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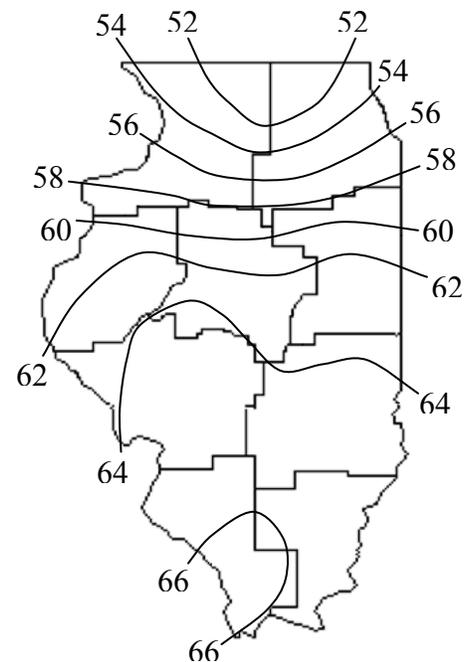
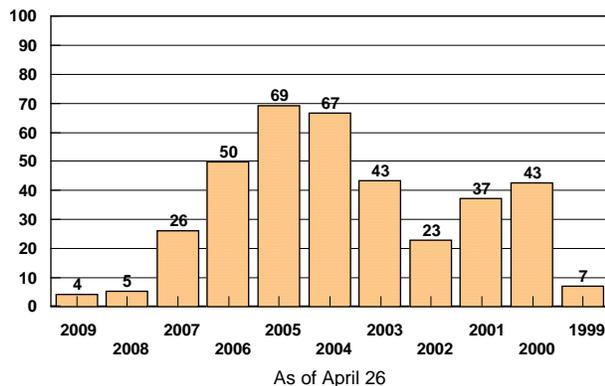
Agricultural Summary

Wet conditions continued to slow the progress of planting throughout the state. Warm temperatures over the weekend helped in the drying process but were followed by more rain. Producers are ready to plant but are forced to wait for dry conditions. Temperatures averaged 58.9 degrees, 3.3 degrees above normal across the state. Statewide precipitation averaged 1.22 inches, 0.32 inch above normal. There were 1.9 days suitable for fieldwork reported. Topsoil moisture was rated 42 percent adequate and 58 percent surplus.

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	2008	5-Year Average
April 26				
OATS:				
Planted	72	50	52	81
Corn:				
Planted	4	1	5	43

Corn - Percent Planted Illinois



Bare Soil 4-inch Temp (°F)
April 26 10 a.m.

Crop Conditions

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
			April 26		
Winter Wheat	1	7	23	52	17
Alfalfa	2	5	41	46	6
Red Clover	1	1	25	61	12
Pasture	1	4	23	60	12

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Table

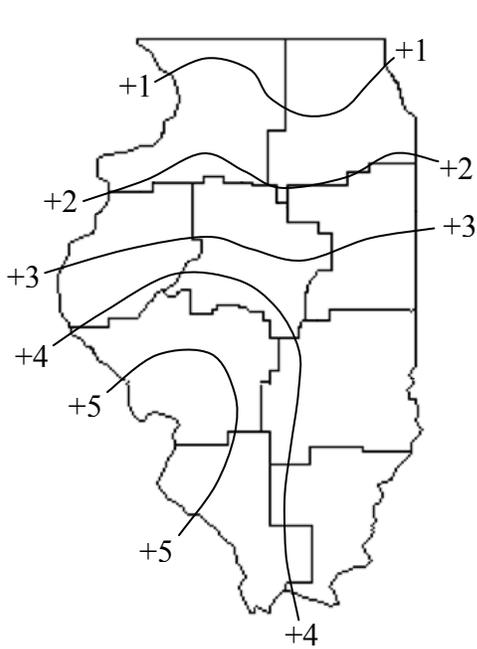
District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	April 20 - 26		April 26		
Northwest	2.1	-	-	18	82
Northeast	1.5	-	-	34	66
West	1.3	-	-	39	61
Central	2.5	-	-	55	45
East	1.0	-	-	52	48
W Southwest	2.8	-	-	63	37
E Southeast	1.1	-	-	36	64
Southwest	2.2	-	-	26	74
Southeast	2.0	-	-	43	57
State	1.9	-	-	42	58

Crop Progress by Districts

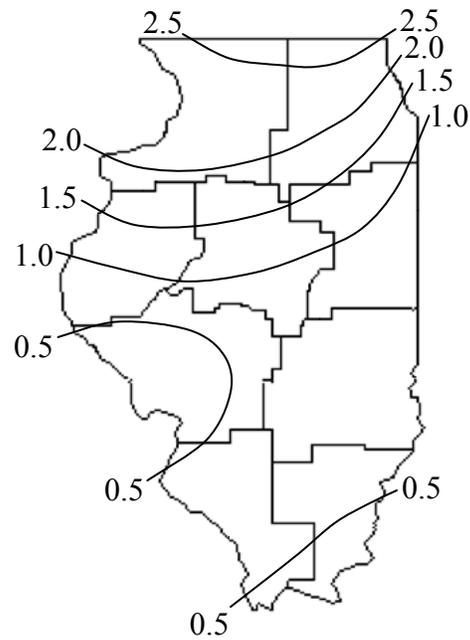
District	Corn Planted
	April 26
Northwest	5
Northeast	1
West	2
Central	3
East	1
W Southwest	11
E Southeast	2
Southwest	11
Southeast	1
State	4

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature		Precipitation	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure
April 20 - 26				
Northwest	54.2	1.4	2.38	1.52
Northeast	53.2	1.2	2.02	1.16
West	59.4	3.5	1.23	0.39
Central	58.2	3.1	1.40	0.61
East	57.5	3.0	1.00	0.21
W Southwest	62.1	5.0	0.50	-0.42
E Southeast	60.8	3.7	0.68	-0.30
Southwest	63.5	4.8	0.91	-0.11
Southeast	62.7	3.9	0.70	-0.37
State	58.9	3.3	1.22	0.32



Temperature (°F) Departure
April 20 - 26



Precipitation (in.) Total
April 20 - 26

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