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Agricultural Summary

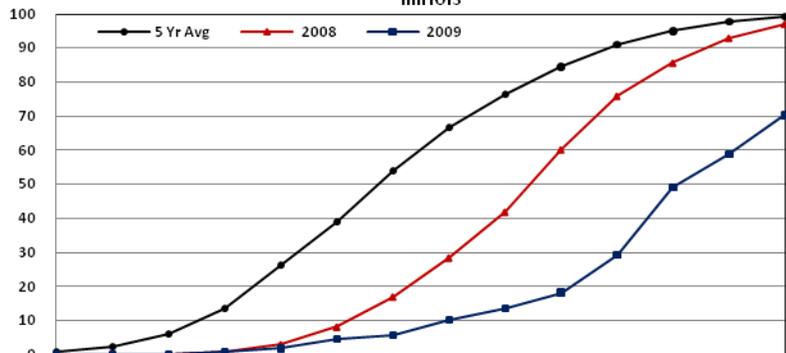
Above normal temperatures and below normal precipitation allowed fields to start drying out, with most fields still being too damp for proper tillage. Some very limited fertilizer application and corn planting was started late last week. Temperatures averaged 57.6 degrees statewide, 10.1 degrees above normal. Statewide precipitation averaged 0.73 inches, 0.15 inch below normal. There were 2.7 days suitable for fieldwork reported. Topsoil moisture was rated 50 percent surplus and 50 percent adequate. Oats were 45 percent planted, compared to 13 percent last year and 18 percent for the five-year average. Winter wheat conditions stood at 9 percent very poor, 21 percent poor, 41 percent fair, 28 percent good, and 1 percent excellent.

Crop Progress

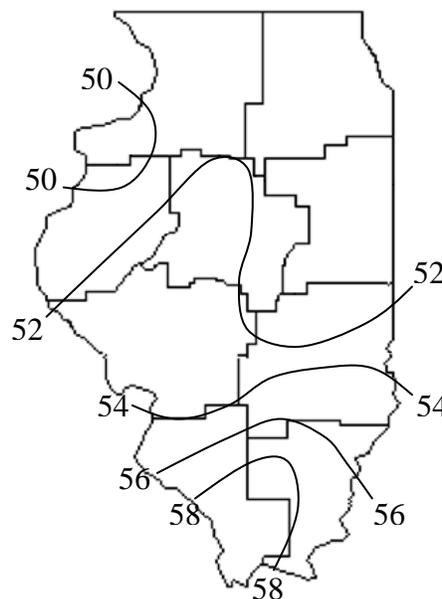
	This Week	Last Week	2009	5-Year Average
April 4				
CORN:				
Planted	1/	0	0	1
OATS:				
Planted	45	4	13	18

1/ Less than one percent.

Corn - Percent Harvested
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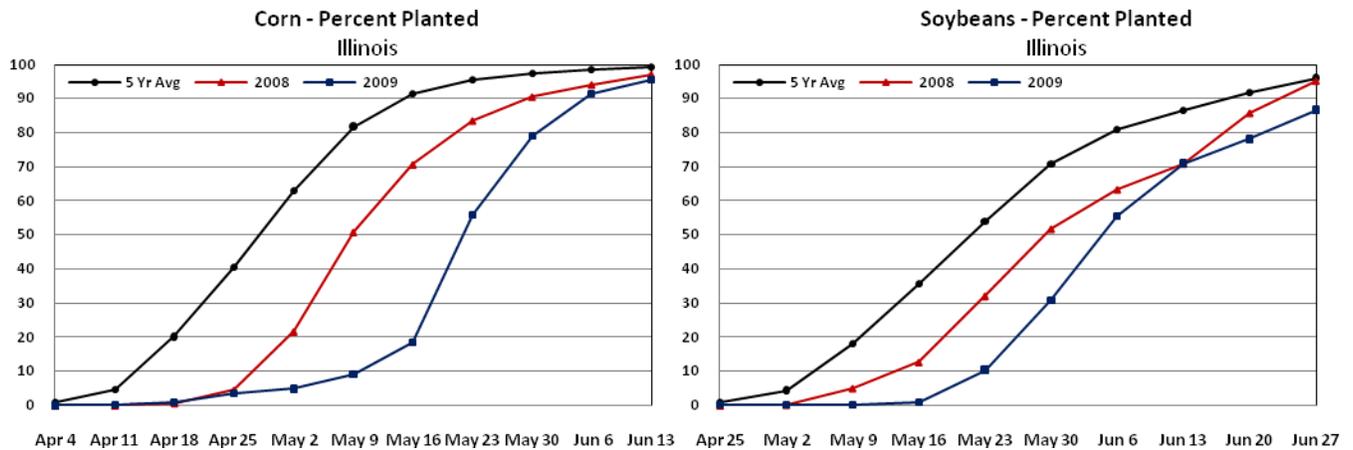
Aug 29 Sep 5 Sep 12 Sep 19 Sep 26 Oct 3 Oct 10 Oct 17 Oct 24 Oct 31 Nov 7 Nov 14 Nov 21 Nov 28



Bare Soil 4-inch Temp (°F)
April 4 10 a.m.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Table

District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	March 29-April 4			April 4	
Northwest	4.8	1	1	87	11
Northeast	4.6	-	-	98	2
West	1.7	-	-	41	59
Central	3.3	-	-	65	35
East	2.8	-	-	61	39
W Southwest	1.5	-	-	19	81
E Southeast	1.6	-	-	23	77
Southwest	2.3	-	-	34	66
Southeast	0.4	-	-	9	91
State	2.7	-	-	50	50

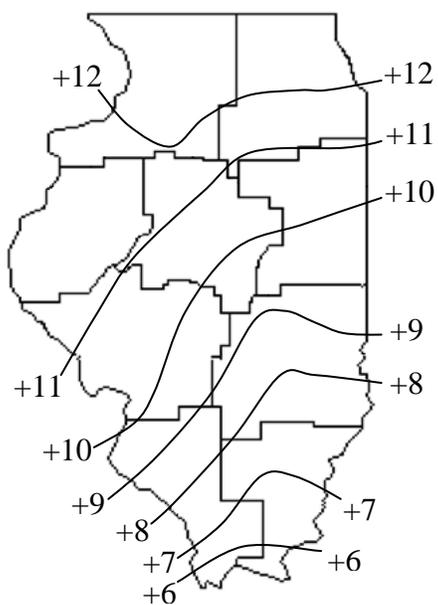


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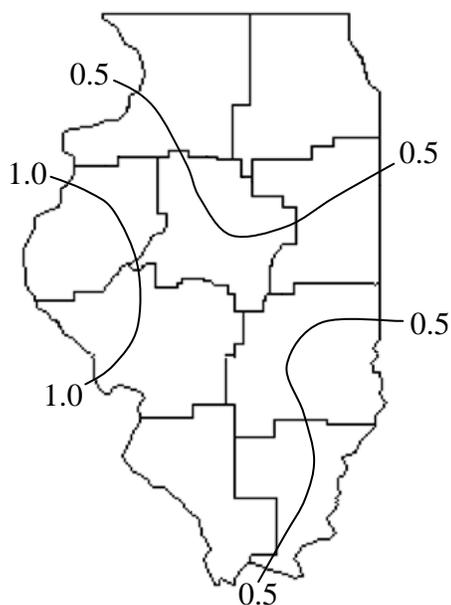
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	April 4		
			Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	9	21	41	28	1
Alfalfa	2	6	28	62	2
Pasture	2	5	31	56	6

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature		Precipitation	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure
March 29 - April 4				
Northwest	56.1	12.3	0.50	-0.24
Northeast	55.6	11.8	0.33	-0.45
West	58.5	11.5	1.14	0.38
Central	57.1	10.7	0.62	-0.13
East	56.1	9.8	0.78	-0.01
W Southwest	59.1	10.4	0.92	0.12
E Southeast	57.9	8.6	0.73	-0.28
Southwest	59.2	7.8	0.86	-0.31
Southeast	59.1	7.3	0.79	-0.46
State	57.6	10.1	0.73	-0.15



Temperature (°F) Departure
March 29 - April 4



Precipitation (in.) Total
March 29 - April 4

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