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## Agricultural Summary

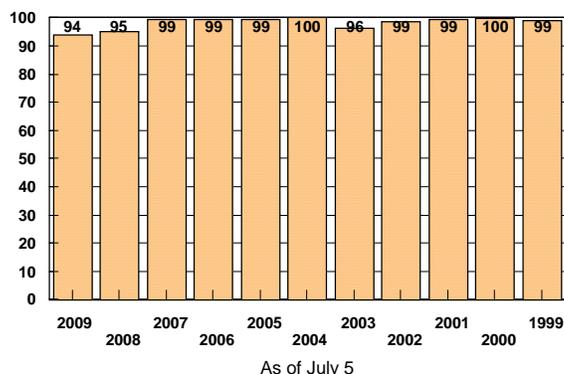
The summer weather continued with its variable patterns across Illinois. Last week temperatures averaged 68.8 degrees, 5.8 degrees below average statewide. This slowed crop progress in many areas. Precipitation averaged 1.24 inches statewide last week, .25 inches above normal, adding to some already soggy fields. With 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork, many farmers were able to harvest their winter wheat. Some producers who waited until the weekend got rained out and were unable to finish it in many parts of the state. Wheat was reported at 62% harvested, compared to 52% last year and a five year average of 82%. The average height of corn was 41 inches, compared to 45 inches last year and a five year average of 61 inches. Soybeans were 94% emerged, on pace with last year but below the five year average of 99%. Topsoil moisture was rated 3% short, 75% adequate, and 22% surplus.

### Crop Progress Percents

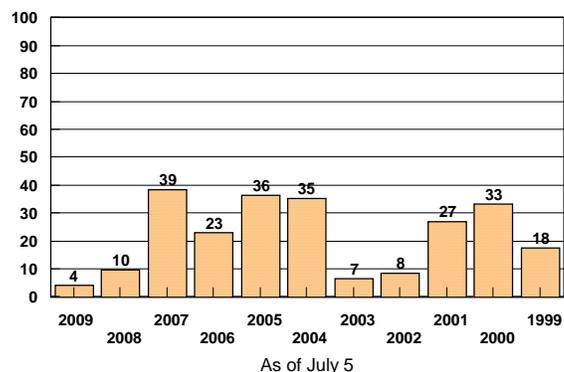
	This Week	Last Week	2008	5-Year Average
July 5				
<b>CORN:</b>				
Silked	5	2	1	31
Average Height	41	29	45	61
<b>SOYBEANS:</b>				
Emerged	94	76	95	99
Blooming	4	1	10	29
<b>SORGHUM:</b>				
Headed	1/	1/	11	7
<b>WHEAT:</b>				
Ripe	91	73	91	96
Harvested	62	46	52	82
<b>OATS:</b>				
Headed	95	90	98	99
Filled	62	43	85	92
Turning Yellow	24	13	33	56
Ripe	8	3	8	22
Harvested	4	1	2	8
<b>ALFALFA:</b>				
Second Cutting	36	15	33	59
Third Cutting	1	1/	1	4
<b>RED CLOVER:</b>				
Cutting	85	70	90	94

1/ Less than one percent.

Soybeans - Percent Emerged  
Illinois



Soybeans - Percent Blooming  
Illinois



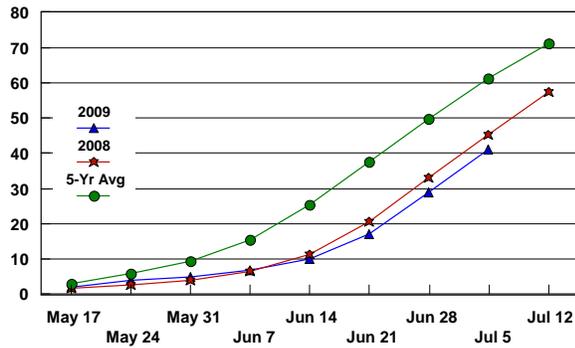
**Crop Condition Percents**

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
July 5					
Corn	3	9	31	48	9
Soybeans	2	6	32	52	8
Sorghum	-	3	50	42	5
Alfalfa	1	2	26	60	11
Pasture	-	1	20	54	25

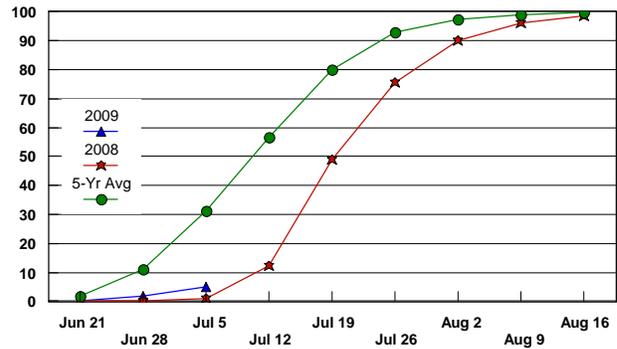
**Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture Percents**

District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture Percents			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
June 29-July 5		July 5			
Northwest	5.0	-	1	83	16
Northeast	5.4	-	3	78	19
West	5.3	-	-	76	24
Central	4.2	-	1	62	37
East	5.6	-	7	84	9
W Southwest	5.6	-	-	69	31
E Southeast	5.7	-	1	74	25
Southwest	5.3	-	-	74	26
Southeast	6.6	-	19	78	3
State	5.3	-	3	75	22

**Corn - Average Height**  
Illinois



**Corn - Percent Silked**  
Illinois

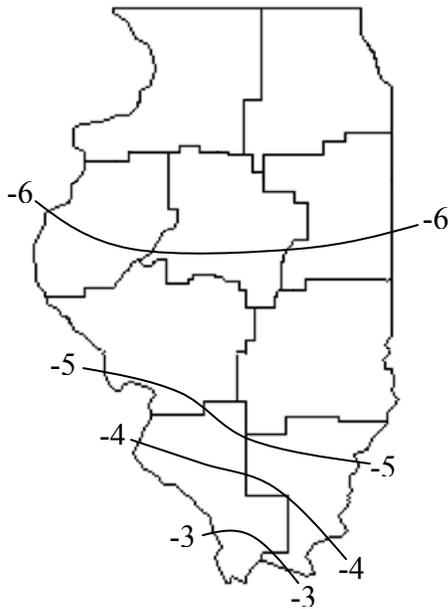


**Crop Progress Percents by Districts**

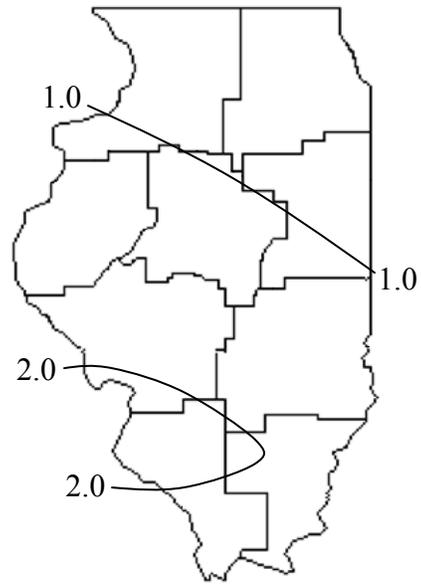
District	Corn	Soybeans
	Height	Emerged
July 5		
Northwest	43	98
Northeast	35	99
West	42	96
Central	51	100
East	42	99
W Southwest	43	87
E Southeast	32	83
Southwest	30	83
Southeast	36	84
State	41	94

**Weather Information Table**

District	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure	Since May 1	Departure
	June 29 - July 5					
Northwest	65.7	-6.7	0.61	-0.41	1,025	-64
Northeast	65.2	-6.7	0.35	-0.59	969	-80
West	68.7	-6.2	1.22	0.10	1,161	-38
Central	67.7	-6.3	1.29	0.34	1,150	-29
East	67.6	-6.0	1.09	0.05	1,157	-8
W Southwest	70.2	-5.6	1.52	0.67	1,240	-12
E Southeast	70.0	-5.7	1.36	0.32	1,277	17
Southwest	73.0	-4.0	2.20	1.25	1,356	48
Southeast	72.5	-4.5	1.85	0.77	1,376	52
State	68.8	-5.8	1.24	0.25	1,182	-16



Temperature (°F) Departure  
June 29 - July 5



Precipitation (in.) Total  
June 29 - July 5

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