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Agricultural Summary

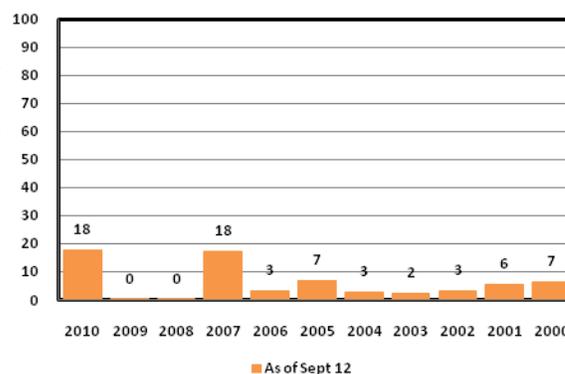
Cooler conditions continued over much of the state last week. With small amounts of precipitation across the state, many farmers were able to take full advantage of the favorable weather. Many producers are either harvesting or preparing for harvest. Other farming activities include fall tillage and planting winter wheat. There were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork last week. The corn crop has now reached 79 percent mature and harvest picked up steadily last week with 18 percent of the crop now harvested compared to 7 percent last week. Soybeans turning yellow reached 73 percent with 42 percent shedding leaves. The sorghum harvest has also increased, now up to 15 percent. Topsoil moisture was rated 10 percent very short, 23 percent short, 60 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus. Temperatures statewide averaged 66.5 degrees, 3.2 degrees below normal. Precipitation averaged .88 inches, .18 inches above normal.

Crop Progress Percents

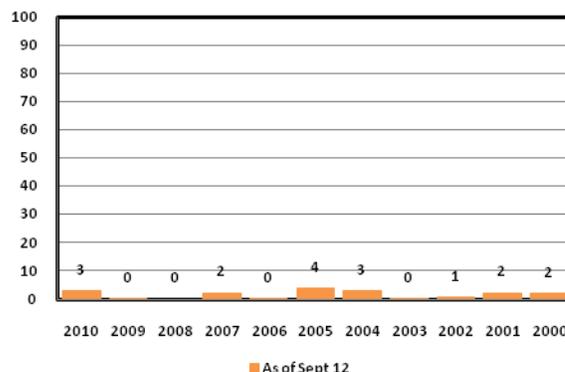
	This Week	Last Week	2009	5-Year Average
September 12				
CORN:				
Dented	97	93	54	83
Mature	79	57	6	39
Harvested	18	7	1/	6
SOYBEANS:				
Turning Yellow	73	49	19	53
Shedding Leaves	42	17	3	23
Harvested	3	1	1/	1
SORGHUM:				
Coloring	89	78	64	77
Mature	52	17	7	38
Harvested	15	2	1/	4
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Third Cut	92	86	87	93

1/ Less than one percent.

Corn - Percent Harvested
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Soybeans - Percent Harvested
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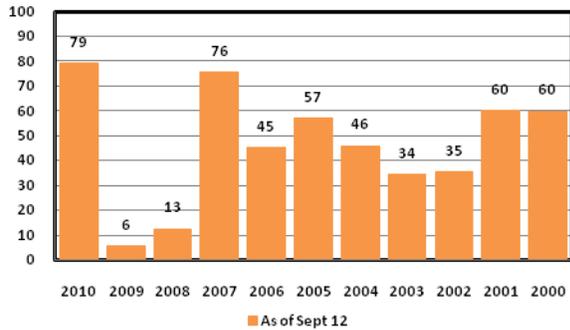
Crop Condition Percents

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
September 12					
Corn	5	11	25	45	14
Soybeans	4	7	25	49	15
Sorghum	6	5	30	47	12
Pasture	5	10	37	40	8

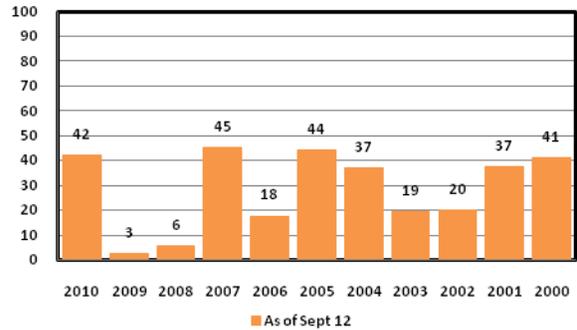
Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture Percents

District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture Percents			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Sept. 6 - 12		September 12			
Northwest	6.3	5	24	70	1
Northeast	6.2	6	29	64	1
West	5.7	-	8	68	24
Central	6.2	14	12	64	10
East	6.3	16	50	34	-
W Southwest	4.3	-	1	80	19
E Southeast	5.8	5	33	59	3
Southwest	5.2	4	19	71	6
Southeast	6.1	80	17	3	-
State	5.8	10	23	60	7

**Corn - Percent Mature
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**Soybeans - Percent Shedding Leaves
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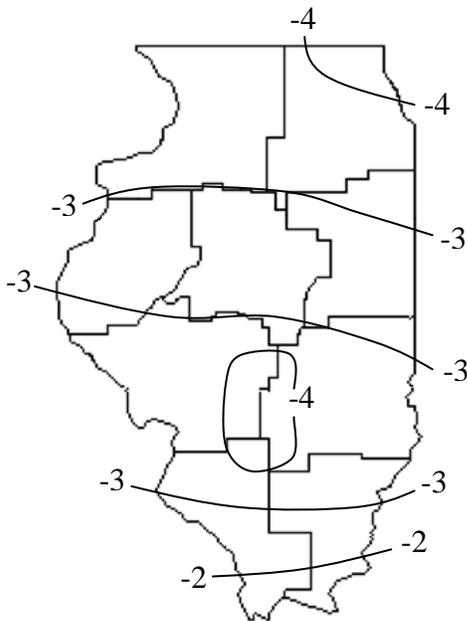


Crop Progress Percents by Districts

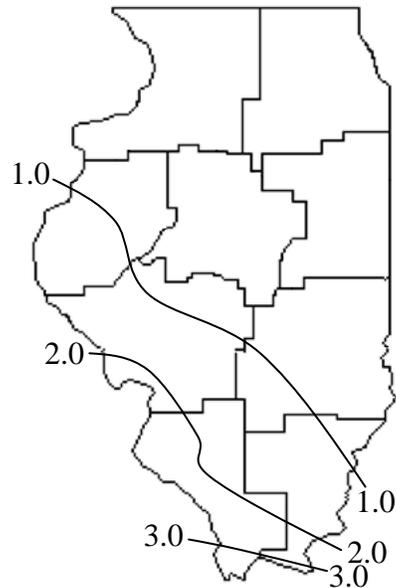
District	Corn Dent	Corn Mature	Corn Harvested	Soybeans Turning Yellow	Soybeans Dropping Leaves	Soybeans Harvested
September 12						
Northwest	94	70	7	80	54	1
Northeast	99	70	8	80	50	3
West	94	65	5	52	20	1
Central	99	91	23	88	43	2
East	99	82	23	85	57	8
W Southwest	99	85	23	54	22	1
E Southeast	98	84	29	71	40	4
Southwest	99	93	56	70	60	3
Southeast	99	99	49	82	39	4
State	97	79	18	73	42	3

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure	Since May 1	Departure
	September 6 - 12					
Northwest	64.0	-3.3	0.18	-0.47	2,759	204
Northeast	64.0	-3.6	0.22	-0.53	2,776	255
West	66.8	-3.1	1.26	0.57	3,017	219
Central	66.3	-3.0	0.45	-0.23	2,969	234
East	66.1	-2.7	0.20	-0.49	2,956	262
W Southwest	67.0	-3.7	1.61	0.90	3,102	214
E Southeast	67.2	-3.8	1.13	0.38	3,168	263
Southwest	69.1	-2.7	1.90	1.19	3,286	283
Southeast	69.8	-2.5	1.12	0.48	3,342	306
State	66.5	-3.2	0.88	0.18	3,028	246



Temperature (°F) Departure
September 6 - 12



Precipitation (in.) Total
September 6 - 12

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