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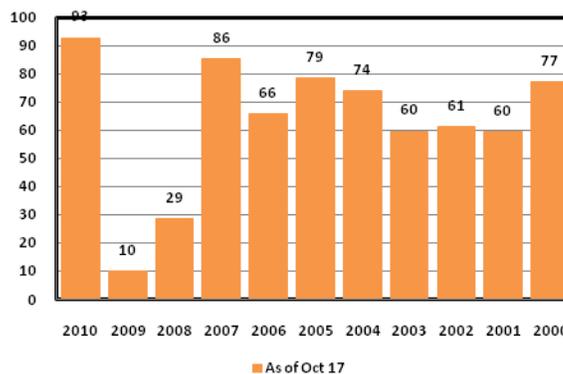
Agricultural Summary

Last week was yet another warm and dry period for all of the state. Harvest progression has slowed slightly, as much of what is left is in isolated pockets throughout the state. Most areas of the state are very close to done with corn harvest and are wrapping up the harvest of the late planted soybeans as well. Many of the producers that have finished harvest are moving on to fall tillage and fertilizer application for next year's crops. Deep tillage chisels were once again common sights in Illinois fields as producers were attempting to break up compacted fields. Those that have already planted their winter wheat are still hoping for a light shower to help with emergence. There were 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork last week. Temperatures averaged 59.4 degrees across the state, 3.5 degrees above average. Rainfall averaged 0.09 inch statewide, .51 inch below average. Corn harvest advanced to 93 percent complete, compared to just 10 percent last year and a five-year average of 54 percent. Soybean harvest is at 90 percent complete, well ahead of last year's 13 percent and the five-year average of 64 percent. Winter wheat is now 75 percent seeded, with 27 percent reported as emerged.

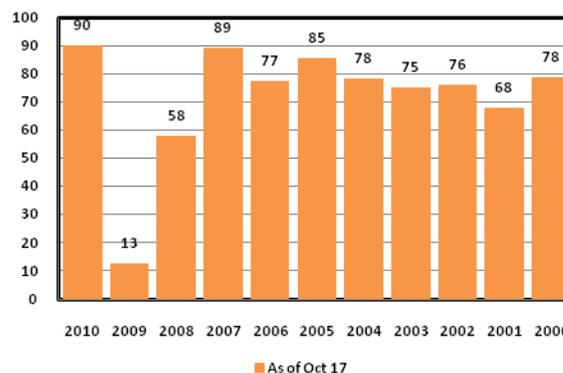
Crop Progress Percents

	This Week	Last Week	2009	5-Year Average
October 17				
CORN:				
Harvested	93	87	10	54
SOYBEANS:				
Shedding Leaves	99	97	92	97
Harvested	90	79	13	64
SORGHUM:				
Mature	92	91	82	91
Harvested	76	61	18	53
WINTER WHEAT:				
Seeded	75	56	13	57
Emerged	27	13	6	21

Corn - Percent Harvested
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Soybeans - Percent Harvested
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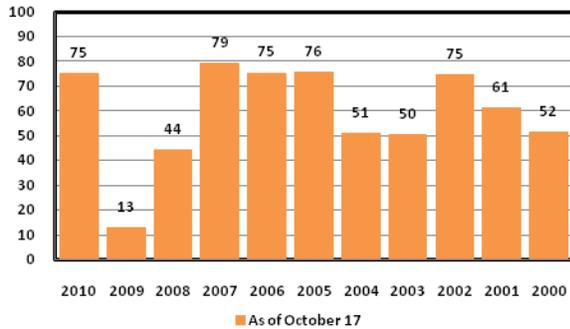
Crop Condition Percents

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
October 1					
Pasture	12	20	32	33	3

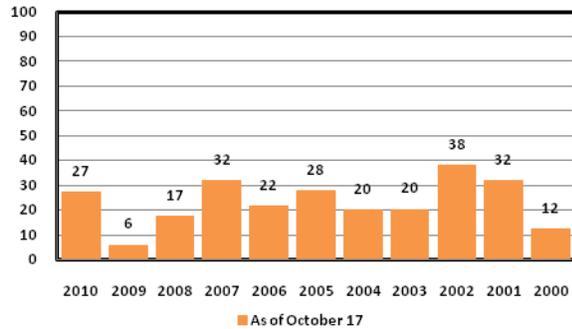
Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture Percents

District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture Percents			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Oct. 11-17		October 17			
Northwest	7.0	28	48	24	-
Northeast	7.0	10	53	37	-
West	7.0	15	23	62	-
Central	7.0	14	35	46	5
East	6.8	39	41	20	-
W Southwest	7.0	1	38	61	-
E Southeast	6.7	15	59	26	-
Southwest	7.0	35	39	26	-
Southeast	6.5	62	37	1	-
State	6.9	20	42	37	1

**Wheat - Percent Seeded
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**Wheat - Percent Emerged
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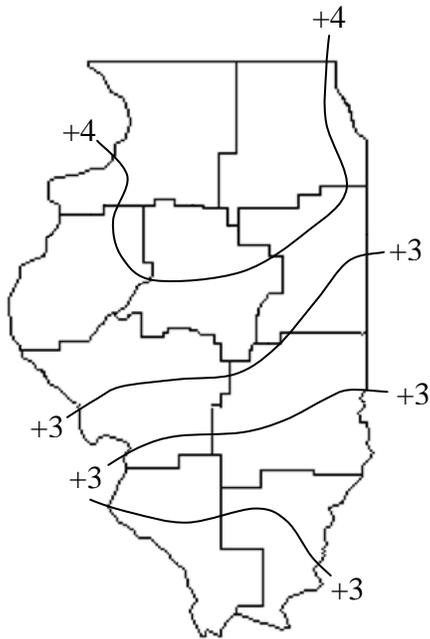


Crop Progress Percents by Districts

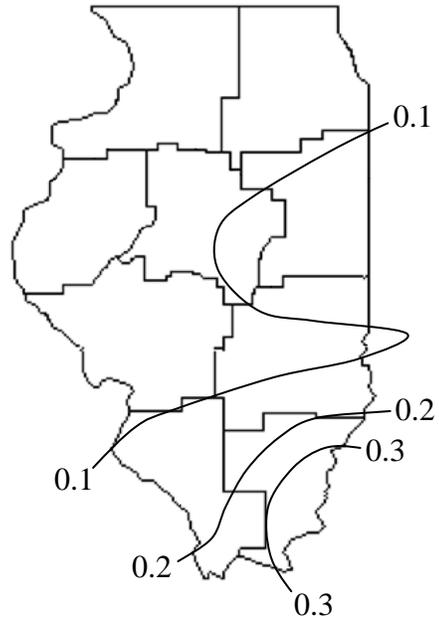
District	Corn Harvested	Soybeans Harvested	Winter Wheat Seeded
	October 17		
Northwest	84	93	92
Northeast	85	91	81
West	89	84	85
Central	97	92	93
East	99	98	83
W Southwest	97	88	76
E Southeast	98	87	67
Southwest	99	82	66
Southeast	98	90	79
State	93	90	75

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature (°F)		Precipitation (in.)	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure
October 11 - 17				
Northwest	57.1	4.3	0.00	-0.61
Northeast	57.5	4.4	0.06	-0.59
West	59.6	3.6	0.03	-0.55
Central	59.3	4.0	0.09	-0.51
East	58.2	3.3	0.16	-0.42
W Southwest	60.2	3.0	0.03	-0.51
E Southeast	60.2	2.9	0.08	-0.50
Southwest	61.1	2.5	0.20	-0.53
Southeast	61.9	3.2	0.30	-0.34
State	59.4	3.5	0.09	-0.51



Temperature (°F) Departure
October 11 - 17



Precipitation (in.) Total
October 11 - 17

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