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Agricultural Summary

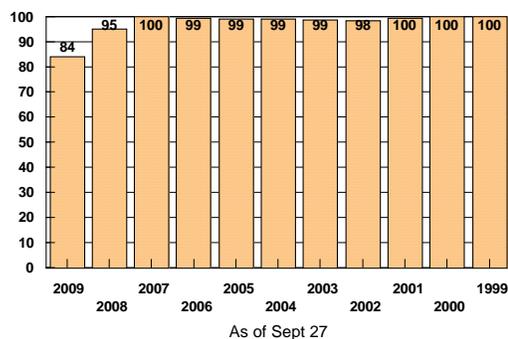
Continuing warmer temperatures have given a boost to the crop maturity rates. A good portion of the corn crop is near maturity, led by the southern part of the state. The first reported harvests of early planted soybean fields have also been reported, though rain in the latter part of the week stopped that activity. There were 4.1 days suitable for fieldwork reported. Topsoil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 9 percent short, 82 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus. Corn in the dent stage was at 84 percent, while the five-year average was 99 percent. Twenty-four percent of the corn crop was reported as mature. Corn was rated at 61 percent good to excellent, with 29 percent fair, and 10 percent rated as poor or very poor. Soybeans were 75 percent turning yellow, compared to a five-year average of 92 percent. Forty-one percent of the soybean crop was reported as shedding leaves. Soybeans were rated at 59 percent good to excellent, 31 percent fair, and 10 percent poor or very poor. Temperatures statewide averaged 67.1 degrees, 6 degrees above the average. Statewide precipitation averaged 1.5 inch, 0.72 inch above average.

Crop Progress Percents

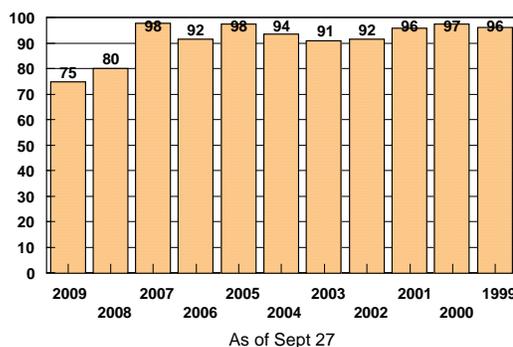
	This Week	Last Week	2008	5-Year Average
September 27				
CORN:				
Dent	84	73	95	99
Mature	24	13	49	84
Harvested	2	1	4	28
SOYBEANS:				
Turning Yellow	75	54	80	92
Shedding Leaves	41	20	52	77
Harvested	1	<u>1</u> / ₁₀₀	5	21
SORGHUM:				
Coloring	85	75	81	95
Mature	24	21	36	78
Harvested	1	<u>1</u> / ₁₀₀	<u>1</u> / ₁₀₀	22
WINTER WHEAT:				
Seeded	5	1	4	6
Emerged	1	<u>1</u> / ₁₀₀	2	1

1/₁₀₀ Less than one percent.

Corn - Percent Dented
Illinois



Soybeans - Percent Turning Yellow
Illinois



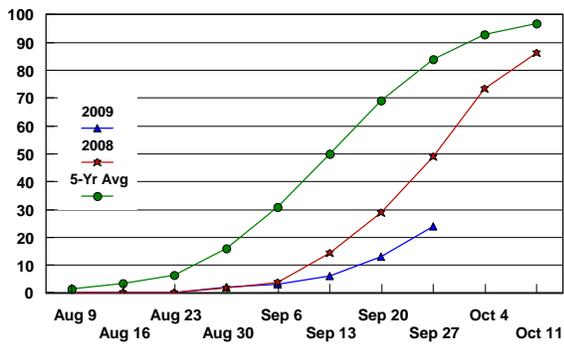
Crop Condition Percents

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
September 27					
Corn	2	8	29	49	12
Soybeans	3	7	31	49	10
Sorghum	-	6	21	71	2
Pasture	1	4	24	59	12

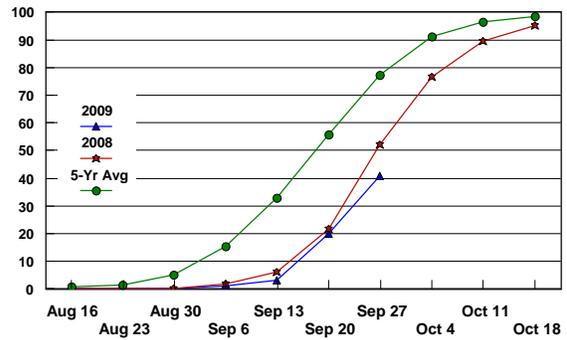
Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture Percents

District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture Percents			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Sept. 21 - 27		September 27			
Northwest	5.1	-	2	86	12
Northeast	3.3	-	5	94	1
West	2.6	-	-	92	8
Central	4.0	1	5	86	8
East	5.1	2	33	64	1
W Southwest	4.0	1	2	82	15
E Southeast	4.4	-	18	82	-
Southwest	4.4	-	-	97	3
Southeast	4.4	-	-	-	100
State	4.1	1	9	82	8

Corn - Percent Mature
Illinois



Soybeans - Percent Shedding Leaves
Illinois

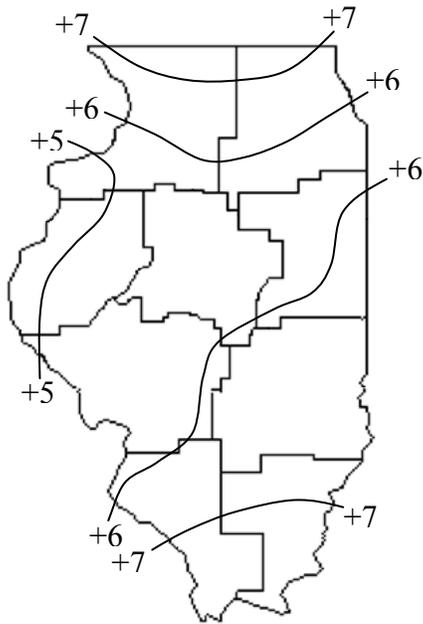


Crop Progress Percents by Districts

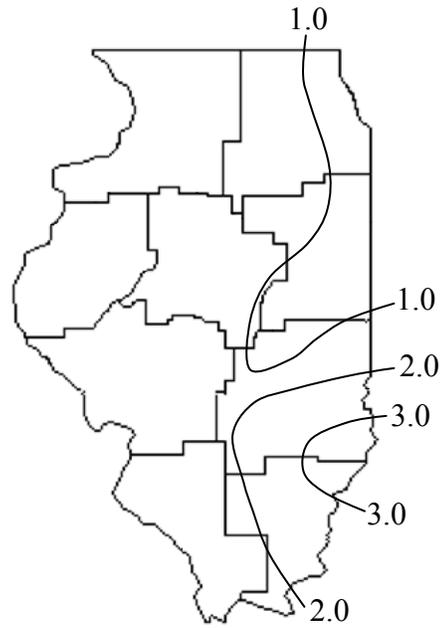
District	Corn Dent	Corn Mature	Soybeans Turning Yellow	Soybeans Shedding Leaves
September 27				
Northwest	77	15	72	39
Northeast	83	4	76	48
West	81	14	71	36
Central	94	40	87	42
East	85	20	95	59
W Southwest	86	36	60	29
E Southeast	84	32	59	29
Southwest	98	42	74	35
Southeast	100	75	70	54
State	84	24	75	41

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure	Since May 1	Departure
September 21 - 27						
Northwest	64.4	6.1	1.65	0.83	2,428	-288
Northeast	64.8	6.0	1.01	0.19	2,428	-256
West	66.0	5.2	1.53	0.71	2,785	-275
Central	65.9	5.4	1.32	0.61	2,722	-250
East	66.2	5.8	0.97	0.34	2,744	-173
W Southwest	67.7	5.7	2.00	1.26	2,964	-223
E Southeast	69.0	6.5	1.65	0.86	3,084	-122
Southwest	69.9	6.6	1.38	0.51	3,289	-77
Southeast	70.7	6.9	1.94	1.06	3,356	-45
State	67.1	6.0	1.50	0.72	2,846	-196



Temperature (°F) Departure
September 21 - 27



Precipitation (in.) Total
September 21 - 27

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