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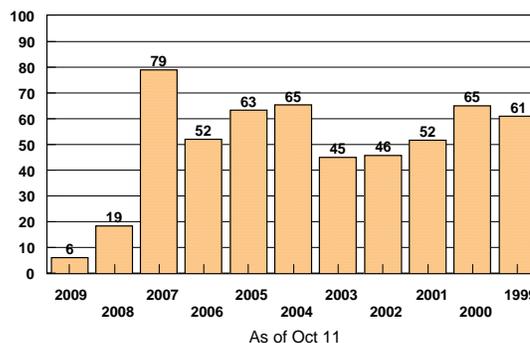
Agricultural Summary

Continued cooler temperatures and above average rainfall have slowed an already sluggish harvest. A weekend frost also occurred in some parts of the state. Many farmers are still waiting for the moisture level to drop before harvest can continue. There were only 2.4 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was rated 68 percent adequate and 32 percent surplus. Fifty-six percent of the corn crop was reported as mature, while the five-year average was 97 percent. Harvest had reached only six percent. Corn was rated at 65 percent good to excellent, 28 percent fair, with 7 percent poor or very poor. Soybeans were 84 percent dropping leaves, compared to a five-year average of 97 percent. Ten percent of the soybean crop was reported as harvested. Soybeans were rated at 64 percent good to excellent, 28 percent fair, and 8 percent poor or very poor. Temperatures statewide averaged 48.6 degrees, 7.6 degrees below average. Precipitation averaged 2.57 inches, two inches above average.

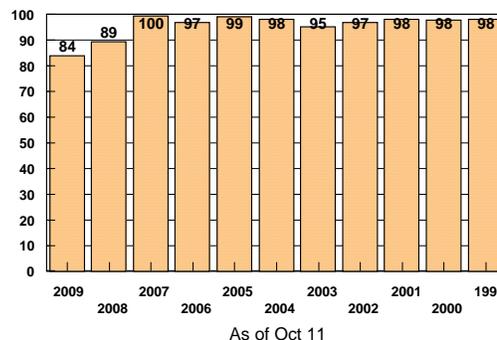
Crop Progress Percents

	This Week	Last Week	2008	5-Year Average
October 11				
CORN:				
Dent	94	89	100	100
Mature	56	41	86	97
Harvested	6	5	19	56
SOYBEANS:				
Turning Yellow	96	86	99	100
Shedding Leaves	84	62	89	97
Harvested	10	6	42	64
SORGHUM:				
Coloring	99	90	100	100
Mature	67	46	74	92
Harvested	8	7	9	55
WINTER WHEAT:				
Seeded	12	6	23	43
Emerged	5	2	6	9

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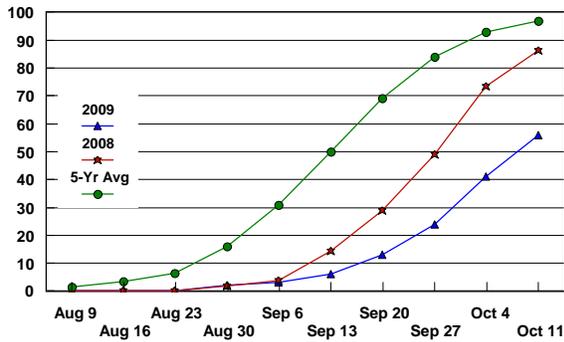
Crop Condition Percents

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
October 11					
Corn	1	6	28	52	13
Soybeans	2	6	28	52	12
Sorghum	-	4	23	66	7
Pasture	1	6	24	55	14

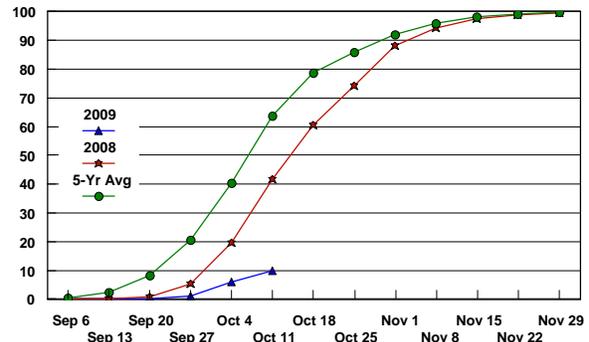
Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture Percents

District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture Percents			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
October 5 - 11		October 11			
Northwest	2.7	-	-	84	16
Northeast	2.5	-	-	99	1
West	2.0	-	-	65	35
Central	1.5	-	-	34	66
East	2.5	-	-	93	7
W Southwest	2.9	-	-	41	59
E Southeast	2.4	-	2	79	19
Southwest	2.9	-	-	59	41
Southeast	2.5	-	-	11	89
State	2.4	-	-	68	32

Corn - Percent Mature
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Soybeans - Percent Harvested
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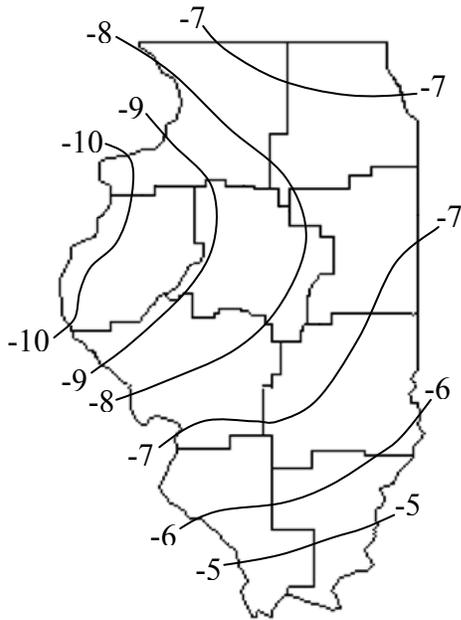


Crop Progress Percents by Districts

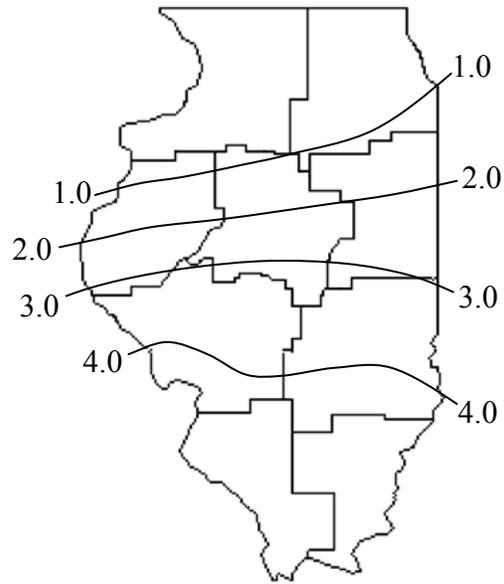
District	Corn Dent	Corn Mature	Corn Harvested	Soybeans Turning Yellow	Soybeans Shedding Leaves	Soybeans Harvested
October 11						
Northwest	90	46	3	92	77	4
Northeast	94	39	1	97	81	6
West	96	46	4	94	82	3
Central	95	69	3	97	89	8
East	93	49	4	100	95	14
W Southwest	96	64	10	87	68	9
E Southeast	94	76	10	100	83	15
Southwest	100	79	28	95	60	16
Southeast	100	95	34	100	91	15
State	94	56	6	96	89	10

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure	Since May 1	Departure
October 5 - 11						
Northwest	45.0	-8.4	0.67	0.09	2,449	-362
Northeast	45.9	-7.7	0.73	0.19	2,449	-333
West	46.5	-9.6	1.75	1.22	2,818	-370
Central	47.1	-8.5	1.76	1.22	2,757	-337
East	48.1	-7.3	2.10	1.49	2,782	-253
W Southwest	49.4	-7.9	3.73	3.18	3,009	-320
E Southeast	50.9	-6.9	3.86	3.21	3,140	-211
Southwest	52.3	-6.4	4.57	3.97	3,364	-158
Southeast	53.8	-5.4	4.54	3.97	3,444	-119
State	48.6	-7.6	2.57	2.00	2,890	-280



Temperature (°F) Departure
October 5 - 11



Precipitation (in.) Total
October 5 - 11

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