	66	30	-6	0.07	2
Rochelle	66	30	-9	0.07	0
Rockford	65	30	-7	0.09	2
Northeast:					
Aurora	66	27	-7	0.01	4
Chicago	67	34	-5	0.00	5
Lake Villa	64	32	-6	0.10	2
McHenry	66	31	-7	0.18	2
Morris	65	31	-6	0.08	4
Ottawa	66	36	-7	0.04	5
Park Forest	66	35	-6	0.05	6
West:					
Galesburg	65	35	-9	0.03	0
Prairie City	65	33	-8	0.18	2
Quincy	63	35	-10	0.44	2
Central:					
Bloomington	70	32	-9	0.19	5
Decatur	64	35	-10	0.31	4
Havana	67	37	-8	0.21	5
Lincoln	67	38	-8	0.26	7
Peoria	64	34	-8	0.18	2
East:					
Champaign	65	32	-9	0.73	7
Pontiac	65	27	-9	0.14	1
West Southwest:					
Carlinsville	64	36	-10	0.37	5
Morrisonville	64	34	-11	0.28	4
Springfield	66	34	-9	0.17	9
East Southeast:					
Effingham	67	33	-9	0.63	4
Flora	66	35	-9	0.57	11
Hutsonville	66	35	-10	0.85	5
Iuka	63	34	-12	1.20	1
Newton	64	35	-9	0.89	3
Paris	63	31	-11	0.68	1
Windsor	63	35	-9	0.50	5
Southwest:					
Carbondale	63	34	-9	0.93	14
Lebanon	68	36	-11	1.04	6
Steeleville	66	31	-13	0.84	3
Southeast:					
Benton	64	36	-10	1.05	9
Grayville	65	37	-11	1.19	9
Mt Vernon	62	36	-10	0.91	4

 Data is for the weekly period that ends on Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

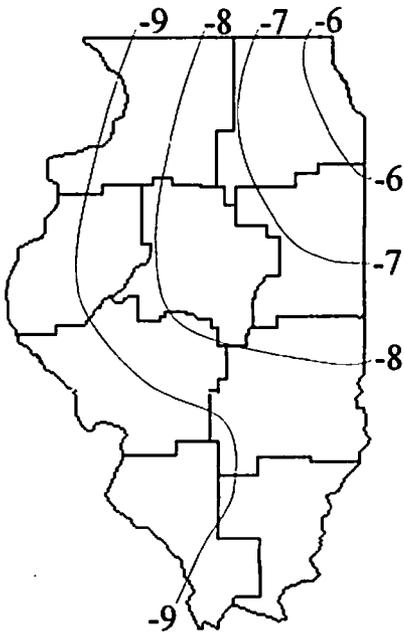
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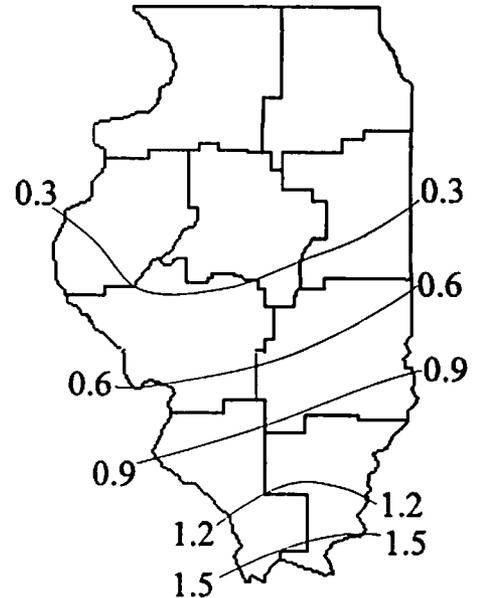
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Temperature (°F) Departure
April 25 - May 1



Precipitation (in.) Total
April 25 - May 1

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