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Agricultural Summary

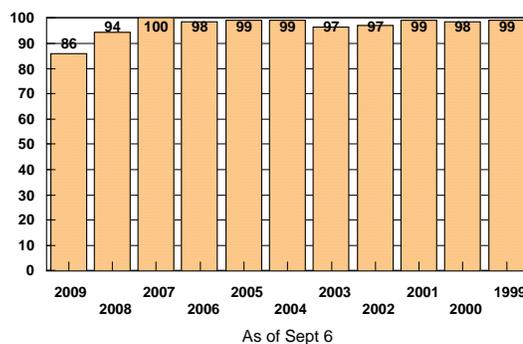
Ongoing cooler temperatures have continued to slow the crop maturity. Many reports of soybean aphids have also been received statewide. There was a welcome break in rainfall statewide, with precipitation returning to normal levels after weeks of above average rainfall. Many farmers were able to take a well deserved break with a trip to the Farm Progress Show as well. There were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork reported. Topsoil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 10 percent short, 82 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus. Corn dented was at 44 percent, well behind the five-year average of 84 percent. Corn was rated at 64 percent good to excellent and 27 percent fair, with 9 percent rated as poor or very poor. Soybeans were 7 percent turning yellow, also far behind the five-year average of 42 percent. Soybeans were rated at 60 percent good to excellent; 31 percent rated as fair and 9 percent rated as poor or very poor. Temperatures statewide averaged 64 degrees, 7.3 degrees below average. Statewide precipitation averaged .61 inches, 0.01 inch below average.

Crop Progress Percents

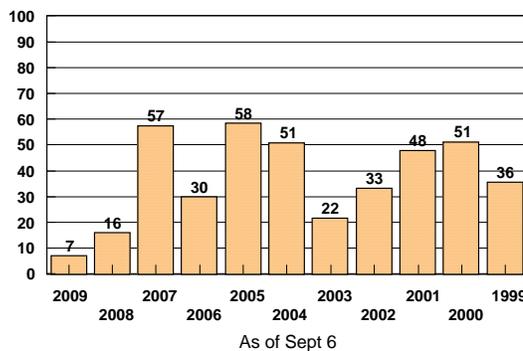
	This Week	Last Week	2008	5-Year Average
September 6				
CORN:				
Dough	86	78	94	98
Dent	44	26	58	84
Mature	3	2	4	31
Harvested	<u>1</u> /	<u>1</u> /	<u>1</u> /	3
SOYBEANS:				
Setting Pods	98	91	99	100
Turning Yellow	7	1	16	42
Shedding Leaves	1	<u>1</u> /	2	15
SORGHUM:				
Headed	81	80	99	99
Coloring	49	23	39	77
Mature	7	3	<u>1</u> /	35
ALFALFA:				
Third Cutting	78	70	88	91

1/ Less than one percent.

Corn - Percent Dough Illinois



Soybeans - Percent Turning Yellow Illinois



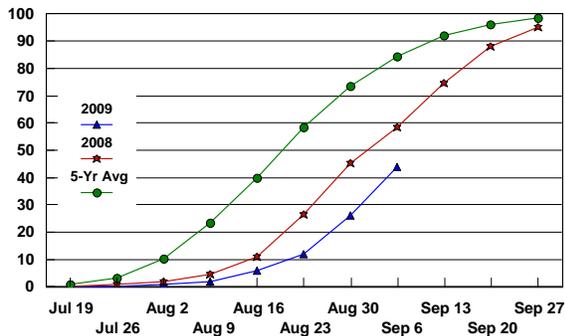
Crop Condition Percents

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
September 6					
Corn	1	8	27	52	12
Soybeans	2	7	31	49	11
Sorghum	1	2	42	53	2
Pasture	1	5	22	54	18

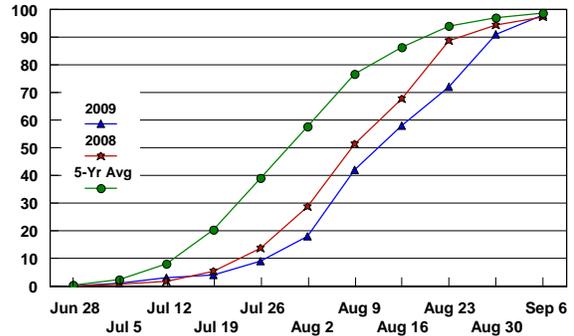
Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture Percents

District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture Percents			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Aug. 31 - Sep. 6		September 6			
Northwest	6.3	-	2	81	17
Northeast	6.3	-	10	90	-
West	6.3	-	-	92	8
Central	4.8	-	4	82	14
East	6.4	6	33	61	-
W Southwest	5.2	-	1	92	7
E Southeast	5.7	-	17	83	-
Southwest	6.0	-	-	91	9
Southeast	6.0	-	12	88	-
State	5.9	1	10	82	7

Corn - Percent Dented
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Soybeans - Percent Setting Pods
Illinois

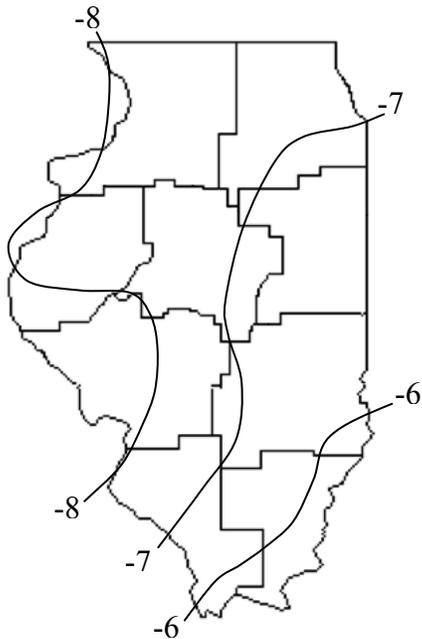


Crop Progress Percents by Districts

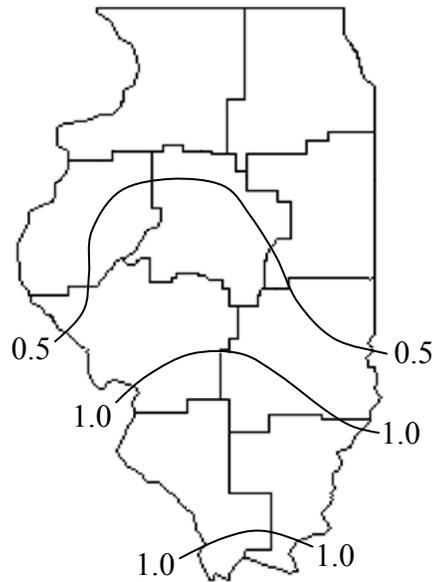
District	Corn Dough	Corn Dent	Soybeans Setting Pods	Soybeans Turning Yellow
August 16				
Northwest	82	32	98	7
Northeast	90	36	99	5
West	85	37	96	8
Central	99	57	99	12
East	82	52	100	6
W Southwest	82	44	94	1
E Southeast	96	48	95	6
Southwest	83	68	89	1
Southeast	99	75	100	16
State	86	44	98	7

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure	Since May 1	Departure
August 31 - September 6						
Northwest	61.0	-7.7	0.08	-0.55	2,105	-343
Northeast	61.6	-7.4	0.06	-0.57	2,093	-312
West	63.8	-7.6	0.55	-0.19	2,432	-308
Central	63.0	-7.6	0.69	0.02	2,379	-278
East	63.5	-6.6	0.20	-0.41	2,392	-214
W Southwest	64.3	-8.0	0.78	0.21	2,586	-258
E Southeast	65.9	-6.5	0.55	-0.04	2,679	-174
Southwest	66.4	-7.2	1.51	0.97	2,859	-138
Southeast	67.6	-6.2	1.38	0.82	2,909	-113
State	64.0	-7.3	0.60	-0.01	2,474	-243



Temperature (°F) Departure
August 31 - September 6



Precipitation (in.) Total
August 31 - September 6

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