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## Agricultural Summary

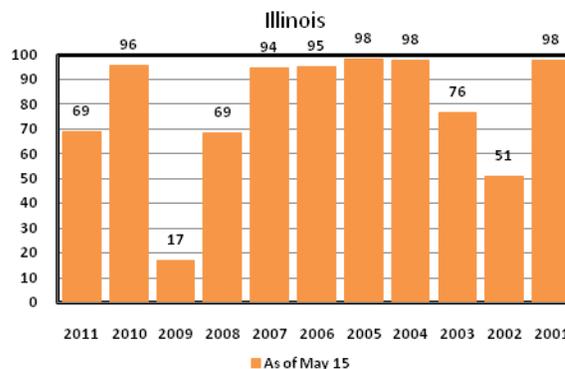
Temperatures were above normal with a statewide average of 66.6 degrees. The average for the time period is 61.7 degrees. Rains resumed towards the end of the week for an average of 1.09 inches statewide. The norm for the time period is 0.9 inches. Number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 4.7. Topsoil moisture was rated 1 percent short, 58 percent adequate, and 41 percent surplus. With higher temperatures and dry weather for the majority of the week, planting was in full swing even though some acres were being replanted. Corn planted increased to 69 percent from last week's 34 percent. This compares to a five-year average of 74 percent. Corn emerged was 24 percent as compared with the five-year average of 50 percent. Soybean planting moved forward though behind schedule. Soybeans planted jumped to 16 percent from 2 percent the previous week. Last year at this time 41 percent had been planted. Field work remained on hold where fields were still saturated with water or flooded. Most fieldwork came to a halt by the end of the week when rains resumed. Early week warm temperatures allowed wheat to improve, though some wheat fields reportedly looked bad due to excess moisture this season. Winter wheat condition stood at 2 percent very poor, 8 percent poor, 42 percent fair, 40 percent good, and 8 percent excellent. Some alfalfa was cut while many farmers were looking for more favorable conditions to cut hay. Alfalfa was rated 1 percent very poor, 2 percent poor, 21 percent fair, 67 percent good and 9 percent excellent.

### Crop Progress Percents

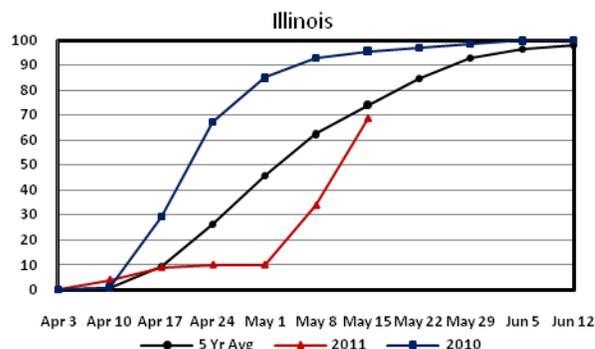
	This Week	Last Week	2010	5-Year Average
May 15				
<b>CORN:</b>				
Planted	69	34	96	74
Emerged	24	6	76	50
Height (inches)	2	-	3	2
<b>SOYBEANS:</b>				
Planted	16	2	41	28
Emerged	1	1/	11	6
<b>SORGHUM:</b>				
Planted	1	1/	16	13
<b>WHEAT:</b>				
Headed	60	26	58	61
Filled	7	1/	7	12
<b>OATS:</b>				
Headed	3	1/	14	6
<b>ALFALFA:</b>				
First cut	4	2	12	11

1/ Less than one percent.

### Corn - Percent Planted



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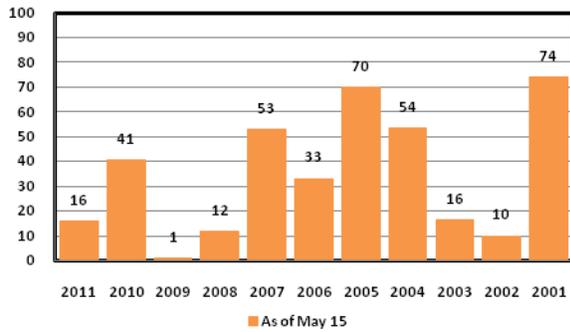
**Crop Condition Percents**

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
			May 15		
Winter Wheat	2	8	42	40	8
Oats	2	7	34	53	4
Alfalfa	1	2	21	67	9
Red Clover	-	1	30	58	11
Pasture	-	2	20	60	18

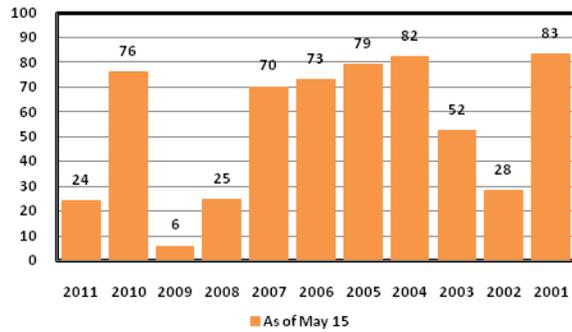
**Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture Percents**

District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture Percents			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	May 9 - 15		May 15		
Northwest	5.2	-	3	84	13
Northeast	4.9	-	-	78	22
West	4.8	-	-	76	24
Central	5.0	-	-	67	33
East	4.6	-	-	47	53
W Southwest	5.1	-	-	43	57
E Southeast	4.4	-	1	39	60
Southwest	3.1	-	-	27	73
Southeast	3.0	-	-	25	75
State	4.7	-	1	58	41

**Soybeans - Percent Planted  
Illinois**



**Corn - Percent Emerged  
Illinois**

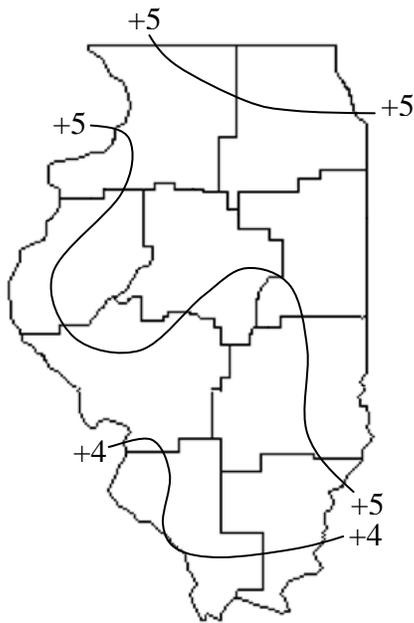


**Crop Progress Percents by Districts**

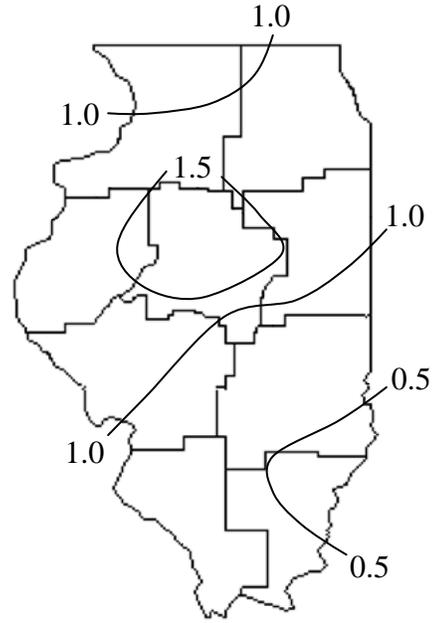
District	Corn Planted	Corn Emerged	Soybeans Planted
		May 15	
Northwest	87	28	36
Northeast	86	21	26
West	94	49	39
Central	78	22	13
East	61	5	3
W Southwest	70	45	24
E Southeast	29	8	2
Southwest	37	25	3
Southeast	22	7	1
State	69	24	16

**Weather Information Table**

District	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure	Since May 1	Departure
	May 9 - 15					
Northwest	64.8	5.2	1.13	0.24	159	2
Northeast	64.1	5.3	1.34	0.52	153	5
West	66.7	5.0	1.32	0.50	181	5
Central	66.5	5.2	1.69	0.80	180	4
East	66.4	5.4	1.34	0.48	175	3
W Southwest	67.5	4.8	1.11	0.20	190	1
E Southeast	67.6	4.8	0.57	-0.38	191	0
Southwest	68.0	4.2	0.76	-0.21	204	-2
Southeast	68.4	4.3	0.54	-0.50	206	-1
State	66.6	4.9	1.09	0.19	181	2



Temperature (°F) Departure  
May 9 - 15



Precipitation (in.) Total  
May 9 - 15

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