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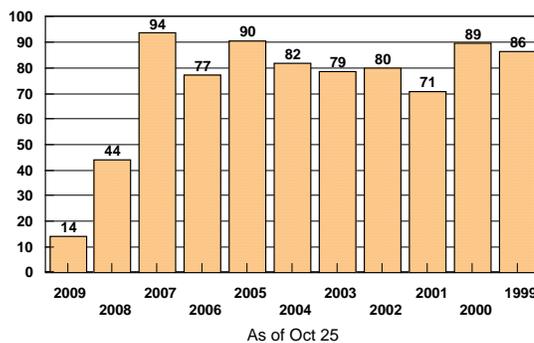
## Agricultural Summary

Farmers were able to get into the fields for harvest the early part of the week. Soybean harvest in particular made noteworthy progress before midweek rains. Some farmers have reported standing water in the fields, forcing them to work around those areas when they are able to harvest. There were 3.1 days suitable for fieldwork reported. Topsoil moisture was rated 30 percent adequate and 70 percent surplus. Fourteen percent of the corn crop was reported as harvested, while the five-year average is 77 percent. Corn was rated at 63 percent good to excellent and 28 percent fair, with 9 percent rated as poor or very poor. The soybean harvest was reported as 33 percent complete, while the five-year average is 86 percent. Soybeans were rated at 56 percent good to excellent, 31 percent rated as fair and 13 percent rated as poor or very poor. Temperatures statewide averaged 53.6 degrees, 1.5 degrees above average. Precipitation averaged 2.06 inches, 1.38 inches above average.

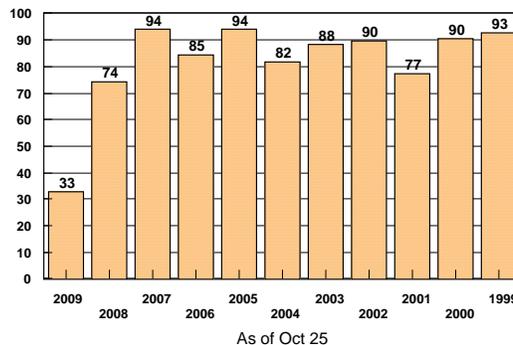
### Crop Progress Percents

	This Week	Last Week	2008	5-Year Average
October 25				
<b>CORN:</b>				
Mature	88	79	98	100
Harvested	14	11	44	77
<b>SOYBEANS:</b>				
Shedding Leaves	98	93	99	100
Harvested	33	13	74	86
<b>SORGHUM:</b>				
Mature	89	84	89	97
Harvested	25	20	38	73
<b>WINTER WHEAT:</b>				
Seeded	33	13	74	82
Emerged	11	6	37	52

**Corn - Percent Harvested**  
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**Soybeans - Percent Harvested**  
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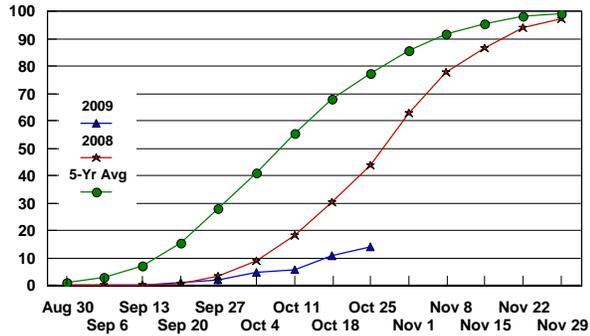
**Crop Condition Percents**

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
October 25					
Corn	2	7	28	50	13
Soybeans	3	10	31	45	11
Sorghum	-	-	35	64	1
Pasture	1	8	25	53	13

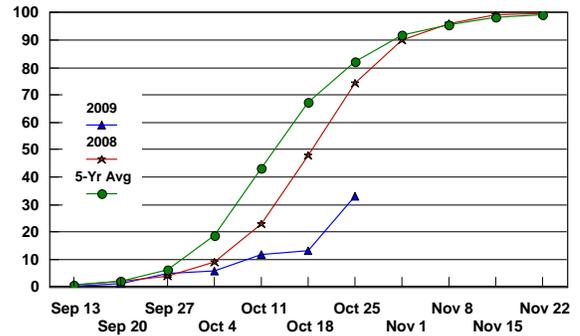
**Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture Percents**

District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture Percents			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
October 19 - 25		October 25			
Northwest	2.3	-	-	20	80
Northeast	3.0	-	-	38	62
West	3.3	-	-	34	66
Central	2.7	-	-	15	85
East	3.8	-	-	29	71
W Southwest	3.0	-	-	24	76
E Southeast	3.7	-	-	68	32
Southwest	3.0	-	-	-	100
Southeast	3.0	-	-	-	100
State	3.1	-	-	30	70

**Corn - Percent Harvested**  
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**Winter Wheat - Percent Seeded**  
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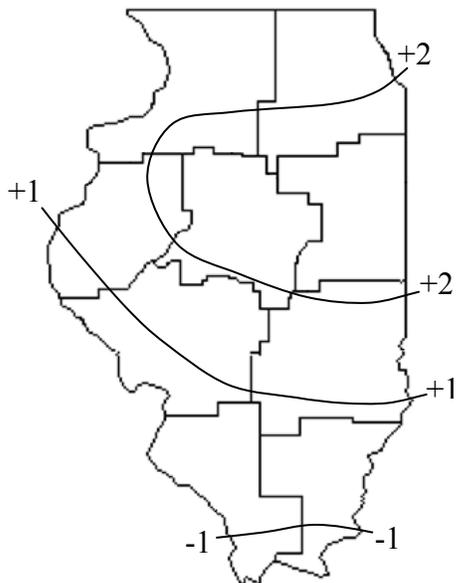


**Crop Progress Percents by Districts**

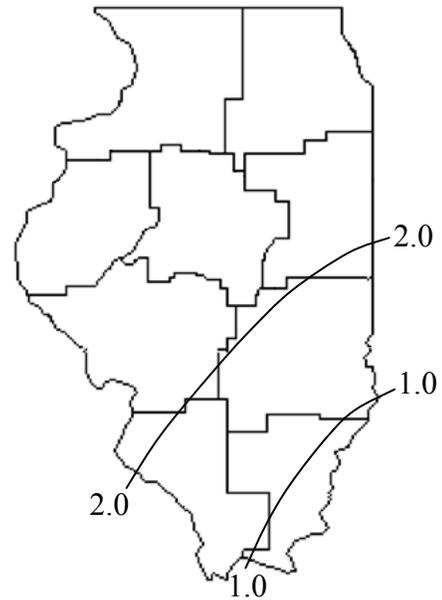
District	Corn Mature	Corn Harvested	Soybeans Shedding Leaves	Soybeans Harvested
October 25				
Northwest	85	10	98	26
Northeast	85	3	98	26
West	79	11	95	18
Central	95	14	100	39
East	85	11	100	55
W Southwest	93	24	98	23
E Southeast	99	23	99	32
Southwest	97	38	93	48
Southeast	97	35	100	37
State	88	14	98	33

**Weather Information Table**

District	Temperature		Precipitation	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure
October 19 - 25				
Northwest	51.4	1.8	2.35	1.76
Northeast	51.6	1.8	2.42	1.86
West	53.8	1.6	2.10	1.47
Central	54.1	2.6	2.32	1.70
East	53.8	2.8	2.25	1.61
W Southwest	54.3	1.0	2.18	1.43
E Southeast	54.6	1.3	1.66	0.88
Southwest	54.8	0.2	1.84	1.05
Southeast	55.0	0.3	1.19	0.43
State	53.6	1.5	2.06	1.38



Temperature (°F) Departure  
October 19 - 25



Precipitation (in.) Total  
October 19 - 25

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