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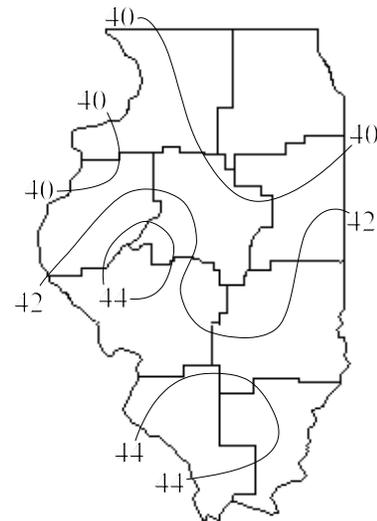
Agricultural Summary

Cold and wet was the norm for weather last week. Temperatures averaged ten degrees below normal across the state. There were 1.1 days suitable for field work last week. Topsoil moisture was rated at 1 percent short, 60 percent adequate, and 39 percent surplus. Corn planted remains behind previous years due to the cold, wet conditions. As of April 15, less than 1 percent had been planted compared to 7 percent in 2006 and 14 percent for the 5-year average. Oats planted is at 18 percent, compared to 66 percent for 2006 and 72 percent for the 5-year average. The wheat condition was rated as 8 percent very poor, 24 percent poor, 40 percent fair, 25 percent good, and 3 percent excellent for last week. Reports indicate that the freezing temperatures last week may have significantly impacted the wheat crop. The freezing temperatures last week may have also impacted fruit and vineyard crops, but at this time it is too early to judge the extent of the damage. Farm activities last week included preparing equipment for planting, applying fertilizer when it wasn't too wet or cold, and tending to livestock.

Crop Progress

Crop Stage	2007	2006	5-Year Average
April 15			
CORN:			
Planted	1/	7	14
Emerged	1/	1/	1
OATS:			
Planted	18	66	72

1/ Less than one percent



4-inch Bare Soil Temp (°F)
April 15 10 a.m.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table

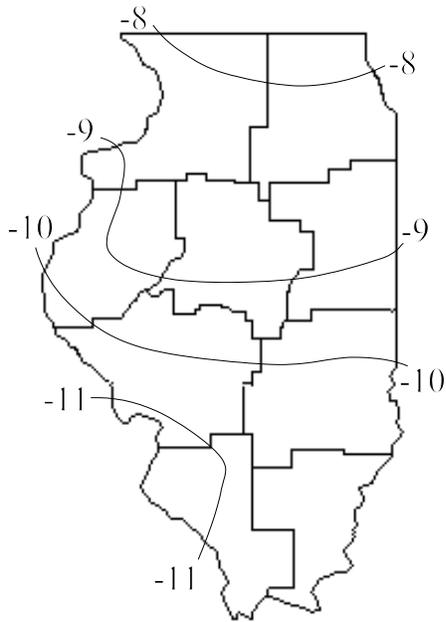
District	Days Suitable for Fieldwork		Topsoil Moisture			
	April 9 - 15		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	1.2	-	-	58		42
Northeast	0.8	-	-	70		30
West	0.9	-	1	84		15
Central	0.7	-	2	58		40
East	2.2	-	-	57		43
W Southwest	1.4	-	-	86		14
E Southeast	0.2	-	-	28		72
Southwest	1.2	-	1	36		63
Southeast	0.1	-	-	34		66
State	1.1	-	1	60		39

Crop Conditions

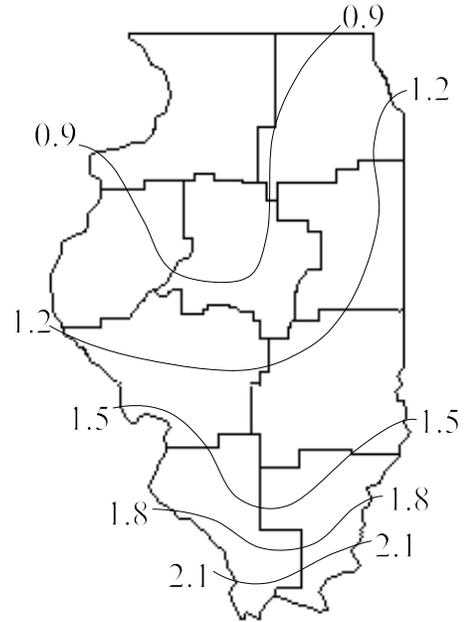
Crop	April 15				
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	8	24	40	25	3
Alfalfa	5	18	44	31	2
Pasture	2	9	39	45	5

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
April 9 - 15						
Northwest	38.4	46.8	-8.4	0.76	0.98	-0.21
Northeast	38.3	46.5	-8.1	1.09	1.02	0.07
West	41.0	50.3	-9.3	1.07	1.16	-0.09
Central	40.8	49.5	-8.8	0.89	1.11	-0.22
East	40.2	49.0	-8.8	1.13	1.04	0.09
W Southwest	41.5	52.0	-10.6	1.24	1.22	0.01
E Southeast	41.9	52.4	-10.5	1.38	1.05	0.32
Southwest	43.4	54.3	-11.0	1.70	1.03	0.67
Southeast	44.4	54.6	-10.2	1.82	1.00	0.82
State	40.9	50.4	-9.5	1.20	1.07	0.13



Temperature (°F) Departure
April 9 - 15



Precipitation (in.) Total
April 9 - 15

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