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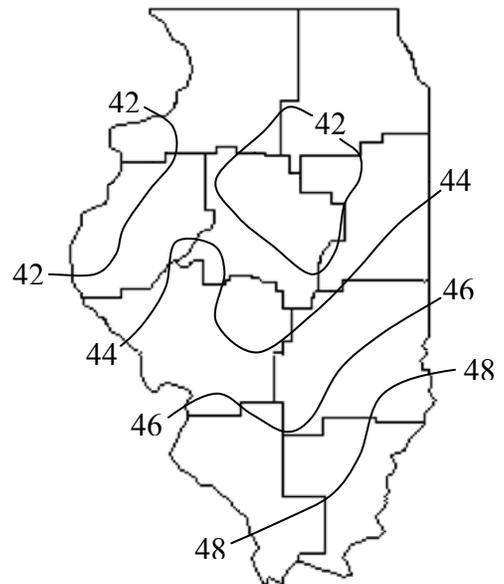
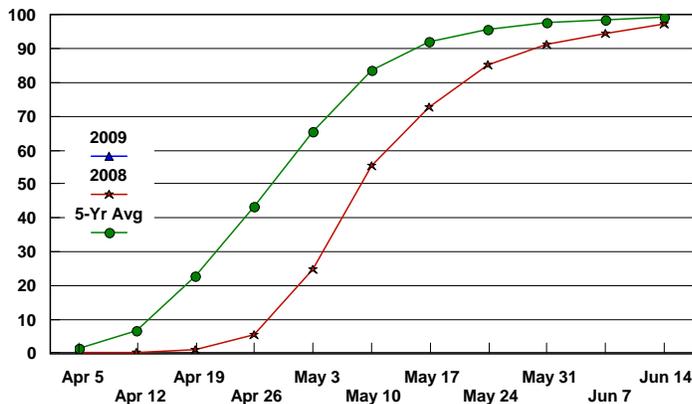
## Agricultural Summary

Another week of cool, wet conditions has many wondering if spring will ever arrive. Producers are waiting for fields to dry out in order to begin the planting season. However, a few reports of corn planted were received in some districts. Temperatures averaged 42.6 degrees, 6 degrees below normal across the state. Statewide precipitation averaged 1.18 inches, 0.34 inch above normal. There were 1.3 days suitable for fieldwork reported. Topsoil moisture was rated 32 percent adequate and 68 percent surplus.

### Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	2008	5-Year Average
April 12				
<b>OATS:</b>				
Planted	35	14	12	48

### Corn - Percent Planted Illinois

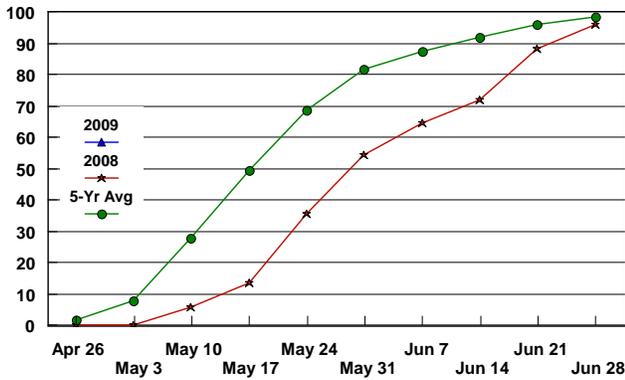


Bare Soil 4-inch Temp (°F)  
April 12 10 a.m.

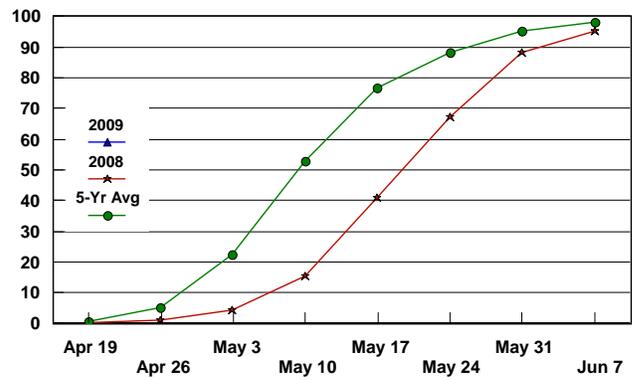
**Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Table**

District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	April 6 - 12			April 12	
Northwest	3.9	-	-	55	45
Northeast	1.4	-	-	75	25
West	1.0	-	-	23	77
Central	0.6	-	-	18	82
East	0.6	-	-	23	77
W Southwest	0.7	-	-	28	72
E Southeast	0.0	-	-	12	88
Southwest	1.7	-	-	50	50
Southeast	0.0	-	-	-	100
State	1.3	-	-	32	68

**Soybeans - Percent Planted  
Illinois**



**Winter Wheat - Percent Headed  
Illinois**

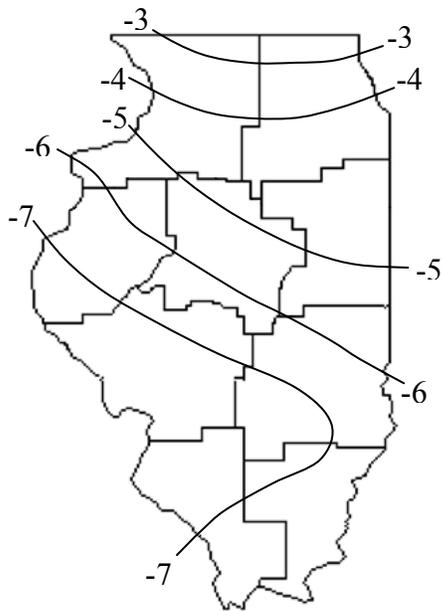


**Crop Conditions**

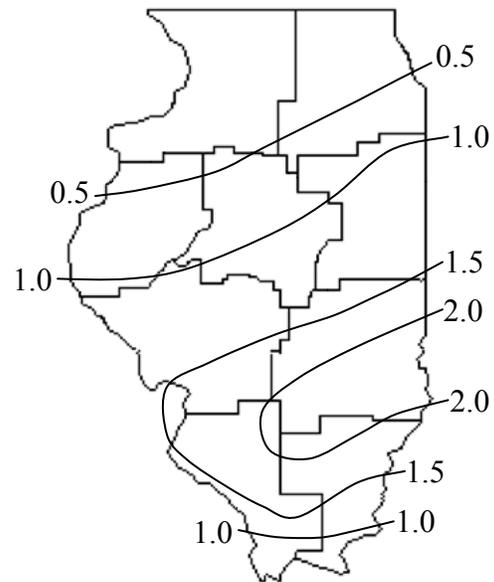
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
			April 12		
Winter Wheat	1	8	25	58	8
Alfalfa	2	4	26	61	7
Pasture	2	6	29	57	6

**Weather Information Table**

District	Temperature		Precipitation	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure
April 6 - 12				
Northwest	40.9	-4.2	0.13	-0.65
Northeast	40.6	-3.8	0.49	-0.33
West	42.0	-6.7	0.89	0.01
Central	41.7	-6.0	0.96	0.05
East	41.4	-5.5	1.26	0.43
W Southwest	42.8	-7.5	1.41	0.52
E Southeast	43.5	-6.9	2.15	1.30
Southwest	45.3	-7.3	1.77	1.02
Southeast	46.2	-6.5	1.71	0.91
State	42.6	-6.0	1.18	0.34



Temperature (°F) Departure  
April 6 - 12



Precipitation (in.) Total  
April 6 - 12

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