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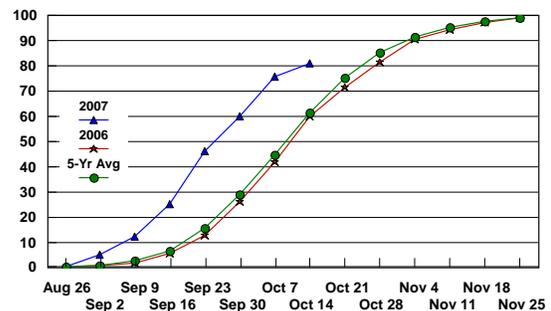
Agricultural Summary

Corn and soybean harvest continued to make great progress last week as statewide the harvest is being completed earlier than ever. Weather for the week was primarily dry with just a few rain showers and temperatures were warmer than normal to start the week but cooled to a more seasonable level later in the week. Farmer's soybean harvest continued to be slowed by green stems in their soybean fields and in a few areas lodging in corn was slowing the corn harvest. Overall, harvest conditions have been ideal this fall with several weeks of cooperative weather. Seeding of the 2008 wheat crop is well under way with many farmers finding wheat seed in short supply as high wheat prices are enticing many farmers to seed more acres this fall. Soil conditions in many areas are very dry and farmers are hopeful there will be enough rain to germinate the wheat crop. Fall tillage, lime and fertilizer applications have made great progress already this fall but anhydrous applications are being delayed as soil temperatures are too warm with readings primarily in the upper 50's to low 60's. Double-crop soybean harvest in most areas will begin in the next week which is also ahead of normal. At the grain elevator the basis levels have begun to narrow as harvest winds down and the outdoor piles of corn continue to grow. Farmers were also busy last week cleaning equipment, doing tiling and other conservation practices, soil testing, and making plans for next years crops.

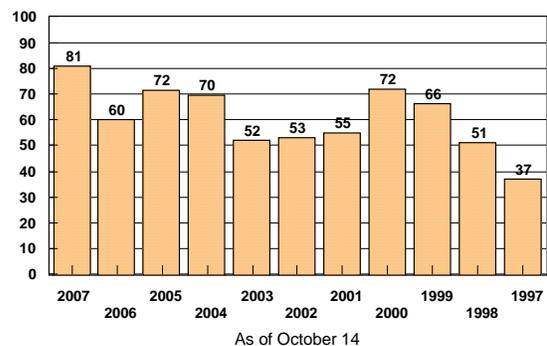
Crop Progress

Crop Stage	2007	2006	5-Year Average
October 14			
CORN:			
Harvested	81	60	61
SOYBEANS:			
Harvested	86	71	72
SORGHUM:			
Harvested	92	54	55
WINTER WHEAT:			
Seeded	70	67	56
Emerged	19	13	16

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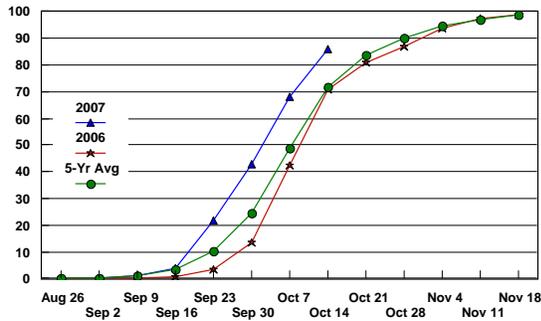
Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table

District	:	Days Suitable	:	Topsoil Moisture
	:	for Fieldwork	:	Very Short : Short : Adequate : Surplus

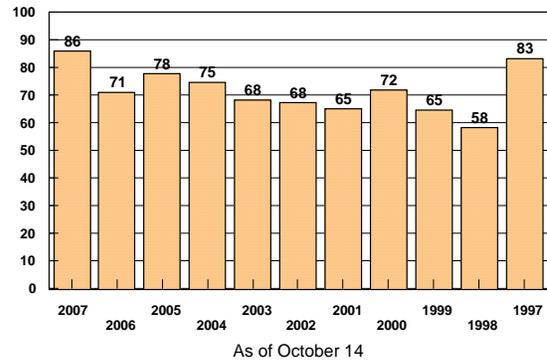
	October 8 - 14		October 14	
Northwest	6.8	12	56	32
Northeast	7.0	3	66	31
West	7.0	60	40	-
Central	7.0	26	47	27
East	6.8	24	35	41
W Southwest	7.0	55	40	5
E Southeast	7.0	40	40	20
Southwest	6.0	75	25	-
Southeast	7.0	92	8	-

State	6.9	28	47	25
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Soybeans - Percent Harvested
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Soybeans - Percent Harvested
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Crop Conditions

Crop	:	Very Poor	:	Poor	:	Fair	:	Good	:	Excellent
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				October 14						
Pasture		20		32		35		13		-

Crop Progress by Districts

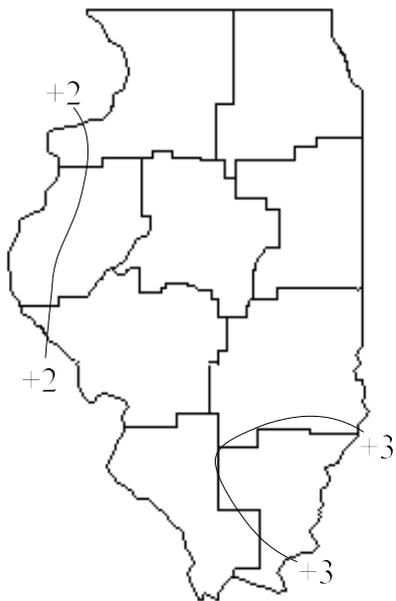
District	:	Corn	:	Soybeans
	:	Harvested	:	Harvested

	October 14	
Northwest	62	77
Northeast	68	73
West	86	89
Central	95	92
East	89	93
W Southwest	97	84
E Southeast	95	90
Southwest	99	85
Southeast	99	83

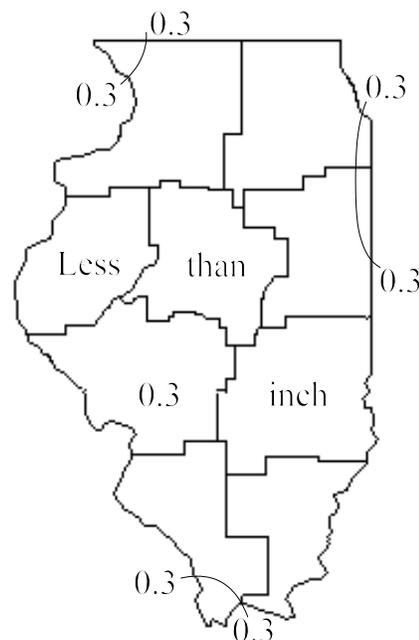
State	81	86
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Weather Information Table

District	Temperature			Precipitation			
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure	
			October 8 - 14				
Northwest	55.5	52.7	2.8	0.12	0.51	-0.39	
Northeast	55.7	53.1	2.5	0.09	0.52	-0.43	
West	57.9	55.8	2.0	0.09	0.52	-0.43	
Central	57.6	55.2	2.4	0.03	0.53	-0.50	
East	57.5	54.9	2.6	0.18	0.55	-0.37	
W Southwest	59.3	57.1	2.2	0.06	0.46	-0.40	
E Southeast	59.8	57.4	2.4	0.07	0.57	-0.50	
Southwest	61.1	58.5	2.6	0.21	0.65	-0.44	
Southeast	62.0	58.9	3.2	0.09	0.63	-0.54	
State	58.3	55.8	2.5	0.10	0.54	-0.44	



Temperature (°F) Departure
October 8 - 14



Precipitation (in.) Total
October 8 - 14

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