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Agricultural Summary

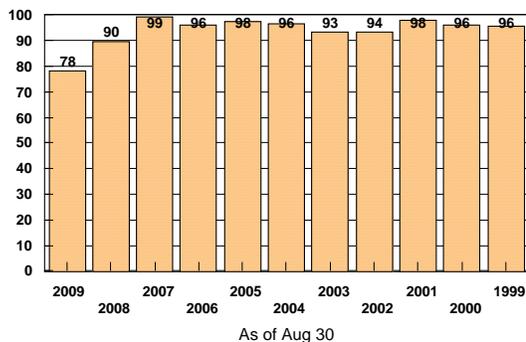
Continued cooler temperatures and above average rainfall this past week slowed the crop maturity rate. This weather pattern is enabling white mold to become more prevalent in soybean fields throughout the state. There were only 4.5 days suitable for fieldwork reported. Topsoil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 8 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 16 percent surplus. Corn in the dough stage is at 78 percent with dented at 26 percent. Corn was rated at 62 percent good to excellent and 27 percent fair and 11 percent rated as poor or very poor. Soybeans are 91 percent setting pods, compared to 95 percent in 2008 and 98 percent for the five-year average. Soybeans were rated at 60 percent good to excellent with 30 percent rated as fair and 10 percent rated as poor or very poor. Temperatures statewide averaged 67.2 degrees, 6.3 degrees below average. Statewide precipitation averaged 1.32 inches, 0.52 inch above average.

Crop Progress Percents

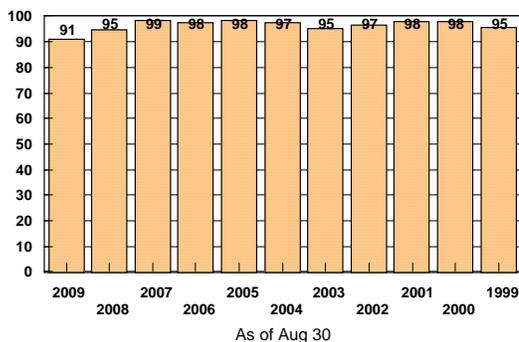
	This Week	Last Week	2008	5-Year Average
August 30				
CORN:				
Dough	78	64	90	96
Dent	26	12	45	73
Mature	2	<u>1</u> / <u>1</u>	2	16
Harvested	<u>1</u> / <u>1</u>	<u>1</u> / <u>1</u>	<u>1</u> / <u>1</u>	1
SOYBEANS:				
Setting Pods	91	72	95	98
Turning Yellow	1	<u>1</u> / <u>1</u>	4	20
Shedding Leaves	<u>1</u> / <u>1</u>	<u>1</u> / <u>1</u>	<u>1</u> / <u>1</u>	5
SORGHUM:				
Headed	80	56	93	98
Coloring	23	4	36	68
Mature	3	<u>1</u> / <u>1</u>	<u>1</u> / <u>1</u>	15
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Third Cutting	70	68	81	85

1/1 Less than one percent.

Corn - Percent Dough
Illinois



Soybeans - Percent Setting Pods
Illinois



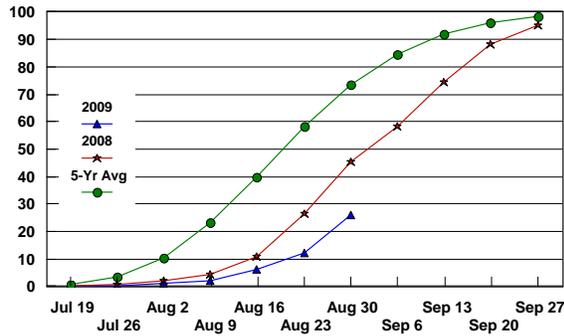
Crop Condition Percents

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
August 30					
Corn	2	9	27	47	15
Soybeans	3	7	30	47	13
Sorghum	-	2	27	69	2
Pasture	1	3	22	55	19

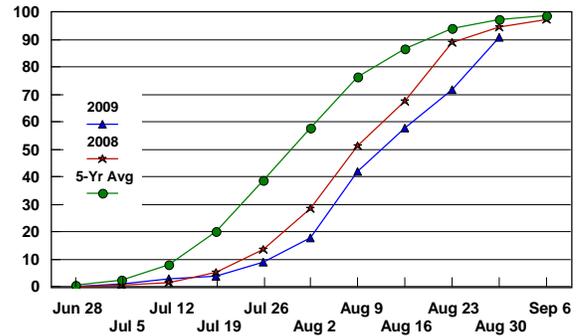
Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture Percents

District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture Percents			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
August 24 - 30		August 30			
Northwest	2.0	-	1	55	44
Northeast	2.8	-	1	73	26
West	4.2	-	-	82	18
Central	4.0	-	3	72	25
East	4.9	2	16	78	4
W Southwest	6.2	-	4	92	4
E Southeast	5.8	2	26	68	4
Southwest	6.0	-	12	88	-
Southeast	5.7	3	27	68	2
State	4.5	1	8	75	16

Corn - Percent Dented
Illinois



Soybeans - Percent Setting Pods
Illinois

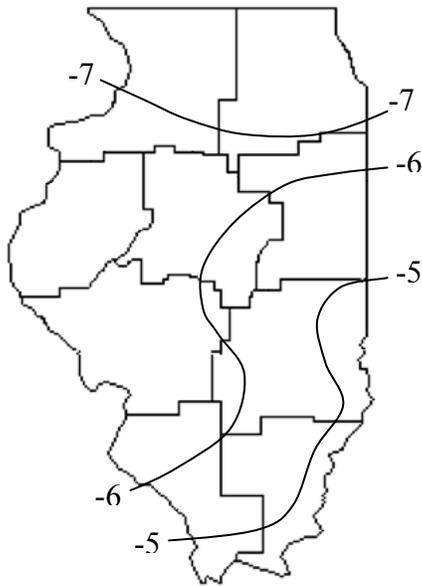


Crop Progress Percents by Districts

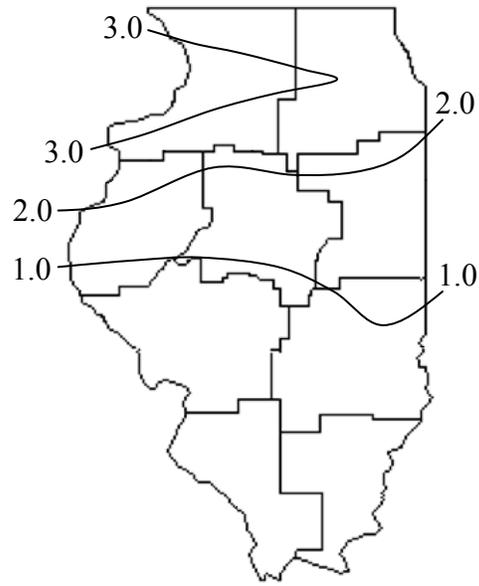
District	Corn Dough	Corn Dent	Soybeans Setting Pods
	August 30		
Northwest	73	20	96
Northeast	73	17	98
West	78	20	83
Central	88	35	99
East	64	15	95
W Southwest	81	37	83
E Southeast	83	31	86
Southwest	80	58	80
Southeast	96	48	98
State	78	26	91

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days		
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure	Since May 1	Departure	
		August 24 - 30					
Northwest	64.1	-7.0	3.11	2.13	2,026	-290	
Northeast	63.9	-7.5	2.87	1.95	2,011	-262	
West	67.1	-6.5	1.42	0.78	2,334	-256	
Central	66.4	-6.5	1.30	0.60	2,286	-226	
East	66.5	-5.8	1.44	0.60	2,294	-171	
W Southwest	68.2	-6.3	0.43	-0.22	2,484	-203	
E Southeast	69.0	-5.5	0.44	-0.39	2,567	-130	
Southwest	69.8	-6.0	0.21	-0.56	2,746	-86	
Southeast	70.8	-5.2	0.24	-0.62	2,786	-69	
State	67.2	-6.3	1.32	0.52	2,375	-193	



Temperature (°F) Departure
August 24 - 30



Precipitation (in.) Total
August 24 - 30

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