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## Agricultural Summary

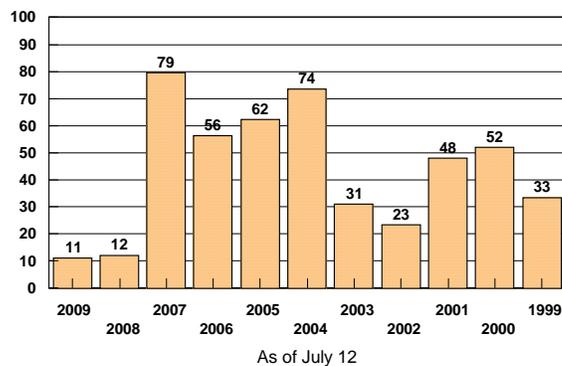
Illinois farmers had 4.5 days suitable for fieldwork last week, in between dodging showers that rolled across Northern and Southern areas. Temperatures average 72.5 degrees, which was 3.6 degrees below normal, while precipitation was 0.33 inches above normal last week. Topsoil moisture was 3 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 21 percent surplus. Wheat was reported at 85 percent harvested, compared to 78 percent last year and a five-year average of 92 percent. Corn is 11 percent silked, in line with last year's 12 percent, but way behind the five-year average of 57 percent. Corn was rated at 60 percent good to excellent condition. Soybeans were 11 percent blooming, half of what it was last year at this time at 22 percent with a five-year average of 51 percent. Soybeans were rated at 60 percent good to excellent condition. Farmers, in most areas, spent time last week applying herbicides, mowing roads, baling hay and combining wheat.

### Crop Progress Percents

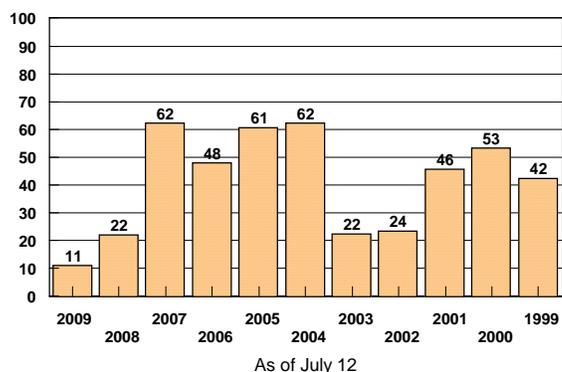
	This Week	Last Week	2008	5-Year Average
July 12				
<b>CORN:</b>				
Silked	11	5	12	57
Dough	<u>1</u> /	<u>1</u> /	1	6
<b>SOYBEANS:</b>				
Blooming	11	4	22	51
Setting Pods	3	1	2	8
<b>SORGHUM:</b>				
Headed	<u>1</u> /	<u>1</u> /	14	16
<b>WHEAT:</b>				
Ripe	97	91	97	99
Harvested	85	62	78	92
<b>OATS:</b>				
Filled	91	62	95	98
Turning Yellow	47	24	57	80
Ripe	18	8	13	35
Harvested	9	4	6	17
<b>ALFALFA:</b>				
Second Cutting	60	36	50	73
Third Cutting	3	1	6	9
<b>RED CLOVER:</b>				
Cutting	91	85	92	96

1/ Less than one percent.

**Corn - Percent Silked**  
Illinois



**Soybeans - Percent Blooming**  
Illinois



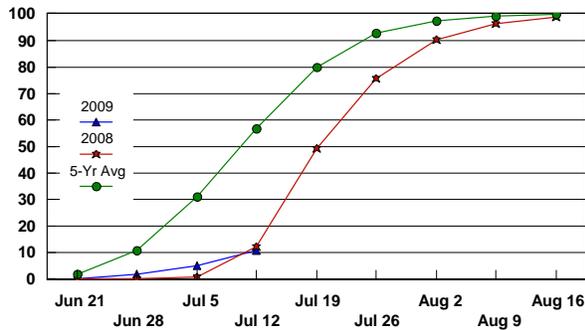
**Crop Condition Percents**

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
July 12					
Corn	3	9	28	48	12
Soybeans	2	7	31	49	11
Sorghum	1	5	44	48	2
Alfalfa	2	4	23	59	12
Pasture	1	1	16	55	27

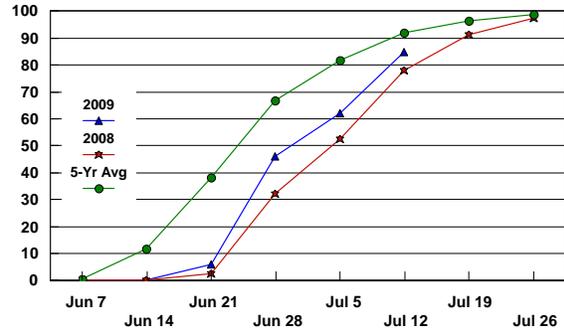
**Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture Percents**

District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture Percents			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
July 6 - 12		July 12			
Northwest	4.0	-	1	77	22
Northeast	4.2	-	1	92	7
West	4.8	-	1	88	11
Central	3.8	-	1	62	37
East	4.7	2	9	83	6
W Southwest	5.6	-	2	75	23
E Southeast	4.8	-	1	81	18
Southwest	2.6	-	-	27	73
Southeast	3.3	-	2	48	50
State	4.5	-	3	76	21

**Corn - Percent Silked**  
Illinois



**Winter Wheat - Percent Harvested**  
Illinois

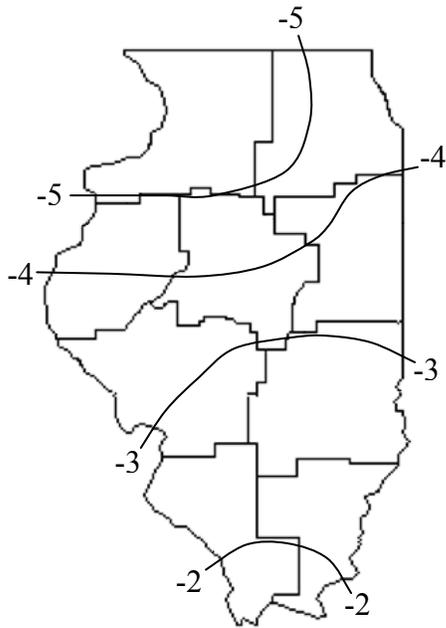


**Crop Progress Percents by Districts**

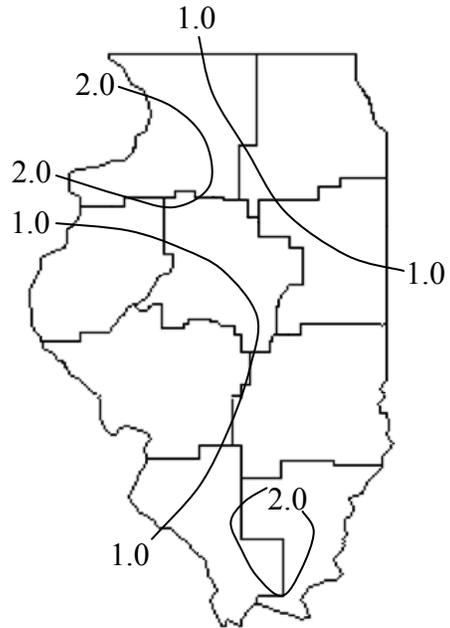
District	Corn Silked	Soybeans Blooming
	July 12	
Northwest	8	19
Northeast	2	2
West	6	18
Central	12	23
East	8	8
W Southwest	26	8
E Southeast	11	2
Southwest	22	16
Southeast	25	5
State	11	11

**Weather Information Table**

District	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure	Since May 1	Departure
July 6 - 12						
Northwest	68.7	-5.4	1.88	1.09	1,123	-95
Northeast	68.9	-5.0	0.79	0.08	1,077	-95
West	72.7	-3.8	0.54	-0.24	1,320	-55
Central	71.5	-4.0	0.97	0.20	1,295	-45
East	71.5	-3.5	1.08	0.26	1,297	-24
W Southwest	73.9	-3.2	0.29	-0.46	1,422	-17
E Southeast	74.4	-2.7	1.15	0.34	1,464	15
Southwest	76.1	-2.3	1.61	0.77	1,574	55
Southeast	76.3	-2.1	1.87	1.12	1,601	63
State	72.5	-3.6	1.11	0.33	1,342	-26



Temperature (°F) Departure  
July 6 - 12



Precipitation (in.) Total  
July 6 - 12

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