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Agricultural Summary

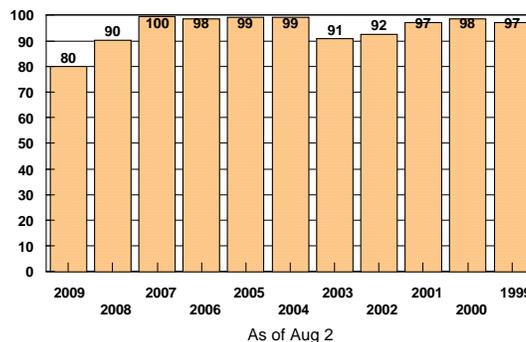
Cool temperatures across Illinois this past week have slowed crop development. Some soybean fields in the western part of the state are yellowing due to excess moisture. Overall, crops appear to be doing well, but are lagging behind normal progress. Field activities included mowing, scouting, and spraying. There were 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork reported. Topsoil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 11 percent short, 78 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus. Soybeans are 18 percent setting pods, compared to 29 percent in 2008 and 58 percent for the five-year average. Temperatures statewide averaged 70.4 degrees, 3.9 degrees below average. Statewide precipitation averaged 0.80 inches, 0.06 inch above average.

Crop Progress Percents

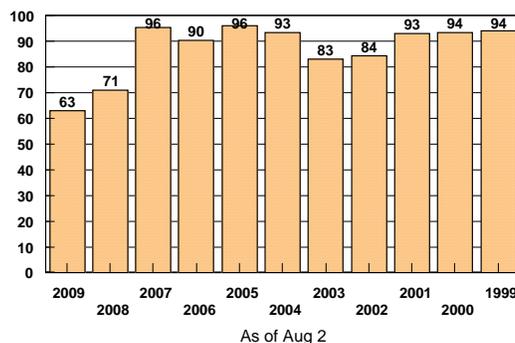
	This Week	Last Week	2008	5-Year Average
August 2				
CORN:				
Silked	80	53	90	97
Dough	16	6	25	50
Dent	1	<u>1</u> /	2	10
SOYBEANS:				
Blooming	63	46	71	89
Setting Pods	18	9	29	58
Turning Yellow	<u>1</u> /	<u>1</u> /	<u>1</u> /	1
SORGHUM:				
Headed	16	4	39	70
Coloring	<u>1</u> /	<u>1</u> /	2	10
OATS:				
Turning Yellow	97	86	99	100
Ripe	73	39	91	97
Harvested	46	20	59	81
ALFALFA:				
Second Cutting	94	92	92	96
Third Cutting	22	10	23	37

1/ Less than one percent.

Corn - Percent Silked
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Soybeans - Percent Blooming
Illinois



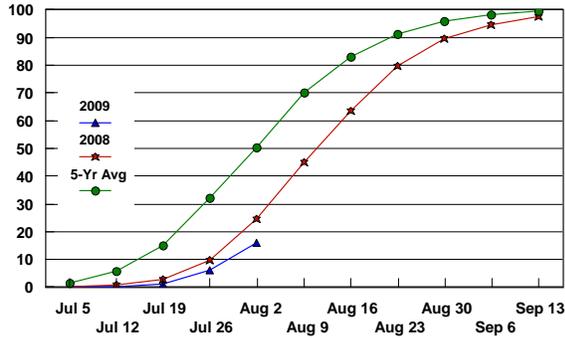
Crop Condition Percents

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
August 2					
Corn	3	8	29	48	12
Soybeans	3	7	32	48	10
Sorghum	1	6	51	39	3
Pasture	1	2	18	60	19

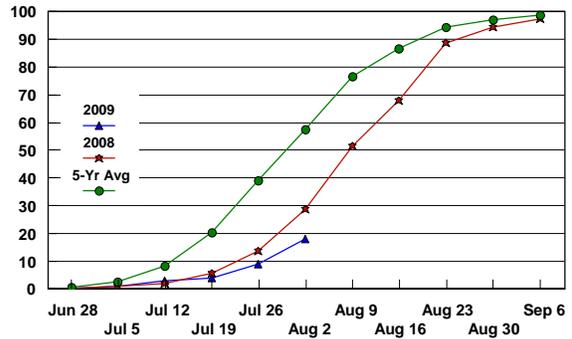
Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture Percents

District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture Percents			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
July 27 - Aug. 2		August 2			
Northwest	5.1	-	2	81	17
Northeast	5.5	-	11	88	1
West	6.3	-	16	84	-
Central	4.5	-	4	74	22
East	6.3	6	25	69	-
W Southwest	6.0	-	17	81	2
E Southeast	5.9	-	6	85	9
Southwest	5.9	-	4	66	30
Southeast	2.9	-	-	60	40
State	5.5	1	11	78	10

Corn - Percent Dough
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Soybeans - Percent Setting Pods
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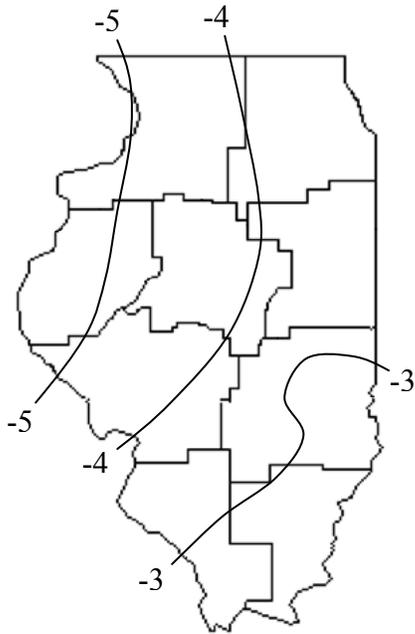


Crop Progress Percents by Districts

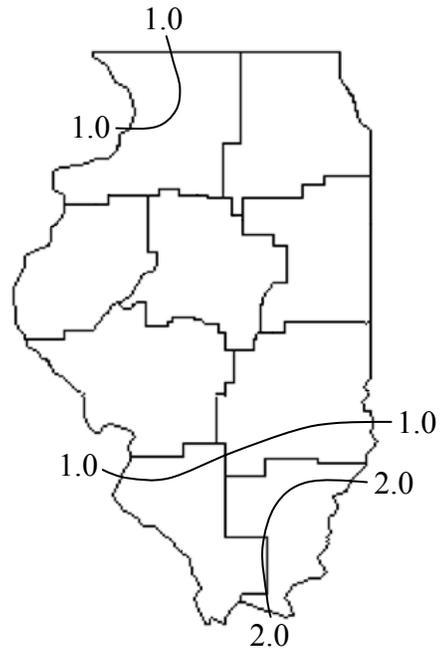
District	Corn Silked	Corn Dough	Soybeans Blooming	Soybeans Setting Pods
August 2				
Northwest	78	12	69	20
Northeast	58	3	53	11
West	81	10	49	28
Central	93	14	80	26
East	83	11	73	22
W Southwest	83	40	71	37
E Southeast	75	17	39	7
Southwest	63	17	54	15
Southeast	91	38	41	15
State	80	16	63	18

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure	Since May 1	Departure
July 27 - August 2						
Northwest	67.6	-4.8	0.89	0.30	1,489	-225
Northeast	68.7	-3.7	0.41	-0.29	1,461	-208
West	69.6	-5.0	0.51	-0.22	1,735	-187
Central	69.2	-4.4	0.43	-0.27	1,702	-164
East	69.6	-3.6	0.53	-0.22	1,705	-131
W Southwest	70.8	-4.3	0.67	-0.13	1,856	-141
E Southeast	72.2	-2.9	0.59	-0.34	1,918	-89
Southwest	73.4	-3.0	1.46	0.67	2,059	-44
Southeast	73.8	-2.7	2.17	1.46	2,089	-34
State	70.4	-3.9	0.80	0.06	1,766	-140



Temperature (°F) Departure
July 27 - August 2



Precipitation (in.) Total
July 27 - August 2

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