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Agricultural Summary

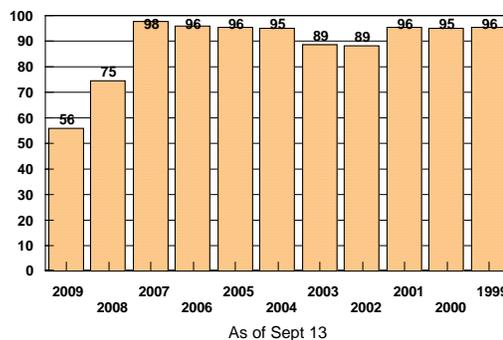
After weeks of cooler temperatures, a week of dry, warmer weather has promoted the maturing of corn and soybeans. Development in corn was aided by the low rainfall amounts and soybean fields have started to shed leaves. Producers were busy with spraying, mowing, cutting hay, and preparing equipment for harvest. There were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork reported. Topsoil moisture was rated 2 percent very short, 19 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Corn in the dough stage is at 91 percent while dented is at 56 percent. Corn was rated at 64 percent good to excellent, 27 percent fair, with 9 percent rated as poor or very poor. Soybeans are 21 percent turning yellow, compared to a five-year average of 65 percent. Soybeans were rated at 61 percent good to excellent, 31 percent fair and 8 percent poor or very poor. Temperatures statewide averaged 69.1 degrees, 0.4 degree below average. Statewide precipitation averaged 0.1 inch, 0.69 inch below average.

Crop Progress Percents

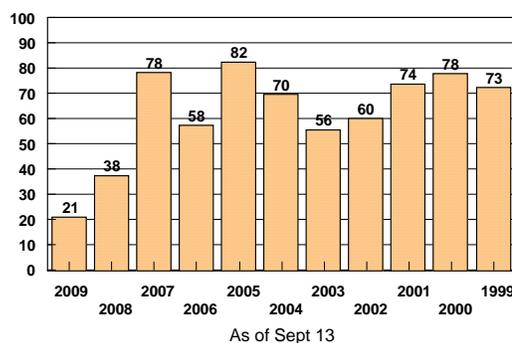
	This Week	Last Week	2008	5-Year Average
September 13				
CORN:				
Dough	91	86	98	100
Dent	56	44	75	92
Mature	6	3	14	50
Harvested	<u>1</u> /	<u>1</u> /	<u>1</u> /	7
SOYBEANS:				
Turning Yellow	21	7	38	65
Shedding Leaves	3	1	6	33
Harvested	<u>1</u> /	<u>1</u> /	<u>1</u> /	2
SORGHUM:				
Headed	93	81	100	100
Coloring	67	49	50	85
Mature	7	7	4	53
Harvested	<u>1</u> /	<u>1</u> /	<u>1</u> /	5
ALFALFA:				
Third Cutting	89	78	90	94
WINTER WHEAT:				
Seeded	<u>1</u> /	<u>1</u> /	1	1

1/ Less than one percent.

Corn - Percent Dented
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Soybeans - Percent Turning Yellow
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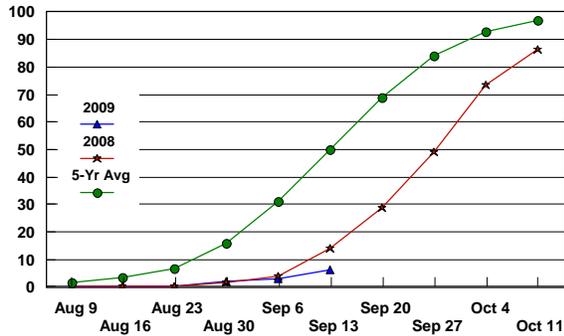
Crop Condition Percents

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
September 13					
Corn	2	7	27	50	14
Soybeans	2	6	31	49	12
Sorghum	-	2	25	70	3
Pasture	1	5	27	54	13

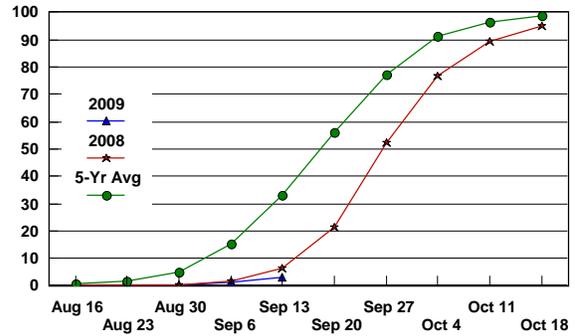
Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture Percents

District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture Percents			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Sept. 7 - 13		September 13			
Northwest	6.7	-	5	92	3
Northeast	6.9	-	20	79	1
West	6.4	-	2	96	2
Central	5.9	1	5	90	4
East	7.0	7	44	49	-
W Southwest	6.4	-	19	78	3
E Southeast	6.5	8	38	54	-
Southwest	6.5	-	-	100	-
Southeast	4.9	4	18	53	25
State	6.5	2	19	76	3

Corn - Percent Mature
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Soybeans - Percent Shedding Leaves
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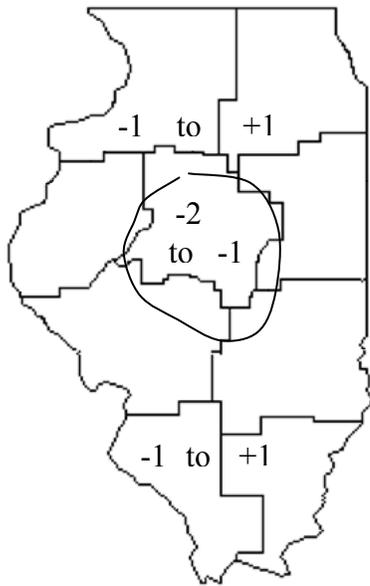


Crop Progress Percents by Districts

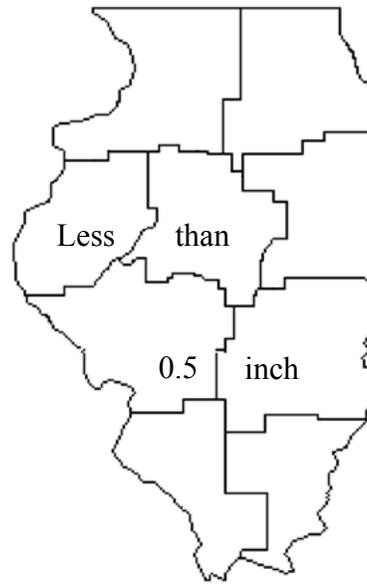
District	Corn Dough	Corn Dent	Corn Mature	Soybeans Turning Yellow	Soybeans Shedding Leaves
September 13					
Northwest	90	54	3	26	7
Northeast	93	41	1	24	2
West	87	48	1	12	1
Central	99	73	9	30	1
East	91	69	2	35	3
W Southwest	94	65	17	12	1
E Southeast	98	57	2	16	4
Southwest	97	77	24	11	2
Southeast	100	92	21	18	6
State	91	56	6	21	3

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure	Since May 1	Departure
	September 7 - 13					
Northwest	67.0	0.0	0.01	-0.83	2,226	-340
Northeast	67.7	0.4	0.01	-0.85	2,221	-306
West	69.1	-0.4	0.10	-0.72	2,568	-309
Central	67.9	-1.2	0.16	-0.59	2,507	-284
East	68.2	-0.5	0.07	-0.68	2,522	-215
W Southwest	69.8	-0.7	0.24	-0.56	2,724	-262
E Southeast	69.9	-0.9	0.05	-0.78	2,821	-178
Southwest	71.3	-0.3	0.14	-0.62	3,010	-139
Southeast	71.6	-0.5	0.18	-0.47	3,063	-113
State	69.1	-0.4	0.10	-0.69	2,610	-244



Temperature (°F) Departure
September 7 - 13



Precipitation (in.) Total
September 7 - 13

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