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Agricultural Summary

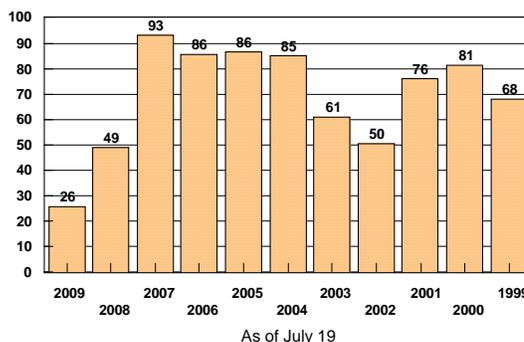
Cool temperatures swept across Illinois this past week. Crops are continuing to lag behind the five-year average. Corn silked at 26 percent is the lowest since 1997. Soybeans blooming at 24 percent are at their lowest since 1996. Producers are hoping for warmer temperatures to aid in crop development. Field activities included spraying and mowing. There were 5.0 days suitable for fieldwork reported. Topsoil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 6 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 16 percent surplus. Temperatures statewide averaged 69.3 degrees, 7.4 degrees below average. Precipitation averaged 1.05 inches, 0.26 inch above average.

Crop Progress Percents

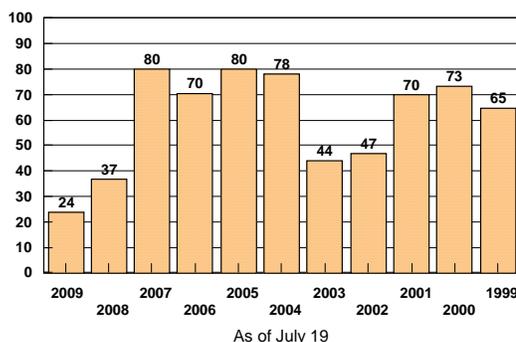
	This Week	Last Week	2008	5-Year Average
July 19				
CORN:				
Silked	26	11	49	80
Dough	1	<u>1</u> /	3	15
Dent	<u>1</u> /	<u>1</u> /	<u>1</u> /	1
SOYBEANS:				
Blooming	24	11	37	69
Setting Pods	4	3	5	20
SORGHUM:				
Headed	1	<u>1</u> /	15	31
Coloring	<u>1</u> /	<u>1</u> /	<u>1</u> /	1
WHEAT:				
Harvested	93	85	91	97
OATS:				
Turning Yellow	78	47	86	93
Ripe	30	18	30	55
Harvested	15	9	11	29
ALFALFA:				
Second Cutting	80	60	68	85
Third Cutting	5	3	8	14
RED CLOVER:				
Cutting	94	91	93	96

1/ Less than one percent.

Corn - Percent Silked
Illinois



Soybeans - Percent Blooming
Illinois



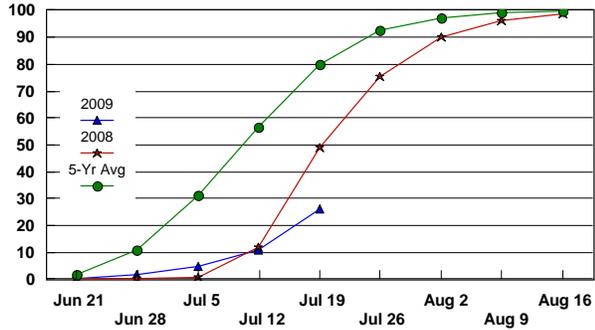
Crop Condition Percents

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
July 19					
Corn	4	8	28	48	12
Soybeans	4	7	32	48	9
Sorghum	-	5	57	37	1
Pasture	1	2	14	61	22

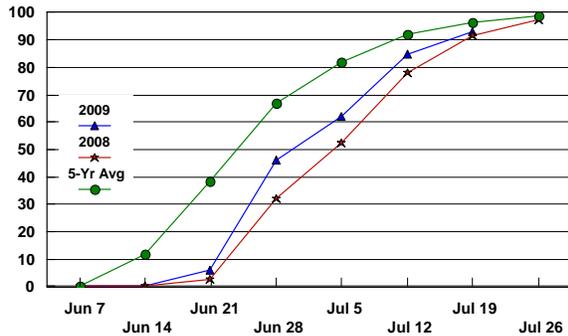
Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture Percents

District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture Percents			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
July 13 - 19		July 19			
Northwest	5.5	-	1	85	14
Northeast	5.0	-	6	93	1
West	5.4	-	18	69	13
Central	5.0	-	9	65	26
East	5.7	4	12	81	3
W Southwest	4.3	1	1	73	25
E Southeast	5.5	-	1	87	12
Southwest	5.0	-	-	96	4
Southeast	1.7	-	-	37	63
State	5.0	1	6	77	16

Corn - Percent Silked
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Winter Wheat - Percent Harvested
Illinois

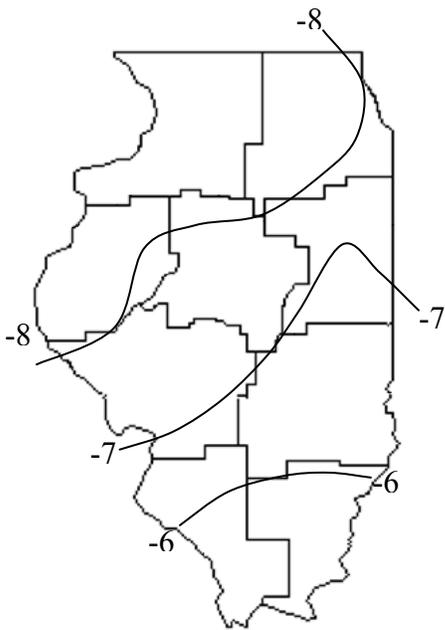


Crop Progress Percents by Districts

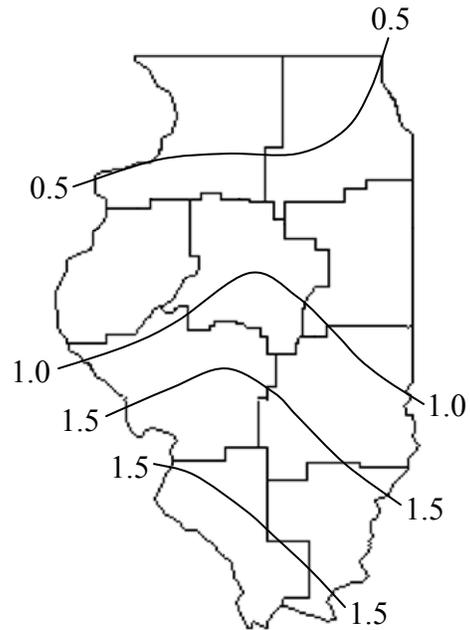
District	Corn Silked	Soybeans Blooming	Soybeans Setting Pods
July 19			
Northwest	21	32	4
Northeast	6	23	1
West	19	27	13
Central	34	40	8
East	26	20	1
W Southwest	40	29	1
E Southeast	24	5	1
Southwest	28	18	1
Southeast	43	17	1
State	26	24	4

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure	Since May 1	Departure
July 13 - 19						
Northwest	66.3	-8.5	0.56	-0.40	1,240	-151
Northeast	66.6	-8.2	0.54	-0.46	1,196	-150
West	69.1	-8.1	0.84	0.05	1,455	-111
Central	68.5	-7.7	0.91	0.08	1,427	-97
East	68.5	-7.1	0.70	-0.18	1,429	-71
W Southwest	70.0	-7.7	1.80	1.21	1,563	-70
E Southeast	70.8	-6.8	1.22	0.49	1,612	-30
Southwest	72.7	-6.0	1.30	0.69	1,735	15
Southeast	72.9	-5.8	1.65	0.95	1,761	23
State	69.3	-7.4	1.05	0.26	1,479	-76



Temperature (°F) Departure
July 13 - 19



Precipitation (in.) Total
July 13 - 19

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