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Agricultural Summary

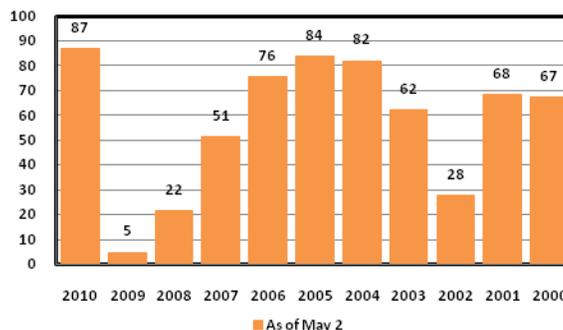
Farmers across much of Illinois were enjoying reasonable weather conditions last week. Corn planting was virtually completed in some parts of the state and farmers are moving on to soybean planting. Temperatures averaged 59.0 degrees, 2.3 degrees above normal across the state. Statewide precipitation averaged 1.25 inches, 0.32 inches above normal, with 2.9 days suitable for fieldwork. Corn planting approached completion with 87 percent planted compared to 5 percent a year ago and 47 percent for the five-year average. Corn emergence is at 39 percent compared to the five-year average of 15 percent. Soybeans are 11 percent planted compared to the five-year average of 4 percent. Winter wheat is 12 percent headed. Oats are 95 percent planted. Topsoil moisture was rated 2 percent short, 64 percent adequate and 34 percent surplus. Pasture condition is 15 percent poor to fair and 85 percent good to excellent.

Crop Progress Percents

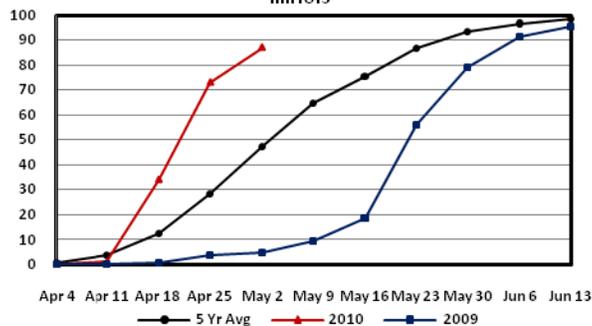
| | This Week | Last Week | 2009 | 5-Year Average |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|------|----------------|
| May 2 | | | | |
| CORN: | | | | |
| Planted | 87 | 73 | 5 | 47 |
| Emerged | 39 | 10 | 0 | 15 |
| SOYBEANS: | | | | |
| Planted | 11 | 5 | 0 | 4 |
| Emerged | 1 | 1/ | 0 | 0 |
| SORGHUM: | | | | |
| Planted | 9 | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| WHEAT: | | | | |
| Headed | 12 | 6 | 5 | 16 |
| OATS: | | | | |
| Planted | 95 | 91 | 74 | 85 |
| Headed | 2 | 1/ | 0 | 1 |
| ALFALFA: | | | | |
| First Cut | 6 | 1 | 1 | 3 |

1/ Less than one percent.

Corn - Percent Planted
Illinois



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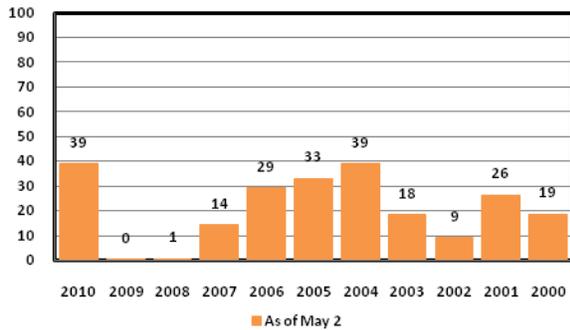
Crop Condition Percents

| Crop | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|--------------|-----------|------|-------|------|-----------|
| | | | May 2 | | |
| Winter Wheat | 7 | 21 | 41 | 29 | 2 |
| Oats | - | 2 | 28 | 60 | 10 |
| Alfalfa | 1 | 3 | 20 | 63 | 13 |
| Red Clover | - | 1 | 23 | 68 | 8 |
| Pasture | - | 1 | 14 | 62 | 23 |

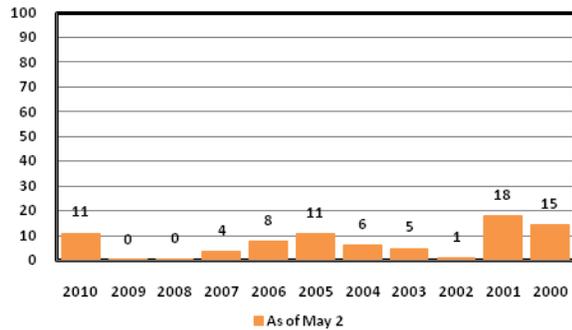
Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture Percents

| District | Days Suitable For Fieldwork | Topsoil Moisture Percents | | | |
|-------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-------|----------|---------|
| | | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
| | April 26 - May 2 | | May 2 | | |
| Northwest | 4.4 | - | 4 | 85 | 11 |
| Northeast | 5.1 | - | 12 | 86 | 2 |
| West | 1.2 | - | - | 47 | 53 |
| Central | 3.5 | - | - | 81 | 19 |
| East | 4.2 | - | 3 | 96 | 1 |
| W Southwest | 1.5 | - | 1 | 55 | 44 |
| E Southeast | 1.7 | - | - | 34 | 66 |
| Southwest | 3.2 | - | 1 | 44 | 55 |
| Southeast | 0.4 | - | - | 15 | 85 |
| State | 2.9 | - | 2 | 64 | 34 |

**Corn - Percent Emerged
Illinois**



**Soybeans - Percent Planted
Illinois**

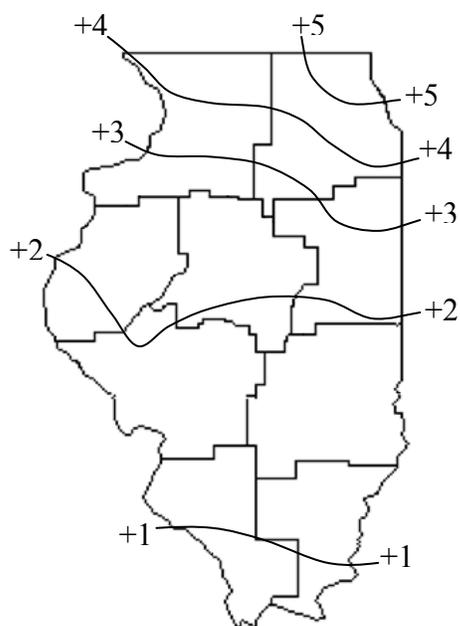


Crop Progress Percents by Districts

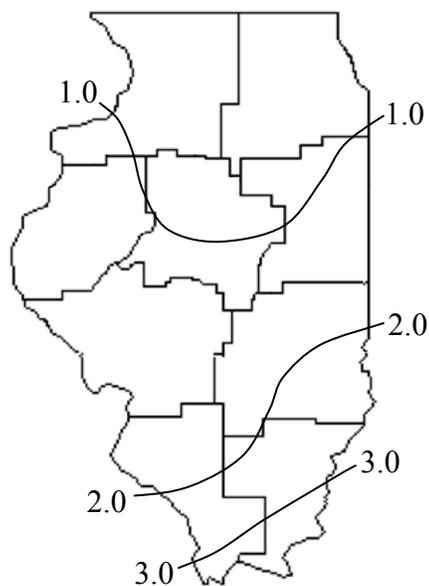
| District | Corn Planted | Corn Emerged | Soybeans Planted |
|-------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|
| | | May 2 | |
| Northwest | 84 | 20 | 22 |
| Northeast | 95 | 18 | 18 |
| West | 75 | 30 | 5 |
| Central | 94 | 53 | 14 |
| East | 96 | 45 | 13 |
| W Southwest | 81 | 46 | 5 |
| E Southeast | 83 | 52 | 13 |
| Southwest | 87 | 45 | 6 |
| Southeast | 71 | 56 | 5 |
| State | 87 | 39 | 11 |

Weather Information Table

| District | Temperature | | Precipitation | | Growing Degree Days | |
|-------------|------------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------|
| | Average | Departure | Total | Departure | Since May 1 | Departure |
| | April 26 - May 2 | | | | | |
| Northwest | 57.4 | 3.4 | 0.76 | -0.05 | 23 | 14 |
| Northeast | 57.1 | 4.1 | 0.81 | 0.00 | 27 | 18 |
| West | 58.8 | 1.9 | 1.13 | 0.35 | 22 | 8 |
| Central | 58.6 | 2.3 | 0.99 | 0.20 | 26 | 12 |
| East | 58.3 | 2.7 | 1.04 | 0.19 | 29 | 16 |
| W Southwest | 59.7 | 1.6 | 1.27 | 0.32 | 26 | 10 |
| E Southeast | 59.9 | 1.6 | 1.84 | 0.86 | 34 | 16 |
| Southwest | 60.6 | 1.0 | 1.35 | 0.13 | 34 | 16 |
| Southeast | 61.5 | 1.6 | 2.27 | 0.92 | 37 | 17 |
| State | 59.0 | 2.3 | 1.25 | 0.32 | 28 | 14 |



Temperature (°F) Departure
April 26 - May 2



Precipitation (in.) Total
April 26 - May 2

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