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Agricultural Summary

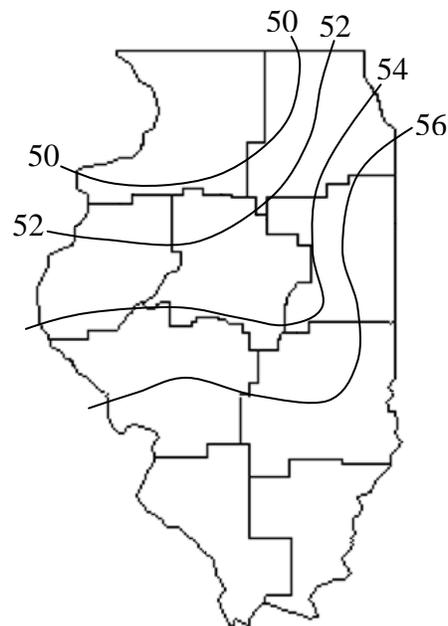
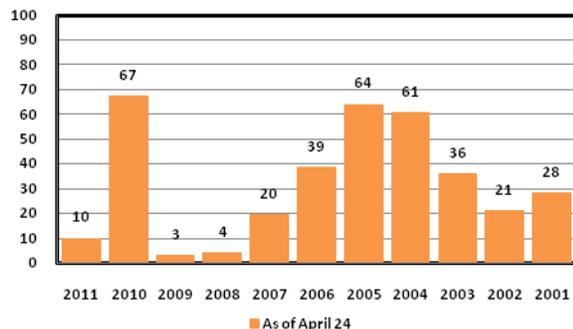
Farmers were ready to plant but seeding and other field activities were on hold across the state due to cool, moist conditions and heavy rains. The state-wide average temperature was about 5 degrees below normal at 50.1 degrees. Average precipitation for the state was 2.97 inches. The norm for the time period is 0.95 inches. Water was pooling in some fields and flooding was also a problem at some locations. Tornadoes touched down in some areas damaging farmland, irrigation units, grain bins and other buildings. Reports on pastures and planted fields were mixed; some pasture and alfalfa fields were growing rapidly and a few small grain fields were progressing well, but most emerged plantings were not growing given the cool temperatures and excess moisture. Weather conditions also made calving difficult where firm pasture grounds did not exist. Reporters rated topsoil moisture 34 percent adequate and 66 percent surplus. Average days suitable for fieldwork were only 0.5. Corn planted increased by only 1 point from the previous week to 10 percent. The five-year average is 27 percent. Corn emerged was 1 percent. Oats were 73 percent planted, 10 points higher than the previous week. Alfalfa first crop cut was 1 percent. Winter wheat conditions stood at 2 percent very poor, 9 percent poor, 33 percent fair, 47 percent good, and 9 percent excellent. Oats were 2 percent very poor, 7 percent poor, 39 percent fair, 49 percent good, and 3 percent excellent. Alfalfa conditions were 1 percent very poor, 3 percent poor, 26 percent fair, 64 percent good, and 6 percent excellent. Red clover conditions were 1 percent very poor, 1 percent poor, 34 percent fair, 56 percent good, and 8 percent excellent. Pasture conditions were rated 3 percent poor, 31 percent fair, 53 percent good, and 13 percent excellent.

Crop Progress Percents

	This Week	Last Week	2010	5-Year Average
April 24				
CORN:				
Planted	10	9	67	27
Emerged	1	1/	9	3
OATS:				
Planted	73	63	91	72
ALFALFA:				
First cut	1	1	1	1

1/ Less than one percent.

Corn - Percent Planted
Illinois



Bare Soil 4-inch Temp (°F)
April 24 10 a.m.

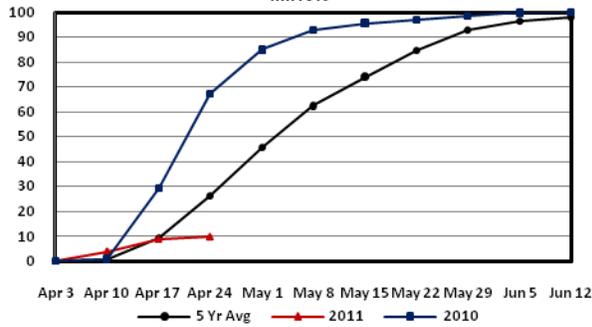
Crop Condition Percents

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
April 24					
Winter Wheat	2	9	33	47	9
Oats	2	7	39	49	3
Alfalfa	1	3	26	64	6
Red Clover	1	1	34	56	8
Pasture	-	3	31	53	13

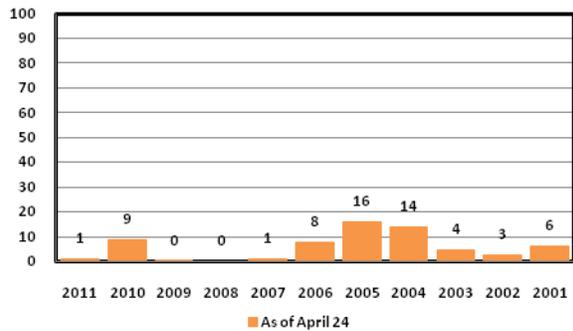
Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture Percents

District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture Percents			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
April 18 - 24		April 24			
Northwest	0.8	-	-	45	55
Northeast	1.1	-	-	53	47
West	0.1	-	-	42	58
Central	0.4	-	-	39	61
East	0.1	-	-	37	63
W Southwest	0.3	-	-	28	72
E Southeast	0.0	-	-	18	82
Southwest	1.0	-	-	9	91
Southeast	0.0	-	-	-	100
State	0.5	-	-	34	66

**Corn - Percent Planted
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**Corn - Percent Emerged
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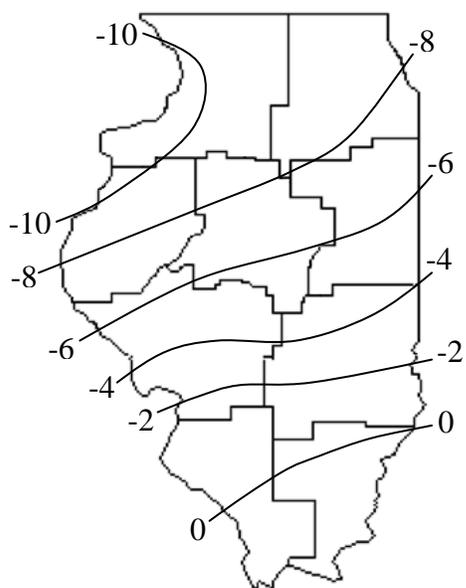


Crop Progress Percents by Districts

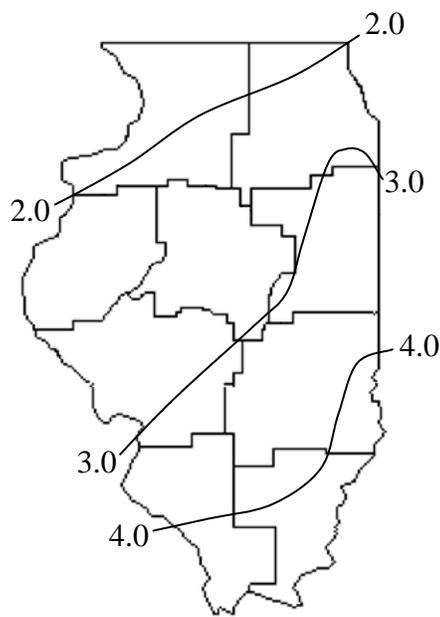
District	Corn Planted
April 24	
Northwest	1
Northeast	2
West	25
Central	7
East	3
W Southwest	25
E Southeast	4
Southwest	14
Southeast	5
State	10

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature (°F)		Precipitation (in.)	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure
April 18 - 24				
Northwest	42.7	-9.8	2.01	1.10
Northeast	43.2	-8.6	2.33	1.47
West	47.5	-7.9	2.51	1.57
Central	47.4	-7.3	2.78	1.95
East	48.4	-5.7	3.09	2.29
W Southwest	52.5	-4.3	2.60	1.63
E Southeast	54.5	-2.4	3.54	2.50
Southwest	58.2	-0.4	3.96	2.86
Southeast	59.5	0.7	4.61	3.46
State	50.1	-5.3	2.97	2.03



Temperature (°F) Departure
April 18 - 24



Precipitation (in.) Total
April 18 - 24

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