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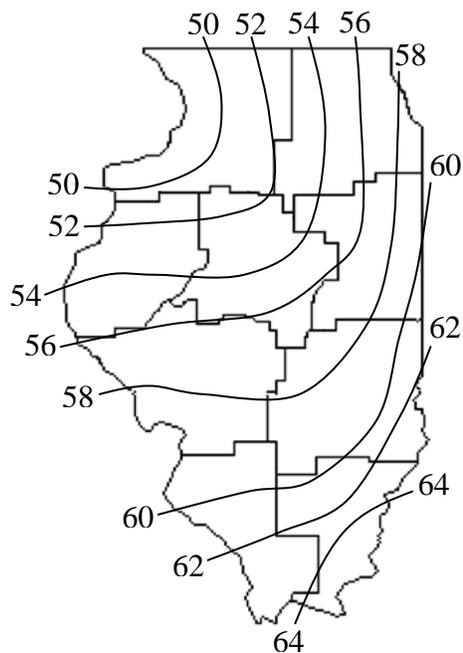
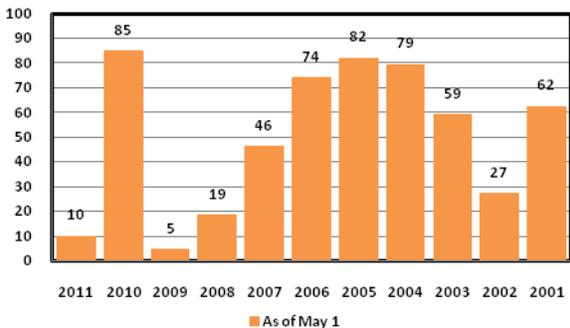
For the second week in a row, cool temperatures, moist conditions, and heavy rains have kept seeding and other field activities on hold across the state. A few areas were able to get out into the field Sunday evening. The state-wide average temperature was 1.2 degrees below normal at 55.4 degrees. Average precipitation for the state was 2.34 inches. The norm for the time period is 0.9 inches. Saturated fields and flooding have been a problem at some locations, especially along the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers. Pastures are showing signs of distress on animal pathways and other high traffic areas. Reporters rated topsoil moisture 32 percent adequate and 68 percent surplus. Average days suitable for fieldwork were only 0.4. Corn planted stayed steady from the previous week at 10 percent. The five-year average is 46 percent. Corn emerged was 3 percent, and most is yellow in color. Oats were 78 percent planted, 5 points higher than the previous week. Alfalfa first crop cut was 1 percent. Winter wheat conditions stood fairly steady at 2 percent very poor, 8 percent poor, 36 percent fair, 48 percent good, and 6 percent excellent. Oats were 2 percent very poor, 7 percent poor, 45 percent fair, 43 percent good, and 3 percent excellent. Alfalfa conditions were 1 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 28 percent fair, 60 percent good, and 7 percent excellent. Red clover conditions were 1 percent very poor, 2 percent poor, 26 percent fair, 60 percent good, and 11 percent excellent. Pasture conditions were rated 1 percent very poor, 2 percent poor, 28 percent fair, 55 percent good, and 14 percent excellent.

Crop Progress Percents

	This Week	Last Week	2010	5-Year Average
May 1				
CORN:				
Planted	10	10	85	46
Emerged	3	1	35	14
WHEAT:				
Headed	9	1/	11	14
OATS:				
Planted	78	73	94	83
ALFALFA:				
First cut	1	1	5	3

1/ Less than one percent.

Corn - Percent Planted
Illinois



Bare Soil 4-inch Temp (°F)
May 1 10 a.m.

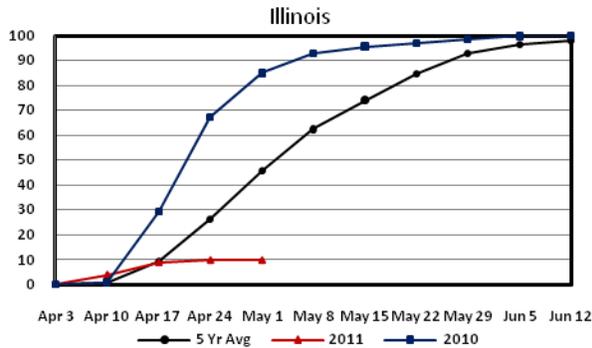
Crop Condition Percents

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
			May 1		
Winter Wheat	2	8	36	48	6
Oats	2	7	45	43	3
Alfalfa	1	4	28	60	7
Red Clover	1	2	26	60	11
Pasture	1	2	28	55	14

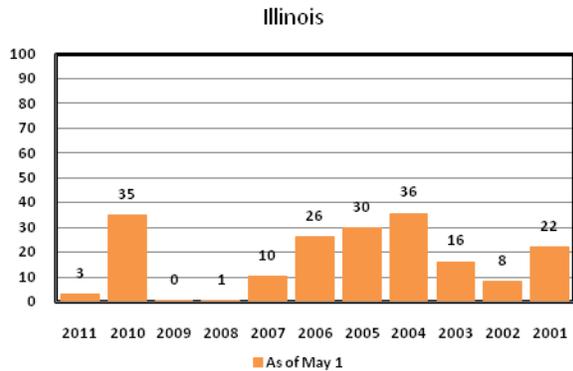
Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture Percents

District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork April 25 - May 1	Topsoil Moisture Percents May 1			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	1.2	-	-	60	40
Northeast	0.5	-	-	49	51
West	0.3	-	-	49	51
Central	0.3	-	-	36	64
East	0.0	-	-	25	75
W Southwest	0.3	-	-	23	77
E Southeast	0.0	-	-	13	87
Southwest	0.0	-	-	6	94
Southeast	0.0	-	-	-	100
State	0.4	-	-	32	68

Corn - Percent Planted



Corn - Percent Emerged

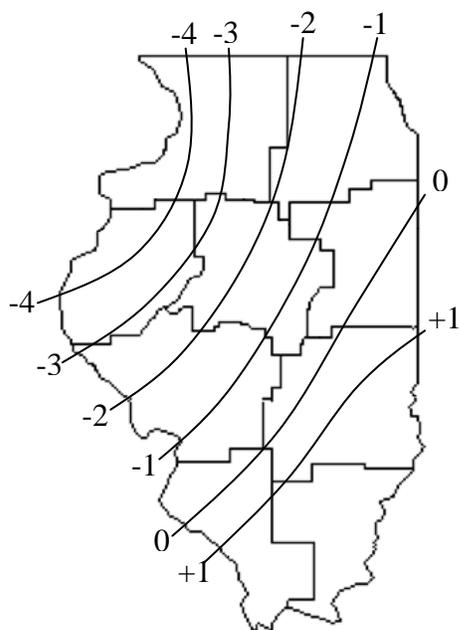


Crop Progress Percents by Districts

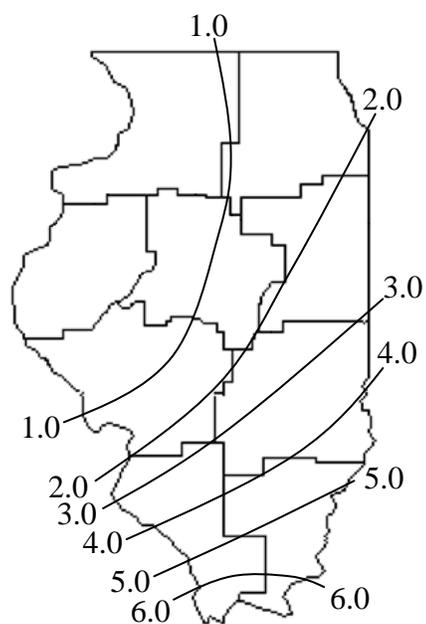
District	Corn Planted	Corn Emerged	
		May 1	
Northwest	3	1	
Northeast	2	1	
West	25	5	
Central	7	1	
East	3	1	
W Southwest	26	9	
E Southeast	4	1	
Southwest	27	18	
Southeast	8	2	
State	10	3	

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature (°F)		Precipitation (in.)	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure
April 25 - May 1				
Northwest	50.3	-3.8	0.94	0.13
Northeast	51.5	-1.4	1.19	0.35
West	52.9	-4.0	0.49	-0.25
Central	53.6	-2.5	1.04	0.26
East	55.1	-0.2	2.19	1.38
W Southwest	56.4	-1.7	0.92	0.03
E Southeast	59.0	0.9	4.19	3.27
Southwest	60.2	0.7	5.72	4.57
Southeast	61.7	2.0	5.58	4.30
State	55.4	-1.2	2.34	1.44



Temperature (°F) Departure
April 25 - May 1



Precipitation (in.) Total
April 25 - May 1

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