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## Agricultural Summary

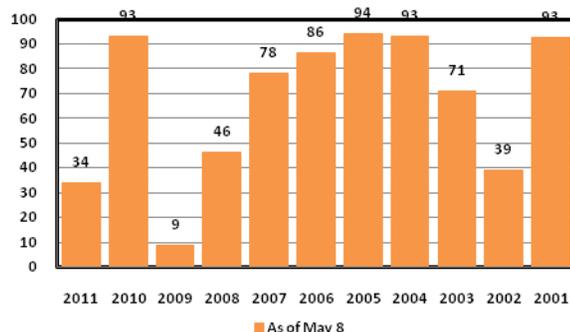
Temperatures dropped well below normal throughout the state, with a statewide average of 53.6 degrees, 5.0 degrees below normal. Precipitation varied across the state and averaged 1.01 inches, only 0.03 inches below normal. A break in the rainfall allowed for rapid progress in field work in most of the state, with an average of 3.2 days suitable reported. However, wet conditions in southern parts of the state have kept farmers out of the field completely. Corn planted increased 24 percent from last week to 34 percent, 59 percent lower than the same time last year and 28 percent below the five-year average. Two percent of soybeans have been planted, 28 percent below this time last year and 12 percent below the five-year average. Oats planted is at 86 percent, 6 percent below the five-year average. Topsoil moisture is 65 percent adequate and 35 percent surplus. Winter wheat conditions stand at 2 percent very poor, 9 percent poor, 30 percent fair, 51 percent good, and 8 percent excellent. Alfalfa conditions are 1 percent very poor, 2 percent poor, 22 percent fair, 66 percent good, and 9 percent excellent. Red clover conditions are 1 percent very poor, 2 percent poor, 27 percent fair, 59 percent good, and 11 percent excellent. Pasture conditions are rated at 1 percent very poor, 3 percent poor, 21 percent fair, 60 percent good, and 15 percent excellent.

### Crop Progress Percents

	This Week	Last Week	2010	5-Year Average
May 8				
<b>CORN:</b>				
Planted	34	10	93	62
Emerged	6	3	60	31
<b>SOYBEANS:</b>				
Planted	2	1/	30	14
<b>WHEAT:</b>				
Headed	26	9	39	36
<b>OATS:</b>				
Planted	86	78	96	92
<b>ALFALFA:</b>				
First cut	2	1	7	6

1/ Less than one percent.

Corn - Percent Planted  
Illinois



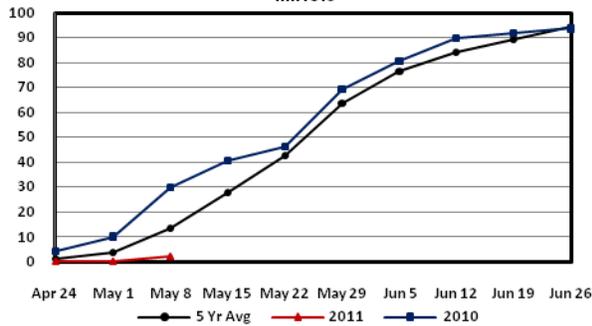
**Crop Condition Percents**

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
			May 8		
Winter Wheat	2	9	30	51	8
Oats	2	5	41	49	3
Alfalfa	1	2	22	66	9
Red Clover	1	2	27	59	11
Pasture	1	3	21	60	15

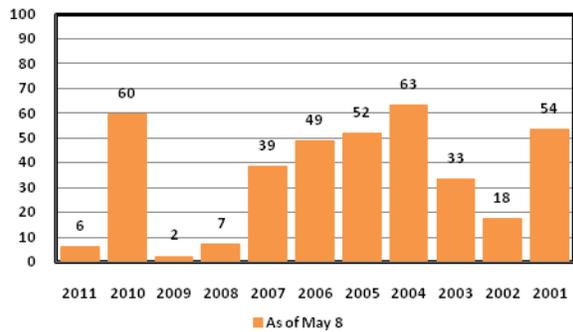
**Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture Percents**

District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture Percents			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	May 2 - 8		May 8		
Northwest	5.9	-	-	91	9
Northeast	4.6	-	-	89	11
West	5.9	-	-	90	10
Central	3.5	-	-	78	22
East	1.5	-	-	49	51
W Southwest	2.8	-	-	53	47
E Southeast	0.1	-	-	31	69
Southwest	0.6	-	-	14	86
Southeast	0.0	-	-	-	100
State	3.2	-	-	65	35

**Soybeans - Percent Planted  
Illinois**



**Corn - Percent Emerged  
Illinois**

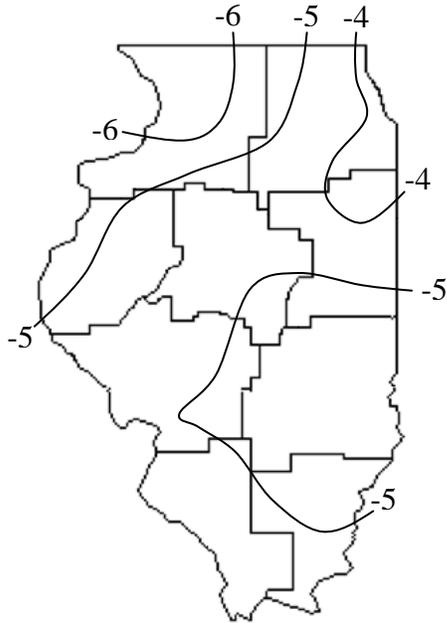


**Crop Progress Percents by Districts**

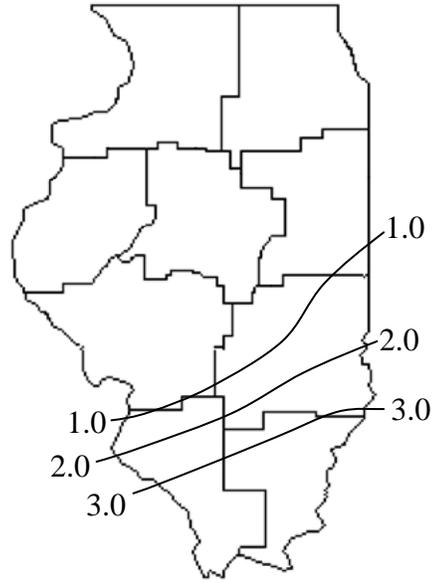
District	Corn Planted	Corn Emerged	
		May 8	
Northwest	46	1	
Northeast	43	1	
West	72	19	
Central	34	4	
East	9	1	
W Southwest	42	20	
E Southeast	5	4	
Southwest	33	18	
Southeast	8	2	
State	34	6	

**Weather Information Table**

District	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure	Since May 1	Departure
	May 2 - 8					
Northwest	50.3	-5.8	0.11	-0.82	48	-19
Northeast	50.9	-4.4	0.12	-0.74	44	-19
West	53.8	-4.8	0.20	-1.00	62	-13
Central	53.4	-4.7	0.37	-0.70	58	-17
East	53.0	-4.6	0.58	-0.41	51	-22
W Southwest	54.9	-4.8	0.59	-0.52	62	-20
E Southeast	54.4	-5.4	1.49	0.40	56	-26
Southwest	56.3	-4.8	3.06	2.05	67	-22
Southeast	56.4	-4.9	3.50	2.41	65	-24
State	53.6	-5.0	1.01	-0.03	57	-20



Temperature (°F) Departure  
May 2 - 8



Precipitation (in.) Total  
May 2 - 8

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