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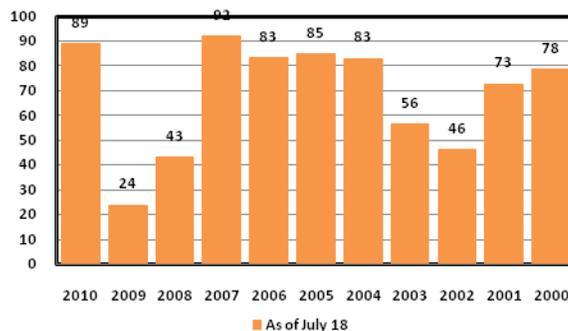
Agricultural Summary

Last week was hot and dry for most of the state. Some parts of the state are starting to feel the effects of the prolonged dry period. Producers were able to take advantage of favorable conditions and continued spraying corn and soybeans and hauling grain. There were 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork. Temperatures were again above normal last week, with statewide temperatures averaging 78.9 degrees, 2.4 degrees above normal. Statewide precipitation averaged 0.69 inches, 0.01 inches below normal. Corn is 89 percent silked compared to 24 percent last year and the five-year average of 65 percent. Corn in the dough stage was at 18 percent compared to 1 percent last year and a 10 percent five-year average. Soybeans are 64 percent blooming compared to 22 percent last year and the five-year average of 56 percent. The percentage of soybeans setting pods is 15 percent, close to the five year average of 14 percent. Winter wheat harvest is nearing completion with 99 percent of the crop harvested. Topsoil moisture was rated at 4 percent very short, 20 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus. Corn was rated at 67 percent good to excellent and soybeans were rated 64 percent good to excellent, both slightly higher than last week.

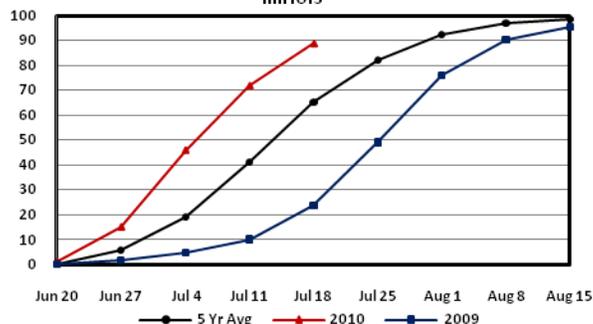
Crop Progress Percents

	This Week	Last Week	2009	5-Year Average
July 18				
CORN:				
Silked	89	72	24	65
Dough	18	8	1	10
Dented	1	1/	0	0
SOYBEANS:				
Blooming	64	43	22	56
Setting Pods	15	6	4	14
SORGHUM:				
Headed	26	25	1	22
Coloring	1	1/	0	1
WHEAT:				
Harvested	99	95	92	95
OATS:				
Turning Yellow	97	87	74	89
Ripe	74	39	28	47
Harvested	39	19	14	24
ALFALFA:				
Second Cut	85	73	77	84
Third Cut	9	5	5	12
RED CLOVER:				
Percent Cut	98	96	94	96

Corn - Percent Silked
Illinois



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1/ Less than 1 percent.

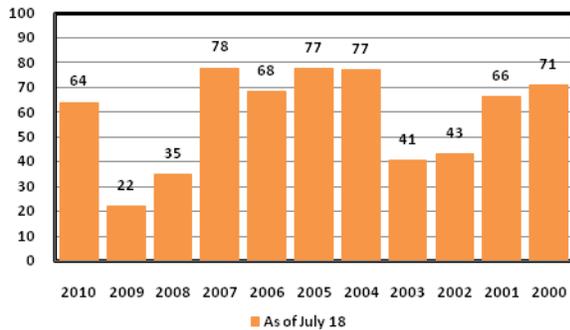
Crop Condition Percents

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
July 18					
Corn	2	8	23	49	18
Soybeans	2	6	28	51	13
Sorghum	1	5	33	47	14
Pasture	1	5	23	54	17

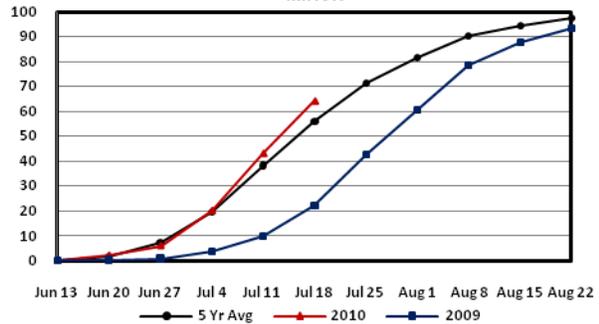
Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture Percents

District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture Percents			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
July 12 - 18		July 18			
Northwest	5.9	2	15	78	5
Northeast	5.4	1	17	75	7
West	6.2	3	15	76	6
Central	6.2	1	23	68	8
East	5.9	13	36	49	2
W Southwest	5.4	-	11	73	16
E Southeast	4.9	1	7	63	29
Southwest	5.8	4	25	62	9
Southeast	7.0	11	50	39	-
State	5.7	4	20	66	10

**Soybeans - Percent Blooming
Illinois**



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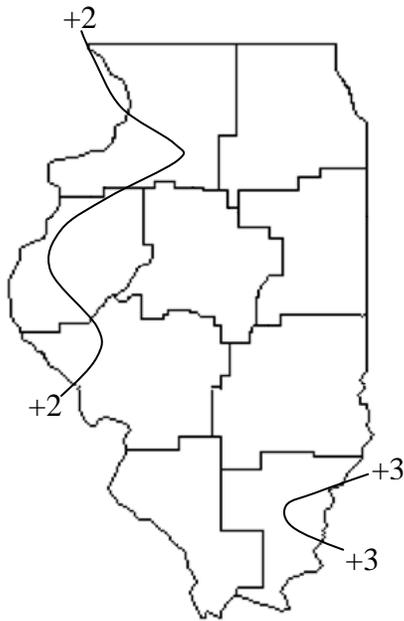


Crop Progress Percents by Districts

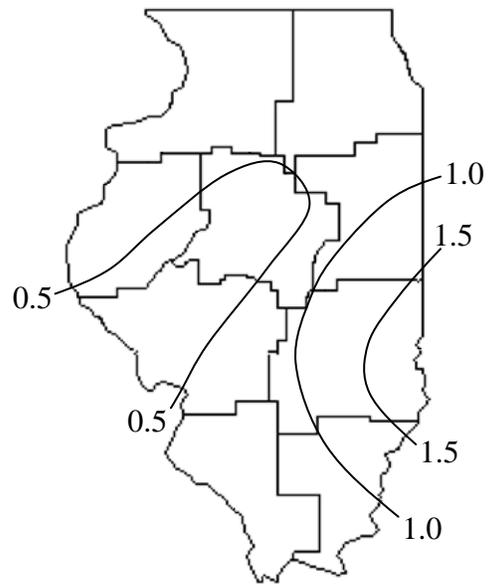
District	Corn Silked	Corn Dough	Soybeans Blooming	Soybeans Setting Pods
July 18				
Northwest	84	8	76	15
Northeast	88	4	79	26
West	88	11	64	16
Central	94	25	76	16
East	94	14	61	18
W Southwest	88	32	55	11
E Southeast	86	30	59	14
Southwest	75	49	42	15
Southeast	84	41	61	4
State	89	18	64	15

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure	Since May 1	Departure
July 12 - 18						
Northwest	76.6	2.1	0.88	-0.01	1,500	107
Northeast	77.1	2.6	0.61	-0.33	1,496	145
West	79.0	2.0	0.52	-0.15	1,652	126
Central	78.3	2.4	0.32	-0.38	1,623	127
East	77.6	2.3	0.87	0.13	1,619	141
W Southwest	79.6	2.1	0.35	-0.14	1,711	128
E Southeast	79.9	2.6	1.27	0.63	1,763	169
Southwest	81.3	2.9	0.52	-0.04	1,842	192
Southeast	81.3	2.9	0.80	0.17	1,881	213
State	78.9	2.4	0.69	-0.01	1,668	147



Temperature (°F) Departure
July 12 - 18



Precipitation (in.) Total
July 12 - 18

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