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Agricultural Summary

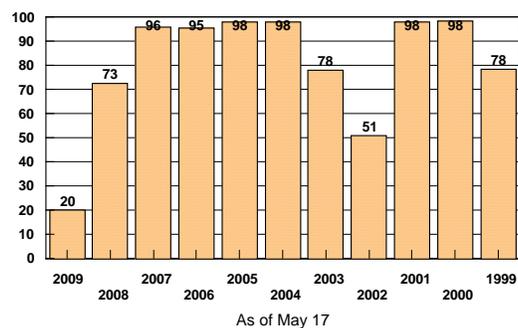
Planting activities continued to fall further behind schedule, as Illinois received another week of cool, wet conditions. Producers are hopeful that warmer, dryer conditions that are forecast for this week will hold true. Corn planting continues to inch forward, but has not been this slow since 1960. Temperatures averaged 59.0 degrees, 3.6 degrees below normal across the state. Statewide precipitation averaged 2.98 inches, 1.96 inch above normal. There were 1.7 days suitable for fieldwork reported. Topsoil moisture was rated 16 percent adequate and 84 percent surplus.

Crop Progress Percents

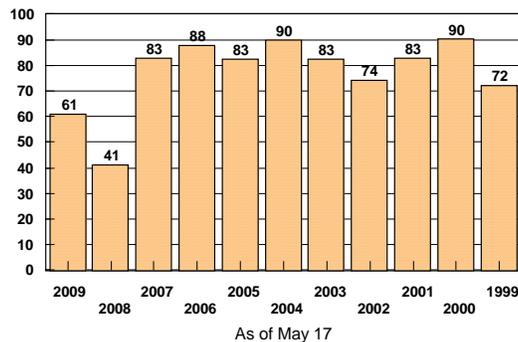
	This Week	Last Week	2008	5-Year Average
May 17				
CORN:				
Planted	20	10	73	92
Emerged	7	3	31	71
SOYBEANS:				
Planted	1	1/	14	50
WHEAT:				
Headed	61	21	41	77
Filled	7	1/	2	21
OATS:				
Planted	92	88	96	99
Headed	1	1	2	9
ALFALFA:				
First Cutting	3	1	6	21
RED CLOVER:				
Cutting	1	1/	6	24

1/ Less than 1 percent.

Corn - Percent Planted
Illinois



Winter Wheat - Percent Headed
Illinois



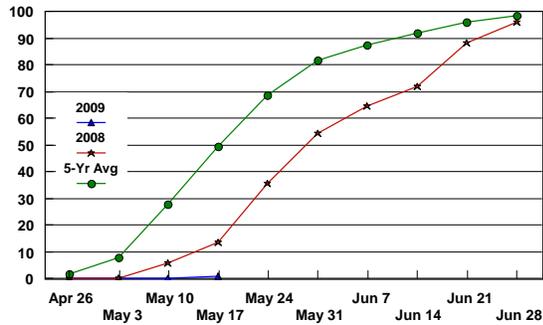
Crop Condition Percents

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
May 17					
Winter Wheat	-	6	36	49	9
Oats	3	6	36	49	6
Alfalfa	1	4	28	55	12
Red Clover	-	8	26	52	14
Pasture	-	3	17	54	26

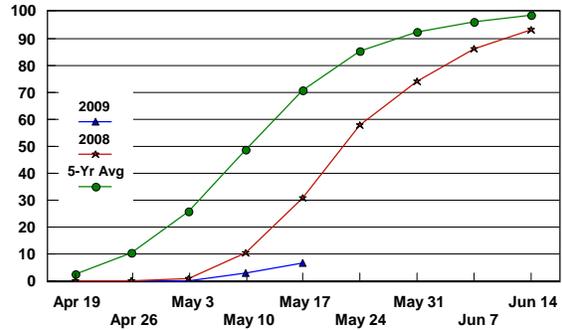
Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture Percents

District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture Percents			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
May 11 - 17		May 17			
Northwest	2.0	-	-	18	82
Northeast	2.5	-	-	24	76
West	2.5	-	-	15	85
Central	2.4	-	-	17	83
East	1.9	-	-	14	86
W Southwest	1.1	-	-	25	75
E Southeast	0.8	-	-	7	93
Southwest	0.0	-	-	-	100
Southeast	0.3	-	-	3	97
State	1.7	-	-	16	84

Soybeans - Percent Planted
Illinois



Corn - Percent Emerged
Illinois

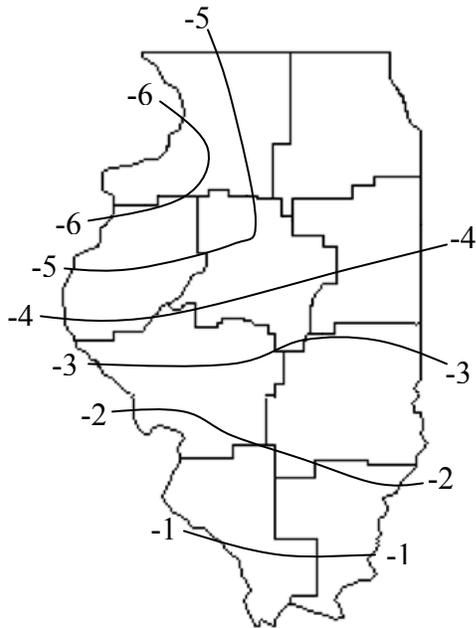


Crop Progress Percents by Districts

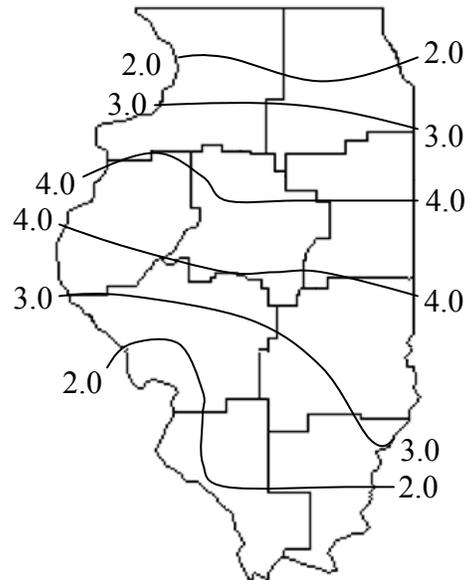
District	Corn Planted	Corn Emerged
	May 17	
Northwest	36	9
Northeast	11	1
West	23	7
Central	21	7
East	18	5
W Southwest	25	18
E Southeast	6	3
Southwest	14	6
Southeast	9	8
State	20	7

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature		Precipitation	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure
	May 11 - 17			
Northwest	54.7	-5.8	2.64	1.62
Northeast	55.2	-4.3	2.13	1.23
West	57.6	-5.1	4.19	3.20
Central	57.4	-4.9	4.24	3.26
East	57.6	-4.2	3.84	2.90
W Southwest	60.8	-2.8	2.43	1.42
E Southeast	61.2	-2.5	3.07	1.98
Southwest	63.7	-1.0	2.26	1.08
Southeast	64.1	-0.9	2.17	0.96
State	59.0	-3.6	2.98	1.96



Temperature (°F) Departure
May 11 - 17



Precipitation (in.) Total
May 11 - 17

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