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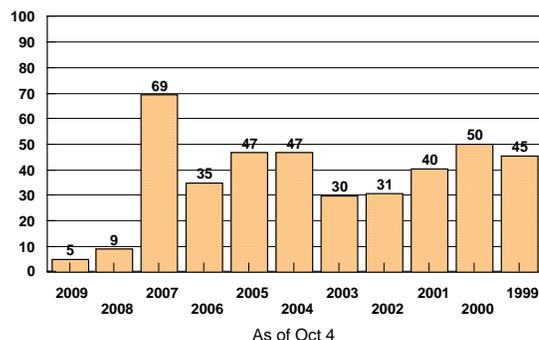
Agricultural Summary

Many producers were able to start a limited harvest this past week. Early planted soybeans are ready for harvest and some corn as well. However, cool temperatures throughout the week and rainfall near the end of the week stopped that activity. Many farmers are waiting for corn moisture levels to drop before the harvest can continue in earnest. There were 3.9 days suitable for fieldwork reported. Topsoil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 6 percent short, 80 percent adequate, and 13 percent surplus. Corn in the dent stage is at 89 percent, with 41 percent mature, and 5 percent harvested. Corn was rated at 65 percent good to excellent, 26 percent fair, and 9 percent poor or very poor. Soybeans are 86 percent turning yellow with 62 percent shedding leaves and 6 percent harvested. Soybeans were rated at 59 percent good to excellent, 31 percent fair and 10 percent poor or very poor. Temperatures statewide averaged 54 degrees, 6.8 degrees below normal. Statewide precipitation averaged 0.72 inch, 0.03 inch below normal.

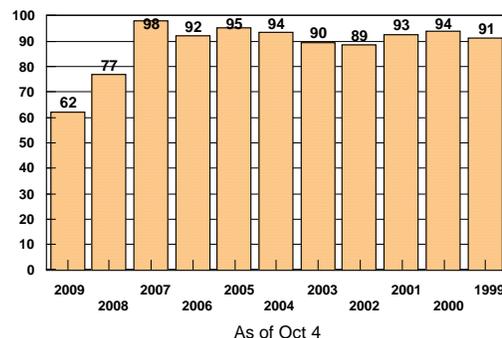
Crop Progress Percents

	This Week	Last Week	2008	5-Year Average
October 4				
CORN:				
Dent	89	84	99	100
Mature	41	24	73	93
Harvested	5	2	9	41
SOYBEANS:				
Turning Yellow	86	75	93	97
Shedding Leaves	62	41	77	91
Harvested	6	1	20	40
SORGHUM:				
Coloring	90	85	97	99
Mature	46	24	61	87
Harvested	7	1	4	38
WINTER WHEAT:				
Seeded	6	5	9	19
Emerged	2	1	3	3

Corn - Percent Harvested
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Soybeans - Percent Shedding Leaves
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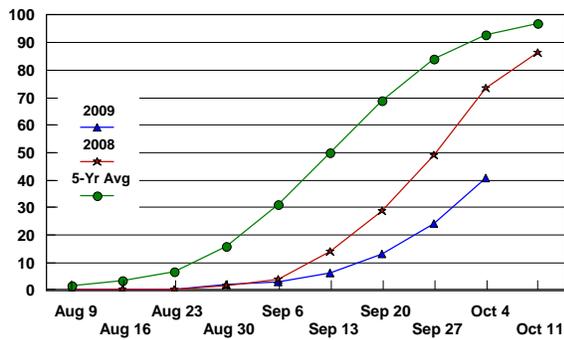
Crop Condition Percents

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
October 4					
Corn	2	7	26	49	16
Soybeans	4	6	31	47	12
Sorghum	1	6	27	54	12
Pasture	-	4	26	58	12

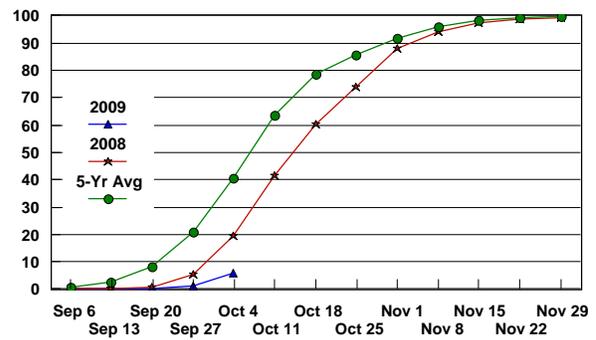
Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture Percents

District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture Percents			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Sept. 28-Oct. 4		October 4			
Northwest	2.7	-	1	70	29
Northeast	3.4	-	-	98	2
West	3.3	-	-	87	13
Central	2.9	2	6	70	22
East	4.3	-	3	91	6
W Southwest	4.6	-	7	80	13
E Southeast	5.2	5	23	67	5
Southwest	6.4	-	10	89	1
Southeast	4.0	-	-	67	33
State	3.9	1	6	80	13

Corn - Percent Mature
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Soybeans - Percent Harvested
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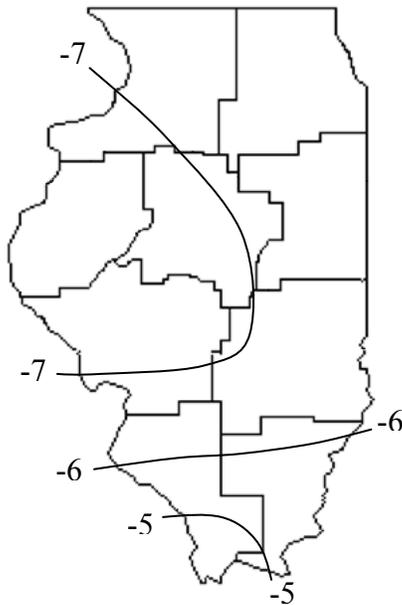


Crop Progress Percents by Districts

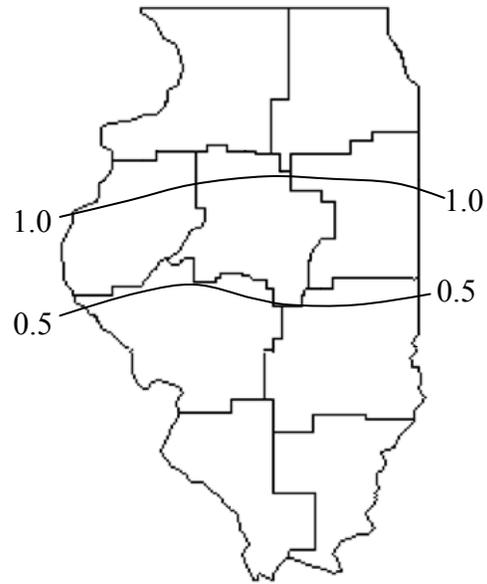
District	Corn Dent	Corn Mature	Corn Harvested	Soybeans Turning Yellow	Soybeans Shedding Leaves	Soybeans Harvested
October 4						
Northwest	86	40	2	81	61	3
Northeast	93	10	1	94	73	1
West	84	25	3	83	52	2
Central	95	57	3	93	66	8
East	86	31	1	97	79	7
W Southwest	91	56	8	73	51	2
E Southeast	92	49	7	82	53	8
Southwest	100	64	27	81	44	13
Southeast	100	78	33	88	71	14
State	89	41	5	86	62	6

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure	Since May 1	Departure
September 28 - October 4						
Northwest	51.5	-6.4	1.42	0.62	2,445	-332
Northeast	51.7	-6.6	1.23	0.43	2,443	-303
West	53.2	-7.6	0.76	-0.22	2,809	-330
Central	53.2	-7.2	0.83	0.00	2,750	-299
East	53.6	-6.5	0.88	0.07	2,773	-218
W Southwest	54.4	-7.6	0.45	-0.26	2,997	-276
E Southeast	55.4	-6.9	0.29	-0.42	3,123	-170
Southwest	57.1	-6.0	0.18	-0.37	3,338	-119
Southeast	57.6	-5.8	0.29	-0.29	3,411	-85
State	54.0	-6.8	0.72	-0.03	2,877	-243



Temperature (°F) Departure
September 28 - October 4



Precipitation (in.) Total
September 28 - October 4

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