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Agricultural Summary

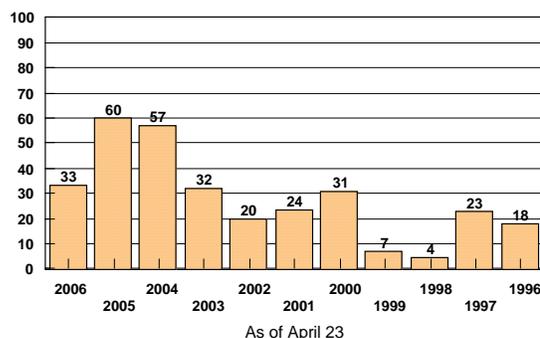
Warm, sunny weather during the week allowed farmers across much of the state to make good progress on planting of corn. Statewide, 33 percent of the corn is planted compared to 60 percent last year and the five-year average of 39 percent. There was an average of five days suitable for fieldwork last week. Many farmers in the Eastern District received heavy rains early in the week though and fieldwork there was limited to about two days. In contrast, areas like Mason county where irrigation is common, fields were being irrigated in an effort to provide enough moisture to sprout the corn. Temperatures averaged 4-6 degrees warmer than normal during the week across the state. Topsoil moisture was rated as 5 percent very short, 21 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus. Where corn planting is the most advanced, in western Illinois, some farmers are wrapping up corn planting and switching to soybeans. Oat planting progressed to 86 percent complete compared to 95 percent last year and the five-year average of 89 percent. Farmers were also busy last week spraying herbicides, applying fertilizer, hauling grain, and tending livestock.

Crop Progress

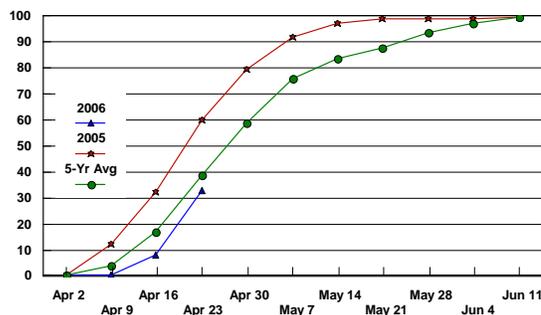
Crop Stage	2006	2005	5-Year Average
April 23			
CORN:			
Planted	33	60	39
Emerged	5	14	7
SOYBEANS:			
Planted	1	2	1
SORGHUM:			
Planted	1	6	2
WINTER WHEAT:			
Headed	3	1	1
OATS:			
Planted	86	95	89
ALFALFA:			
First Cutting	1	1	0

1/ Less than one percent

Corn - Percent Planted
Illinois



Corn - Percent Planted
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Crop Conditions

Crop	: Very Poor	: Poor	: Fair	: Good	: Excellent
			April 23		
Winter Wheat	-	2	19	56	23
Alfalfa	-	2	16	66	16
Red Clover	-	2	14	63	21
Pasture	1	2	21	62	14

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table

District	Days Suitable for Fieldwork		Topsoil Moisture		
	: Very Short	: Short	: Adequate	: Surplus	
	April 17 - 23		April 23		
Northwest	5.0	9	16	69	6
Northeast	5.1	1	31	67	1
West	6.4	11	36	53	-
Central	4.2	4	12	65	19
East	2.2	-	-	79	21
W Southwest	6.7	8	47	43	2
E Southeast	4.5	1	11	61	27
Southwest	6.5	-	41	59	-
Southeast	6.8	3	25	62	10
State	5.0	5	21	63	11

Crop Progress by Districts

District	: Corn Planted
	April 23
Northwest	19
Northeast	17
West	68
Central	29
East	17
W Southwest	74
E Southeast	16
Southwest	54
Southeast	38
State	33

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	: Average	: Normal	: Departure	: Total	: Normal	: Departure
	April 17 - 23					
Northwest	56.0	52.2	3.8	1.12	0.89	0.23
Northeast	56.6	51.5	5.1	1.18	0.84	0.34
West	59.5	55.1	4.4	0.37	0.89	-0.52
Central	59.1	54.4	4.6	1.25	0.80	0.44
East	58.9	53.8	5.1	1.90	0.75	1.15
W Southwest	61.3	56.4	4.8	0.35	0.90	-0.55
E Southeast	62.3	56.6	5.7	1.29	0.99	0.30
Southwest	64.7	58.3	6.4	0.39	1.04	-0.66
Southeast	64.5	58.6	5.9	0.74	1.09	-0.35
State	60.1	55.1	5.0	0.96	0.91	0.06

Weather Information Table

Location	: Maximum	: Temperature : Minimum	: Departure	: Precipitation	: Growing : Degree : Days

April 17 - 23					
Northwest:					
Freeport	73	40	6	1.03	34
Kewanee	74	38	6	1.99	46
Moline	73	40	7	0.97	57
Mount Carroll	73	32	4	0.65	19
Paw Paw	74	32	7	0.47	38
Rochelle	74	40	5	0.82	38
Rockford	74	39	6	1.59	36
Northeast:					
Aurora	74	35	5	0.07	38
Chicago	75	42	8	0.90	52
Antioch	74	38	7	0.30	37
McHenry	75	38	6	0.34	32
Morris	75	43	7	0.86	53
Ottawa	77	42	7	0.37	65
Park Forest	76	44	10	2.91	64
West:					
Galesburg	77	42	8	0.08	72
Prairie City	82	43	8	0.13	77
Quincy	78	40	6	0.07	72
Central:					
Bloomington	80	43	6	2.21	71
Decatur	81	44	8	1.04	90
Havana	81	43	8	0.44	79
Lincoln	77	43	6	0.74	71
Peoria	74	42	6	0.81	62
East:					
Champaign	81	41	8	1.64	77
Pontiac	76	42	7	1.72	66
West Southwest:					
Carlinville	85	43	6	0.20	86
Morrisonville	82	41	6	0.20	84
Springfield	80	43	7	0.90	81
East Southeast:					
Effingham	81	42	7	0.55	84
Flora	83	45	8	0.05	101
Hutsonville	84	46	9	1.54	103
Iuka	82	46	6	0.43	90
Hidalgo	83	45	9	2.15	97
Paris	78	44	7	1.00	84
Windsor	80	44	8	0.26	89
Southwest:					
Carbondale	84	47	10	0.49	116
Lebanon	90	45	7	0.07	98
Steeleville	88	40	4	0.03	84
Southeast:					
Grand Chain	81	51	8	0.18	118
Grayville	82	46	8	0.76	112
Mt Vernon	80	46	7	0.07	94

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

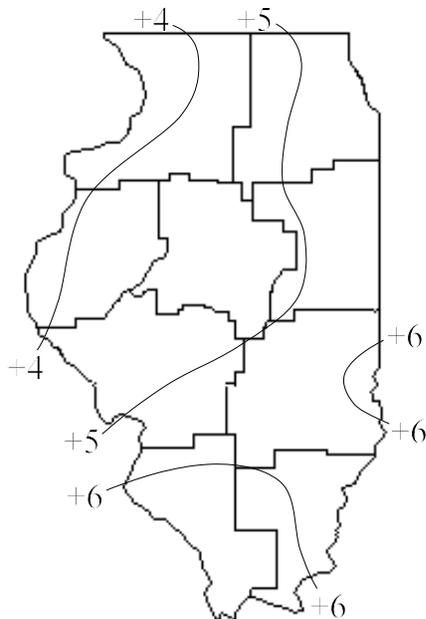
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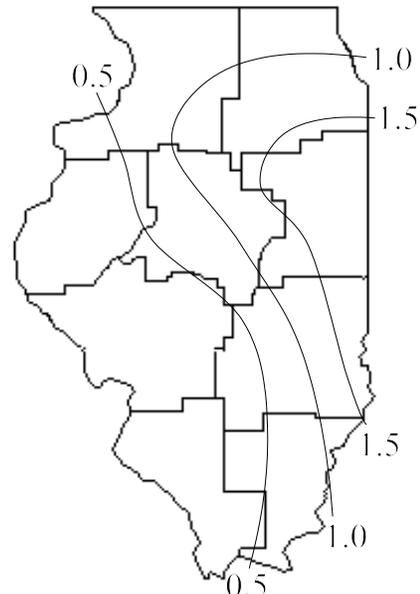
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Temperature (°F) Departure
April 17 - 23



Precipitation (in.) Total
April 17 - 23

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