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Agricultural Summary

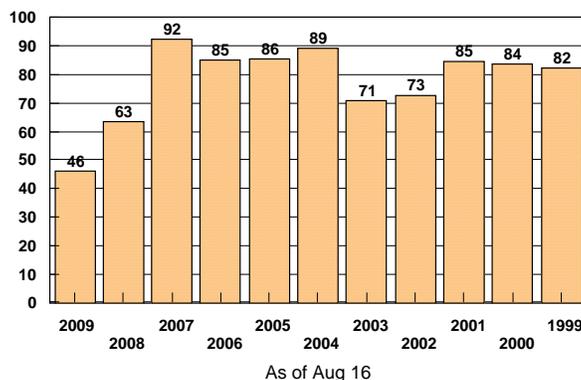
Much needed rain fell this past weekend, while warmer weather earlier last week aided in crop development. There were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork reported. Mowing, scouting, spraying and visiting the State Fair were included in last week's farm activities. Topsoil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 20 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus. Corn is 96 percent silked compared to 99 percent last year. Corn in the dough stage is at 46 percent, still 17 percentage points behind last year. Corn was rated 62 percent good to excellent. Soybeans are 58 percent setting pods, compared to 68 percent in 2008 and 87 percent for the five-year average. Soybeans were rated 60 percent good to excellent. Temperatures statewide averaged 74.5 degrees, 0.8 degree above average. Statewide precipitation averaged 0.33 inches, 0.58 inch below average.

Crop Progress Percents

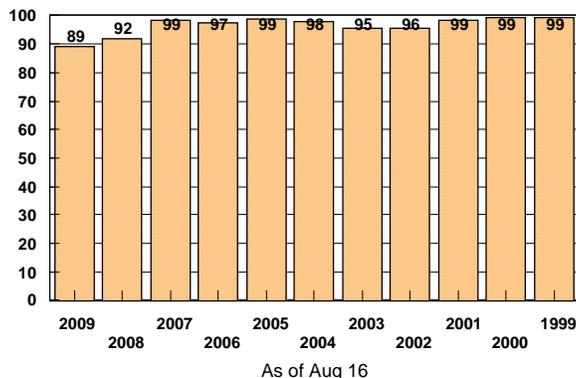
	This Week	Last Week	2008	5-Year Average
August 16				
CORN:				
Silked	96	92	99	100
Dough	46	29	63	83
Dent	6	2	11	40
SOYBEANS:				
Blooming	89	81	92	97
Setting Pods	58	42	68	87
Turning Yellow	<u>1</u> /	<u>1</u> /	<u>1</u> /	2
SORGHUM:				
Headed	54	29	66	87
Coloring	2	<u>1</u> /	24	38
OATS:				
Ripe	98	94	100	100
Harvested	85	74	97	98
ALFALFA:				
Third Cutting	43	38	63	69

1/ Less than one percent.

Corn - Percent Dough
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Soybeans - Percent Blooming
Illinois



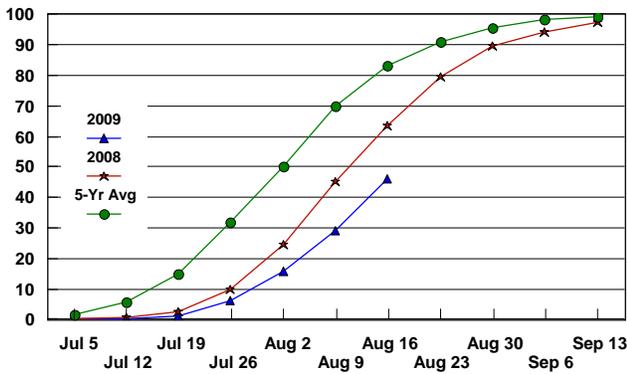
Crop Condition Percents

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
August 16					
Corn	2	8	28	49	13
Soybeans	2	7	31	50	10
Sorghum	-	3	37	54	6
Pasture	-	4	24	50	22

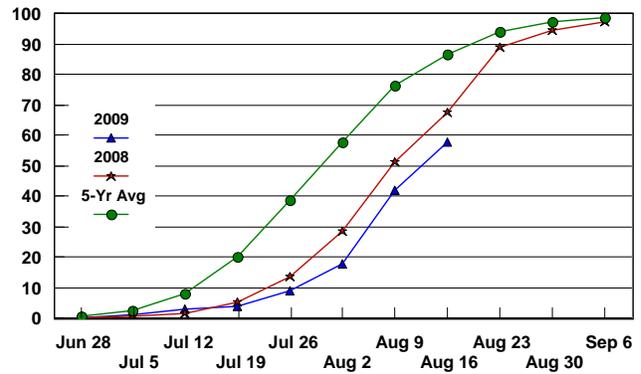
Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture Percents

District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture Percents			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
August 10 - 16		August 16			
Northwest	5.4	1	4	85	10
Northeast	5.8	-	10	90	-
West	6.1	-	7	68	25
Central	4.7	-	7	67	26
East	6.5	5	51	44	-
W Southwest	6.4	-	23	69	8
E Southeast	6.8	-	33	66	1
Southwest	5.0	-	-	100	-
Southeast	6.8	4	24	72	-
State	6.1	1	20	70	9

Corn - Percent Dough
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Soybeans - Percent Setting Pods
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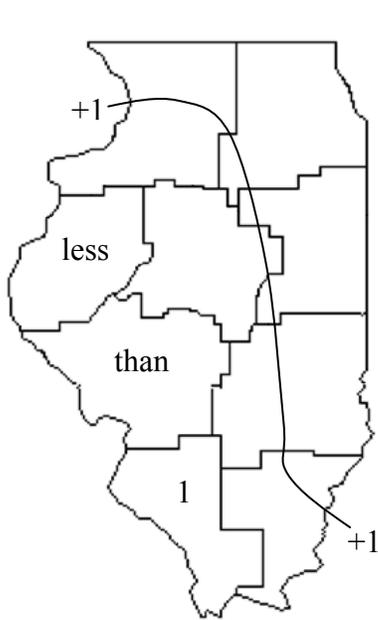


Crop Progress Percents by Districts

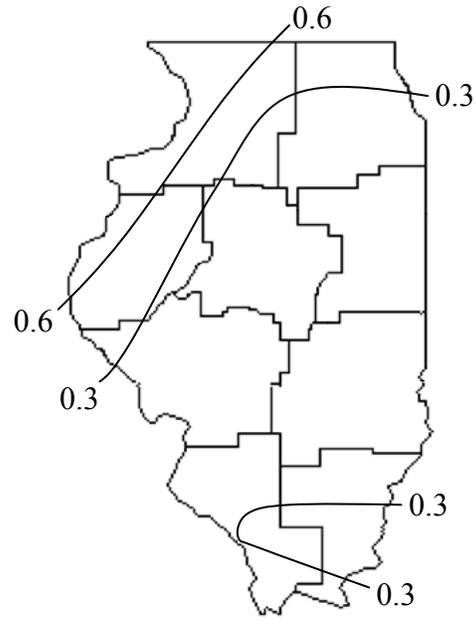
District	Corn Dent	Corn Dough	Soybeans Blooming	Soybeans Setting Pods
August 16				
Northwest	3	39	92	65
Northeast	2	37	90	74
West	3	39	90	42
Central	7	65	100	86
East	1	30	96	57
W Southwest	12	53	90	46
E Southeast	7	58	79	39
Southwest	5	40	92	60
Southeast	24	75	97	84
State	6	46	89	58

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days		
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure	Since May 1	Departure	
		August 10 - 16					
Northwest	72.5	0.9	0.77	-0.30	1,839	-188	
Northeast	73.2	1.6	0.29	-0.81	1,815	-173	
West	74.1	0.2	0.51	-0.49	2,072	-141	
Central	73.5	0.5	0.16	-0.79	2,034	-130	
East	73.8	1.4	0.13	-0.86	2,041	-93	
W Southwest	74.8	0.1	0.18	-0.59	2,188	-98	
E Southeast	76.0	1.3	0.10	-0.69	2,246	-54	
Southwest	76.3	0.3	0.41	-0.42	2,380	3	
Southeast	76.9	0.9	0.53	-0.16	2,413	10	
State	74.5	0.8	0.33	-0.58	2,101	-101	



Temperature (°F) Departure
August 10 - 16



Precipitation (in.) Total
August 10 - 16

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