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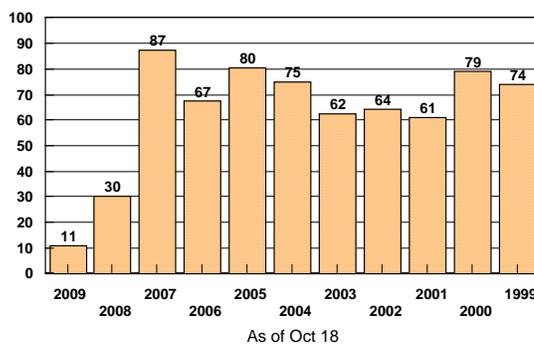
Agricultural Summary

The majority of crops statewide are now ready for harvest. Producers are eager to either start or continue harvest, but weather conditions are making timely harvest difficult to accomplish. Farmers continue to contend with above average rainfall and well below average temperatures. This is keeping moisture levels elevated in fields. There were only 1.9 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was rated 59 percent adequate and 41 percent surplus. Seventy-nine percent of the corn crop was reported as mature with 11 percent harvested. Corn was rated at 66 percent good to excellent, 25 percent fair, with 9 percent rated as poor or very poor. Thirteen percent of the soybean crop is reported as harvested with a five-year average of 79 percent. Soybeans were rated at 63 percent good to excellent, 27 percent fair, and 10 percent rated as poor or very poor. Temperatures statewide averaged 43.7 degrees, 11.7 degrees below average. Precipitation averaged .93 inch, .27 inch above average.

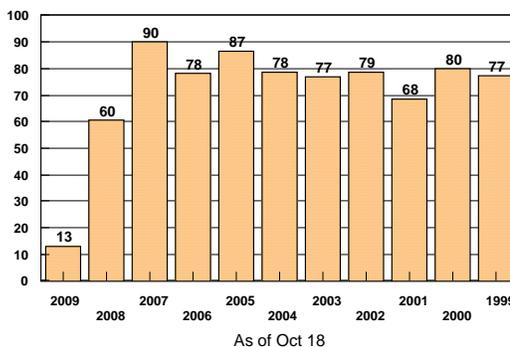
Crop Progress Percents

	This Week	Last Week	2008	5-Year Average
October 18				
CORN:				
Mature	79	56	97	99
Harvested	11	6	30	68
SOYBEANS:				
Shedding Leaves	93	84	95	99
Harvested	13	10	60	79
SORGHUM:				
Mature	84	67	82	95
Harvested	20	8	26	65
WINTER WHEAT:				
Seeded	13	12	48	67
Emerged	6	5	20	27

Corn - Percent Harvested
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Soybeans - Percent Harvested
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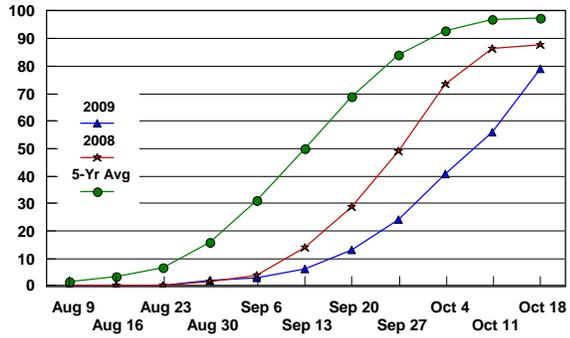
Crop Condition Percents

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
October 18					
Corn	2	7	25	52	14
Soybeans	4	6	27	50	13
Sorghum	-	4	22	65	9
Pasture	1	2	25	56	16

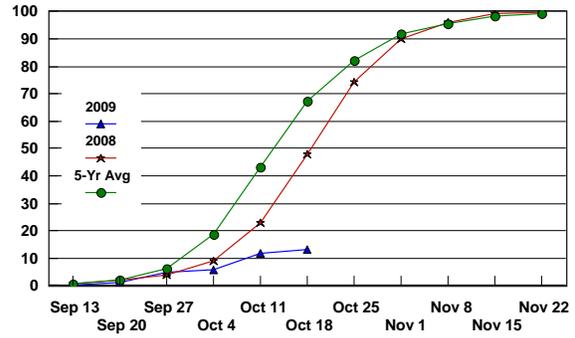
Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture Percents

District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture Percents			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
October 12 - 18		October 18			
Northwest	2.6	-	-	55	45
Northeast	2.3	-	-	92	8
West	1.6	-	-	62	38
Central	1.9	-	1	67	32
East	2.1	-	-	70	30
W Southwest	1.5	-	-	37	63
E Southeast	1.1	-	2	64	34
Southwest	2.6	-	-	42	58
Southeast	2.2	-	-	11	89
State	1.9	-	-	59	41

Corn - Percent Mature
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Winter Wheat - Percent Seeded
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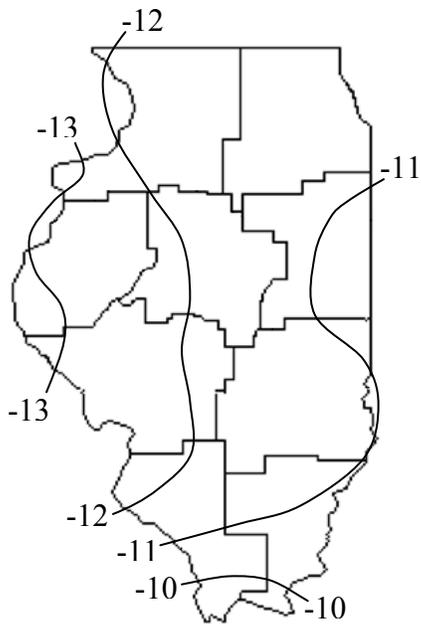


Crop Progress Percents by Districts

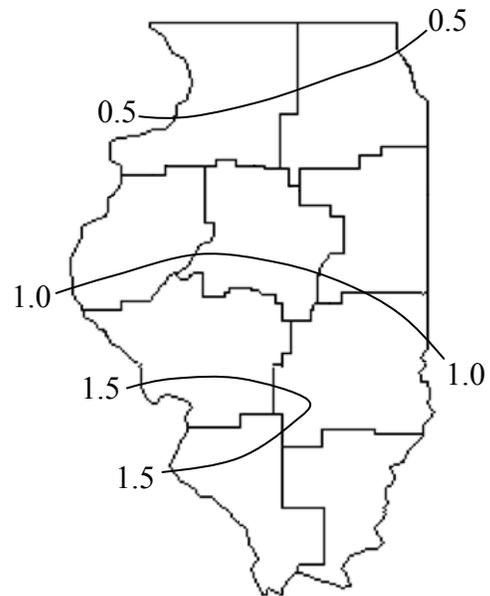
District	Corn Mature	Corn Harvested	Soybeans Shedding Leaves	Soybeans Harvested
October 18				
Northwest	81	9	97	20
Northeast	72	2	94	6
West	57	7	90	6
Central	87	9	97	10
East	82	7	99	15
W Southwest	81	16	85	10
E Southeast	84	16	88	17
Southwest	82	32	92	17
Southeast	96	35	96	20
State	79	11	93	13

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature		Precipitation	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure
October 12 - 18				
Northwest	40.6	-11.7	0.45	-0.22
Northeast	41.0	-11.6	0.53	-0.15
West	42.7	-12.7	0.88	0.26
Central	42.8	-12.0	0.87	0.24
East	43.3	-11.1	0.70	0.07
W Southwest	44.3	-12.3	1.30	0.73
E Southeast	45.5	-11.3	1.22	0.57
Southwest	46.4	-11.6	1.26	0.49
Southeast	47.6	-10.6	1.25	0.50
State	43.7	-11.7	0.93	0.27



Temperature (°F) Departure
October 12 - 18



Precipitation (in.) Total
October 12 - 18

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