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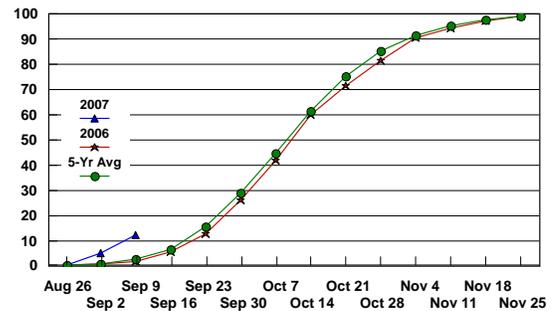
Agricultural Summary

Corn harvest made good progress across southern Illinois last week with farmers in other parts of the state primarily testing their equipment or just trying to find corn fields with low moisture levels. Farmers were also baling their final cutting of alfalfa before rain showers stopped that progress at the end of the week. Temperatures for the week were warmer than normal which helped crops mature quickly. Rain showers at the end of the week were light across the northern part of the state with heavier amounts across the south. Corn fields sprayed with fungicides are reported to have a healthier appearance than those that were not sprayed. Late season beans will benefit from the recent rains but most feel it is too little too late for the corn and early season soybeans. Storage issues are a concern recently to many farmers as the corn and soybean price basis continues to widen more than normal as harvest gets started. Farmers were busy last week preparing machinery for harvest, mowing roadsides, drilling wheat and chopping silage.

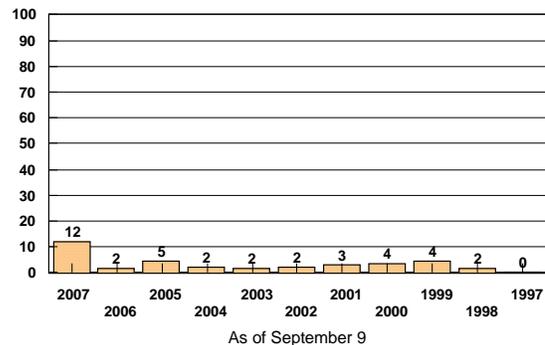
Crop Progress

Crop Stage	2007	2006	5-Year Average
September 9			
CORN:			
Dented	97	94	88
Mature	68	36	35
Harvested	12	2	2
SOYBEANS:			
Turning Yellow	68	43	50
Shedding Leaves	35	11	19
Harvested	1	0	1
SORGHUM:			
Coloring	89	88	84
Mature	68	38	36
Harvested	9	0	1
ALFALFA:			
Third Cutting	93	97	92

Corn - Percent Harvested
Illinois



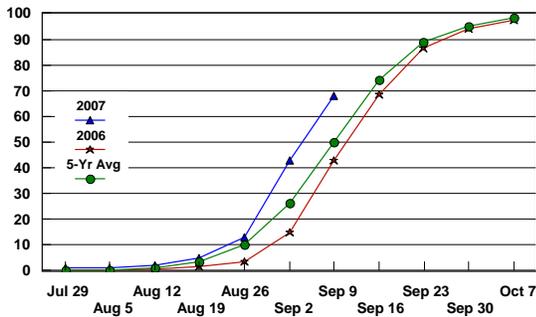
Corn - Percent Harvested
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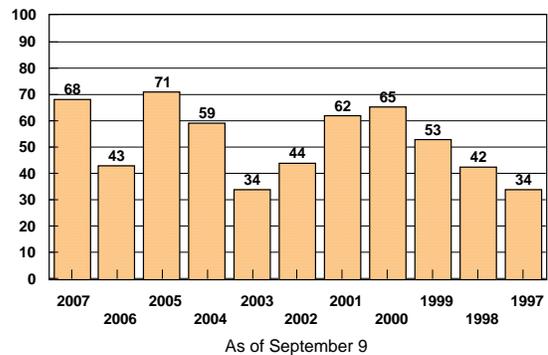
Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table

District	Days Suitable for Fieldwork		Topsoil Moisture			
	September 3 - 9		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	5.8	-	3	90	7	
Northeast	6.1	-	1	85	14	
West	6.0	33	32	35	-	
Central	6.4	7	40	53	-	
East	5.9	6	20	68	6	
W Southwest	5.3	31	50	19	-	
E Southeast	5.9	22	33	42	3	
Southwest	4.6	30	39	25	6	
Southeast	5.5	97	3	-	-	
State	5.8	19	25	52	4	

Soybeans - Percent Turning Yellow
Illinois



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Crop Conditions

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	September 9				
Corn	3	5	14	51	27
Soybeans	7	10	27	43	13
Sorghum	16	19	36	28	1
Pasture	25	21	22	29	3

Crop Progress by Districts

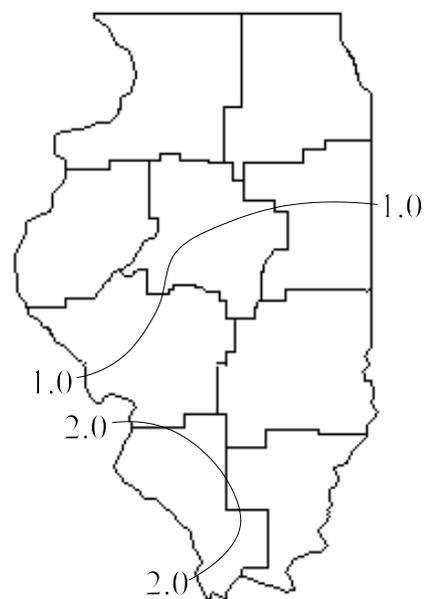
District	Corn			Soybeans	
	Corn Dented	Corn Mature	Corn Harvested	Soybeans Turning Yellow	Soybeans Shedding Leaves
	September 9				
Northwest	93	50	4	54	15
Northeast	94	48	1	60	23
West	99	59	4	71	27
Central	100	83	11	79	46
East	98	73	6	79	48
W Southwest	98	84	28	52	25
E Southeast	97	70	18	80	45
Southwest	100	92	69	58	38
Southeast	100	99	37	68	56
State	97	68	12	68	35

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature			Precipitation			
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure	
	September 3 - 9						
Northwest	72.8	67.8	5.1	0.40	0.69	-0.29	
Northeast	73.5	68.1	5.4	0.35	0.67	-0.32	
West	74.9	70.4	4.5	0.53	0.71	-0.18	
Central	75.0	69.7	5.2	0.74	0.70	0.03	
East	75.0	69.3	5.7	1.04	0.69	0.35	
W Southwest	76.0	71.3	4.7	0.98	0.59	0.38	
E Southeast	76.8	71.6	5.2	1.56	0.57	0.99	
Southwest	77.3	72.6	4.7	2.20	0.53	1.67	
Southeast	78.4	72.9	5.5	1.40	0.49	0.91	
State	75.4	70.3	5.1	1.00	0.63	0.36	



Temperature (°F) Departure
September 3 - 9



Precipitation (in.) Total
September 3 - 9

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