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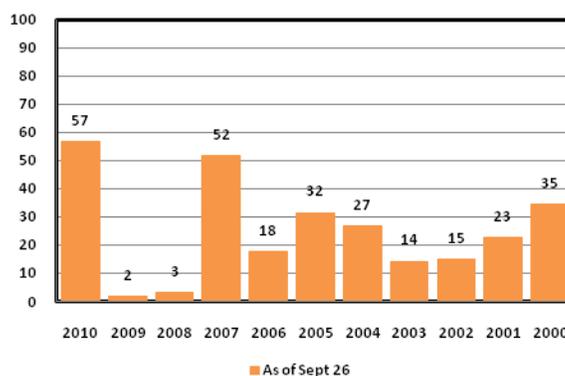
## Agricultural Summary

Rains fell heaviest across the northern half of the state last week and slowed soybean harvest but statewide corn harvest continued with little interruption. The unseasonably warm weather and breezy conditions helped dry fields out quickly after the rain showers moved through. Temperatures across the state were 7 to 9 degrees above normal for the week and precipitation averaged .90 inches statewide, only slightly above normal. There were 5.1 days suitable for fieldwork last week. Corn harvest made its greatest strides in central and northern Illinois last week with many reporting varied yields and low moisture levels. The most disappointing corn yields were being found on corn following corn fields. Farmers also reported that their better corn yields were coming off fields with lighter soils. Soybean harvest progressed greatest last week in central to southern Illinois and yields were being found as a pleasant surprise. Fall tillage and fertilizer spreading are getting started as well as wheat seeding in southern Illinois. There is concern with availability of wheat seed for this year's crop. Topsoil moisture was rated at 6 percent very short, 21 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus.

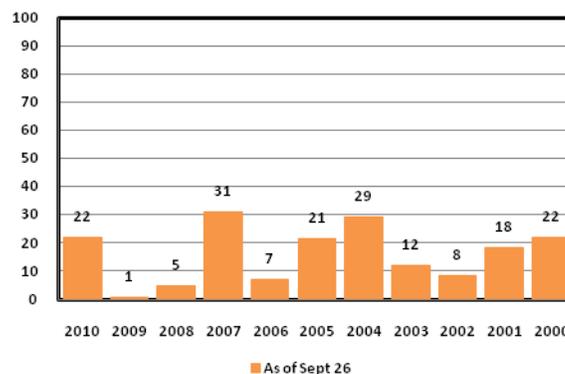
### Crop Progress Percents

	This Week	Last Week	2009	5-Year Average
September 26				
<b>CORN:</b>				
Mature	97	90	22	69
Harvested	57	38	2	21
<b>SOYBEANS:</b>				
Turning Yellow	94	87	72	82
Shedding Leaves	80	65	38	67
Harvested	22	10	1	13
<b>SORGHUM:</b>				
Coloring	97	94	84	91
Mature	76	74	24	64
Harvested	32	26	1	17
<b>WINTER WHEAT:</b>				
Seeded	8	3	4	5

Corn - Percent Harvested  
Illinois



Soybeans - Percent Harvested  
Illinois



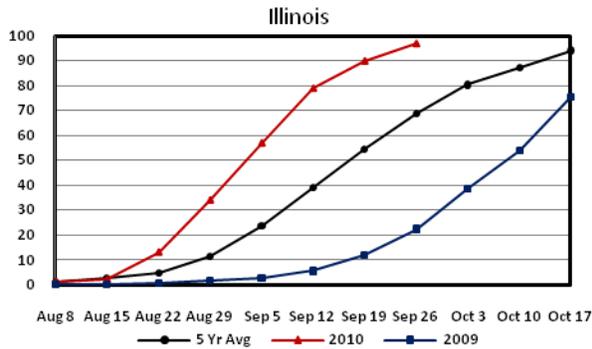
**Crop Condition Percents**

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
September 26					
Corn	5	13	29	43	10
Soybeans	3	8	27	49	13
Sorghum	8	6	31	43	12
Pasture	7	10	36	42	5

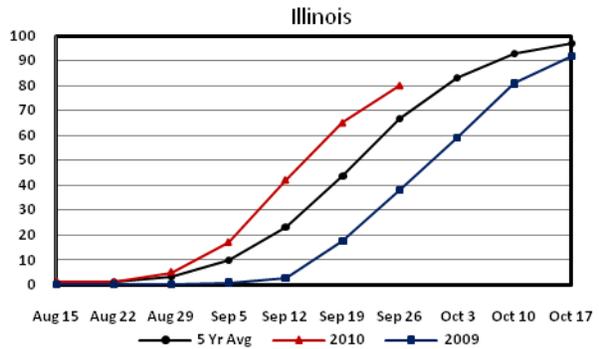
**Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture Percents**

District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture Percents			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Sept. 20 - 26		September 26			
Northwest	4.9	1	11	80	8
Northeast	5.3	-	24	76	-
West	3.2	-	-	67	33
Central	5.3	1	16	76	7
East	5.5	11	52	37	-
W Southwest	4.6	-	-	82	18
E Southeast	6.2	6	43	49	2
Southwest	6.3	2	19	79	-
Southeast	6.7	64	36	-	-
State	5.1	6	21	64	9

**Corn - Percent Mature**



**Soybeans - Percent Shedding Leaves**

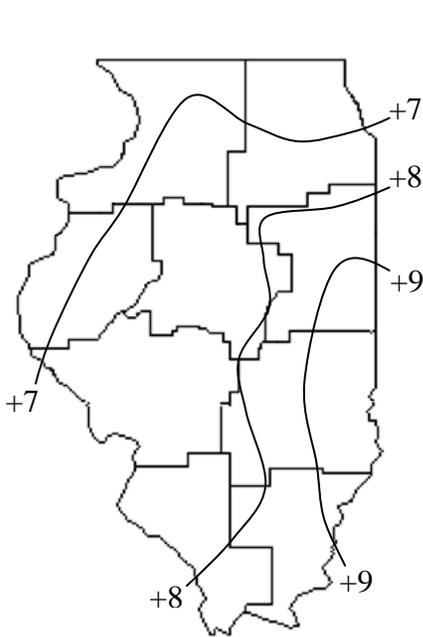


**Crop Progress Percents by Districts**

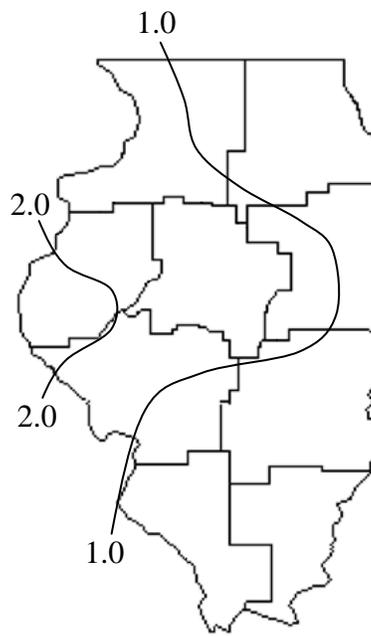
District	Corn Mature	Corn Harvested	Soybeans Turning Yellow	Soybeans Shedding Leaves	Soybeans Harvested
September 26					
Northwest	96	33	97	92	11
Northeast	96	41	95	87	22
West	88	27	85	58	2
Central	99	68	98	87	23
East	99	81	99	92	41
W Southwest	99	64	93	73	11
E Southeast	96	71	90	71	29
Southwest	97	78	93	74	23
Southeast	100	84	97	89	34
State	97	57	94	80	22

**Weather Information Table**

District	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure	Since May 1	Departure
September 20 - 26						
Northwest	65.3	6.9	1.09	0.24	2,967	234
Northeast	65.7	6.7	0.67	-0.16	2,983	282
West	68.2	7.2	1.91	1.06	3,265	263
Central	68.6	7.8	1.25	0.48	3,221	283
East	69.5	8.8	1.02	0.36	3,217	320
W Southwest	69.9	7.6	1.10	0.33	3,370	263
E Southeast	71.8	9.0	0.36	-0.49	3,453	323
Southwest	71.4	7.8	0.45	-0.50	3,574	338
Southeast	72.9	8.6	0.15	-0.79	3,644	370
State	69.1	7.8	0.90	0.07	3,284	294



Temperature (°F) Departure  
September 20 - 26



Precipitation (in.) Total  
September 20 - 26

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