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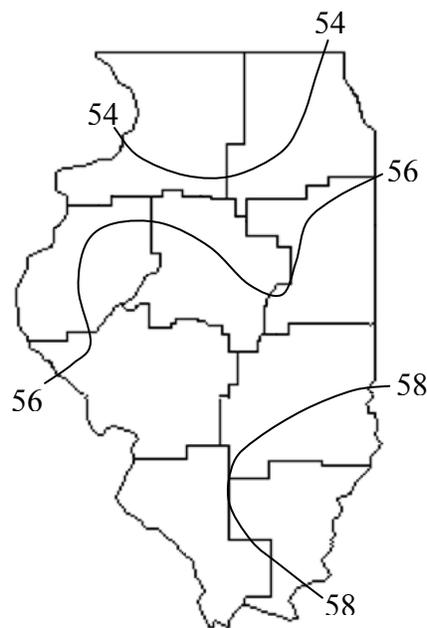
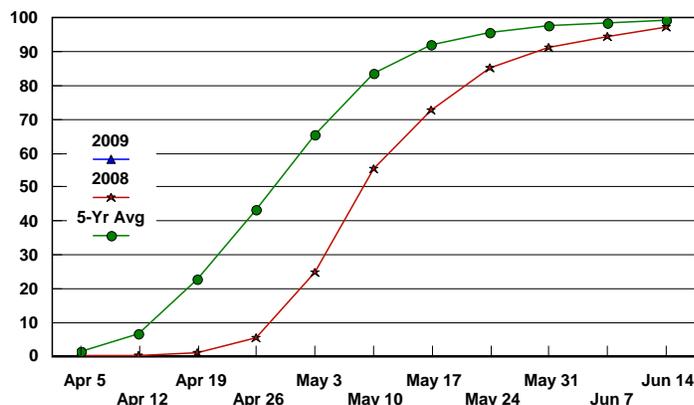
Planting activities across Illinois were limited this past week, due to cool, damp conditions. Fields across the state are saturated. Seed deliveries and equipment maintenance are the major producer activities. Temperatures averaged 50.3 degrees, 3.2 degrees below normal across the state. Statewide precipitation averaged 1.11 inches, 0.16 inch above normal. There were 1.2 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was rated 27 percent adequate and 73 percent surplus.

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	2008	5-Year Average
April 19				
OATS:				
Planted	50	35	34	68
Corn:				
Planted	1	1/	1	23

1/ Less than 1 percent.

Corn - Percent Planted Illinois

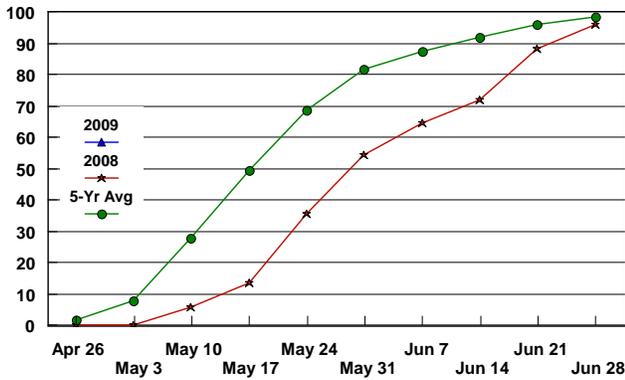


Bare Soil 4-inch Temp (°F)
April 19 10 a.m.

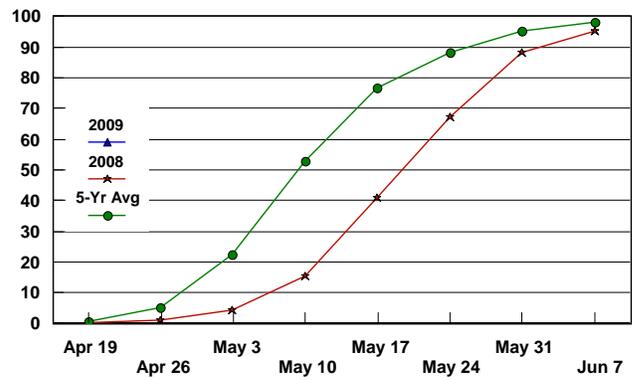
Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Table

District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	April 13 - 19			April 19	
Northwest	3.6	-	5	39	56
Northeast	2.5	-	-	67	33
West	1.1	-	-	29	71
Central	0.7	-	-	18	82
East	0.9	-	-	20	80
W Southwest	0.3	-	-	16	84
E Southeast	0.1	-	-	15	85
Southwest	2.1	-	-	69	31
Southeast	0.0	-	-	3	97
State	1.2	-	-	27	73

**Soybeans - Percent Planted
Illinois**



**Winter Wheat - Percent Headed
Illinois**

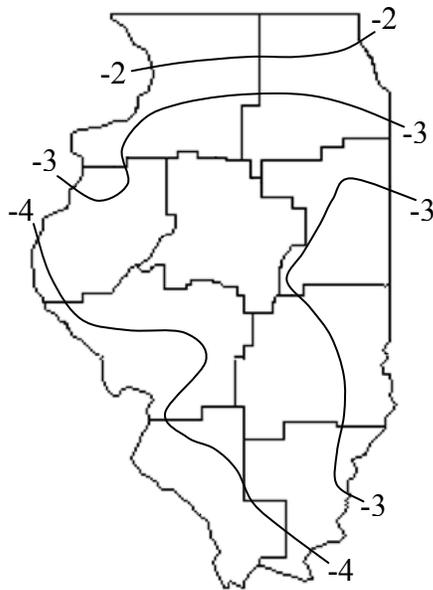


Crop Conditions

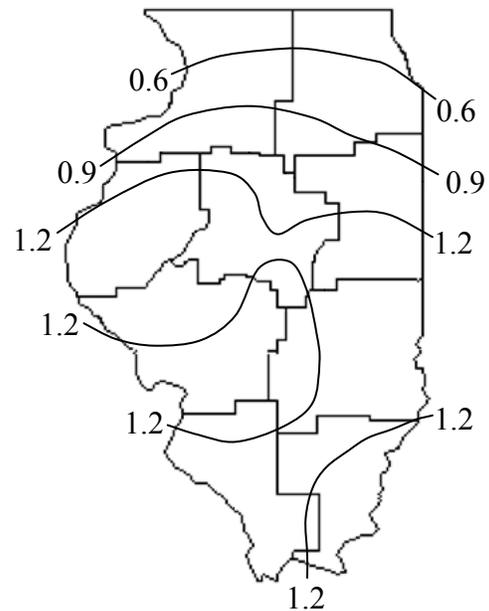
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
			April 19		
Winter Wheat	1	7	27	56	9
Alfalfa	2	5	27	59	7
Red Clover	1	1	24	57	17
Pasture	1	4	22	62	11

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature		Precipitation	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure
April 13 - 19				
Northwest	48.0	-2.5	0.76	-0.17
Northeast	47.2	-2.7	0.68	-0.29
West	50.4	-3.2	1.38	0.41
Central	49.4	-3.5	1.29	0.38
East	49.4	-2.9	1.18	0.34
W Southwest	51.0	-4.0	1.17	0.20
E Southeast	52.0	-3.1	1.24	0.29
Southwest	52.6	-4.2	1.29	0.28
Southeast	53.8	-3.2	1.17	0.13
State	50.3	-3.2	1.11	0.16



Temperature (°F) Departure
April 13 - 19



Precipitation (in.) Total
April 13 - 19

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