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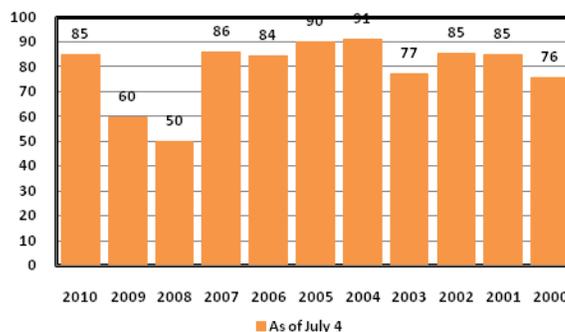
## Agricultural Summary

Drier weather last week allowed farmers time for fieldwork, as there were 5.5 days suitable. Farmers were busy finishing up soybean planting, spraying soybeans, harvesting wheat, and putting up hay. After four consecutive weeks of above normal precipitation, the statewide precipitation averaged only 0.47 inches last week, 0.56 inches below normal. Temperatures were also below normal last week, ending a run of five consecutive weeks of above normal statewide temperatures. Corn is 46 percent silked compared to 5 percent last year and 19 percent for the five year average. Soybeans are 20 percent blooming compared to 4 percent last year and 20 percent for the five year average. Wheat harvest has reached 85 percent completed, ahead of last year's pace of 60 percent and the five year average of 74 percent. Corn was rated 68 percent good to excellent, up one percent from last week. Soybeans were rated 59 percent good to excellent, down 3 percent from last week.

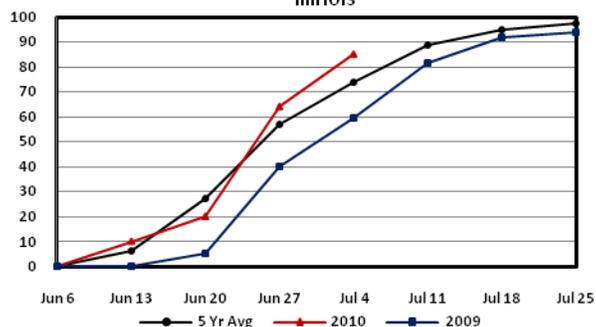
### Crop Progress Percents

	This Week	Last Week	2009	5-Year Average
July 4				
<b>CORN:</b>				
Silked	46	15	5	19
Dough	2	1/	0	1
Average Height	67	56	39	54
<b>SOYBEANS:</b>				
Emerged	96	90	91	97
Blooming	20	6	4	20
Setting Pods	2	1/	1	1
<b>SORGHUM:</b>				
Headed	5	3	0	5
<b>WHEAT:</b>				
Ripe	97	84	88	93
Harvested	85	64	60	74
<b>OATS:</b>				
Headed	97	96	94	98
Filled	88	77	59	83
Turning Yellow	69	28	22	47
Ripe	28	8	7	17
Harvested	11	2	4	7
<b>ALFALFA:</b>				
Second Cut	57	21	33	52
Third Cut	2	1/	1	3
<b>RED CLOVER:</b>				
Percent Cut	90	79	83	91

Wheat - Percent Harvested  
Illinois



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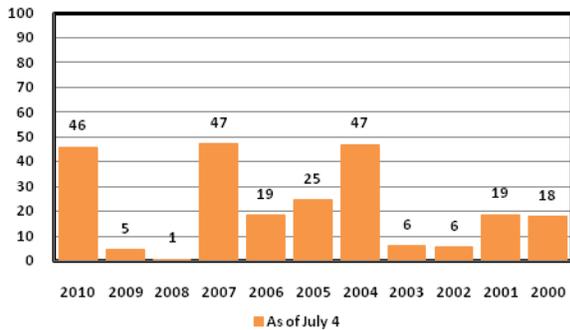
**Crop Condition Percents**

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	July 4				
Corn	4	8	20	48	20
Soybeans	3	10	28	46	13
Sorghum	2	7	27	46	18
Alfalfa	1	5	19	56	19
Pasture	-	3	20	55	22

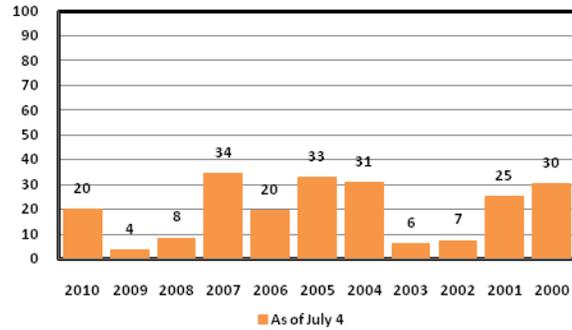
**Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture Percents**

District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture Percents			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	June 28 - July 4	July 4			
Northwest	5.4	-	2	83	15
Northeast	5.1	-	6	78	16
West	6.1	-	-	50	50
Central	5.7	-	3	71	26
East	5.7	2	15	68	15
W Southwest	5.2	-	2	63	35
E Southeast	4.8	-	5	74	21
Southwest	6.6	8	27	52	13
Southeast	6.0	10	30	52	8
State	5.5	1	7	68	24

**Corn - Percent Silked  
Illinois**



**Soybeans - Percent Blooming  
Illinois**

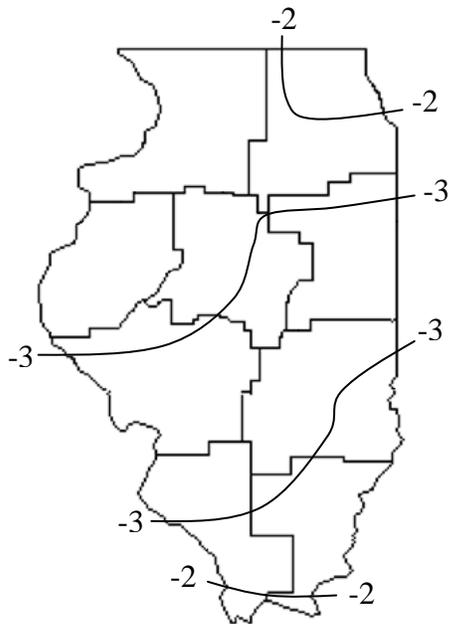


**Crop Progress Percents by Districts**

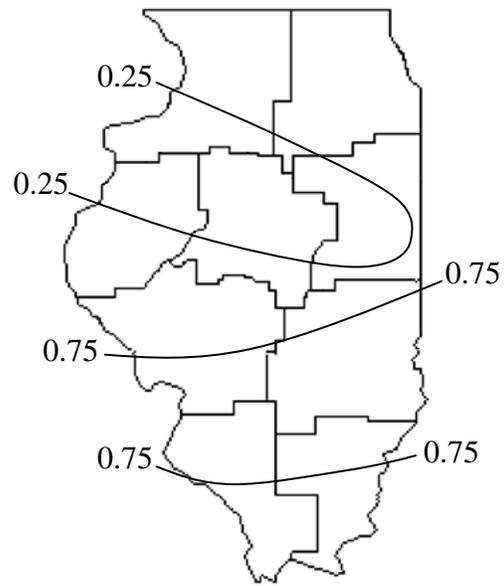
District	Corn Silked	Corn Average Height	Soybeans Emerged	Soybeans Blooming
	July 4			
Northwest	30	62	99	27
Northeast	19	73	97	22
West	31	60	89	17
Central	60	70	95	23
East	47	69	99	26
W Southwest	53	66	96	16
E Southeast	68	70	94	15
Southwest	57	58	93	12
Southeast	66	64	98	22
State	46	67	96	20

**Weather Information Table**

District	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure	Since May 1	Departure
	June 28 - July 4					
Northwest	69.8	-2.7	0.25	-0.87	1,133	67
Northeast	69.7	-2.2	0.37	-0.65	1,118	92
West	72.4	-2.5	0.27	-0.87	1,270	95
Central	71.0	-3.0	0.16	-0.89	1,246	91
East	70.1	-3.5	0.17	-0.94	1,244	101
W Southwest	72.2	-3.6	0.80	-0.03	1,320	93
E Southeast	72.7	-3.0	0.96	-0.06	1,372	136
Southwest	73.8	-3.0	0.50	-0.47	1,440	157
Southeast	74.3	-2.6	0.66	-0.43	1,480	181
State	71.7	-2.9	0.47	-0.56	1,283	109



Temperature (°F) Departure  
June 28 - July 4



Precipitation (in.) Total  
June 28 - July 4

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