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## Agricultural Summary

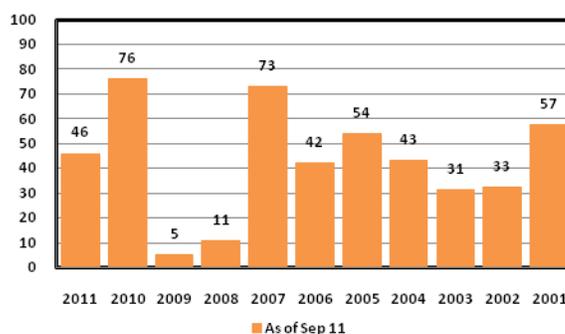
Dry conditions persisted across the state last week. Precipitation was below normal in all districts for an average of 0.35 inches state-wide, 0.34 inches below average. Temperatures were also below normal averaging 63.1 degrees for the state. The norm for the week is 69.9 degrees. There were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork. Corn was maturing at a fast rate given the dry weather. The crop was rated 93 percent dented as compared to a five-year average of 82 percent. Forty-six percent of the crop was rated mature as compared to a five-year average of 41 percent. Five percent of the crop was harvested. Soybeans turning yellow were 46 percent, just below the five-year average of 48 percent, but well below last year's rating of 70 percent. Some fourth cuttings of hay were made. The quality of many pastures was not good and some farmers were feeding hay to cattle. Topsoil moisture was rated 32 percent very short, 39 percent short, 28 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus.

### Crop Progress Percents

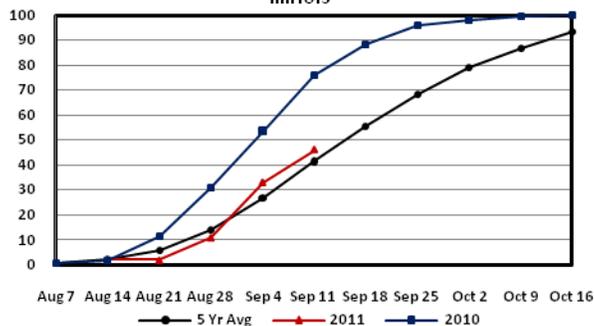
	This Week	Last Week	2010	5-Year Average
September 11				
<b>CORN:</b>				
Dough	100	99	99	97
Dented	93	88	96	82
Mature	46	33	76	41
Harvested	5	3	16	7
<b>SOYBEANS:</b>				
Turning yellow	46	25	70	48
Shedding leaves	13	4	38	20
<b>SORGHUM:</b>				
Headed	98	97	100	98
Coloring	86	85	87	75
Mature	36	30	47	35
Harvested	1	1	13	5
<b>ALFALFA:</b>				
Third cut	94	82	91	92

1/ Less than 1 percent

Corn - Percent Mature  
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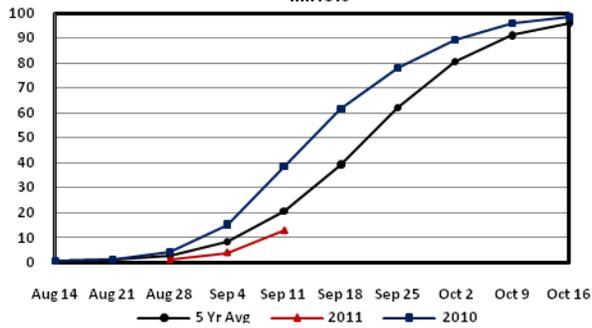
**Crop Condition Percents**

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
September 11					
Corn	7	16	37	34	6
Soybeans	5	14	37	38	6
Sorghum	2	25	43	30	-
Pasture	20	32	34	13	1

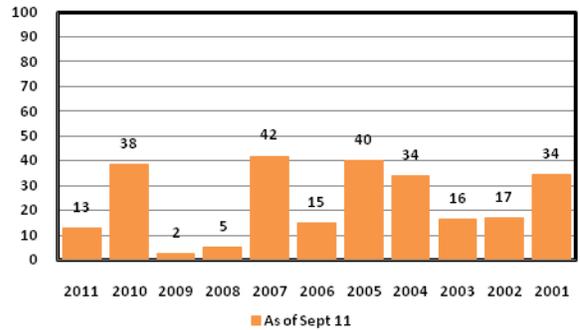
**Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture Percents**

District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture Percents			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Sept. 5 - 11		September 11			
Northwest	6.4	3	21	76	-
Northeast	6.3	-	22	77	1
West	6.9	51	44	5	-
Central	6.1	17	47	35	1
East	5.8	38	45	17	-
W Southwest	5.9	50	41	9	-
E Southeast	6.5	24	60	16	-
Southwest	6.8	57	37	6	-
Southeast	7.0	89	11	-	-
State	6.3	32	39	28	1

**Soybeans - Percent Shedding Leaves  
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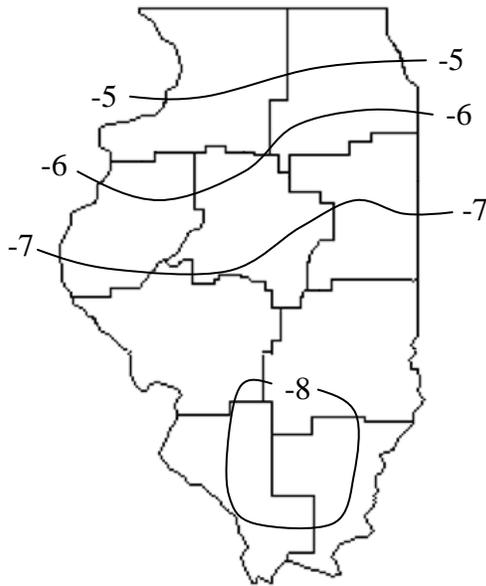


**Crop Progress Percents by Districts**

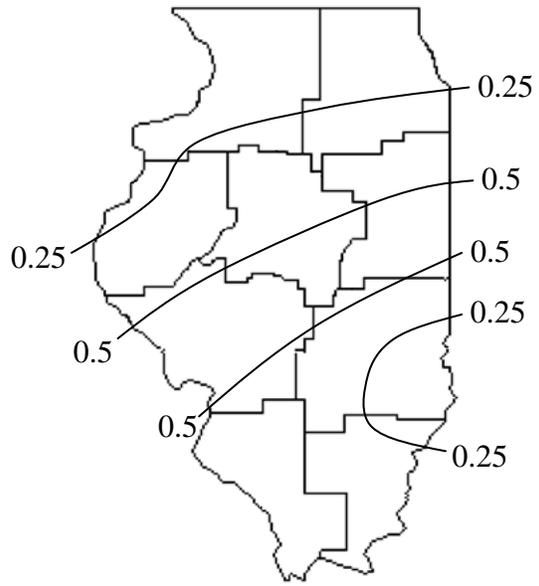
District	Corn Dented	Corn Mature	Corn Harvested	Soybeans Turning Yellow	Soybeans Shedding Leaves
September 11					
Northwest	90	35	1	41	9
Northeast	84	14	1	55	11
West	99	51	7	39	8
Central	99	77	6	46	18
East	94	26	2	56	12
W Southwest	94	66	12	24	5
E Southeast	93	57	5	69	27
Southwest	90	46	12	30	18
Southeast	100	80	9	30	16
State	93	46	5	46	13

**Weather Information Table**

District	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure	Since May 1	Departure
	September 5 - 11					
Northwest	62.5	-5.0	0.11	-0.58	2,687	148
Northeast	62.5	-5.4	0.16	-0.59	2,637	133
West	63.4	-6.7	0.24	-0.51	2,937	158
Central	62.8	-6.7	0.45	-0.26	2,859	143
East	62.1	-6.9	0.56	-0.16	2,806	131
W Southwest	63.3	-7.5	0.55	-0.14	3,030	162
E Southeast	63.3	-7.8	0.27	-0.41	3,025	139
Southwest	64.0	-8.1	0.38	-0.27	3,165	183
Southeast	64.4	-8.1	0.50	-0.08	3,202	188
State	63.1	-6.9	0.35	-0.34	2,916	152



Temperature (°F) Departure  
September 5 - 11



Precipitation (in.) Total  
September 5 - 11

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