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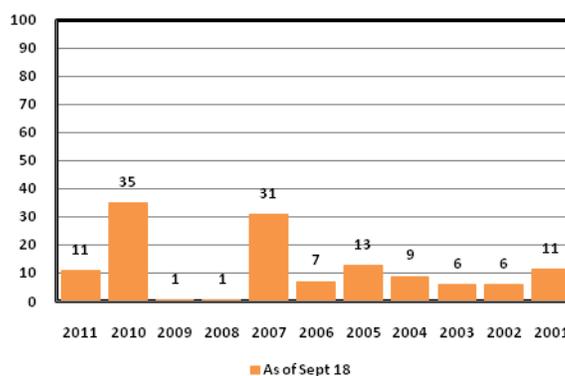
## Agricultural Summary

Temperatures remained below normal last week averaging 61.1 degrees statewide. The average is 66.6 degrees. Southern portions of the state experienced above normal rainfall. Northern and central portions, however, received below normal rains for an average of 0.65 inches statewide, 0.21 inches below average. With 5.7 days available for field work, corn harvest was in full swing. Eleven percent of the crop was harvested as compared with the five-year average of 15 percent. Some producers were waiting for more favorable moisture levels to begin harvest. Corn condition was rated 7 percent very poor, 18 percent poor, 34 percent fair, 34 percent good and 7 percent excellent. Silage harvest was nearing completion. Soybean harvest had just begun with one percent of the crop harvested. The five-year average is four percent. Soybean condition was rated 4 percent very poor, 14 percent poor, 35 percent fair, 40 percent good and 7 percent excellent. Fertilizer and manure applications were taking place in early harvested fields. Fall tillage was also underway. More rain was needed for pastures and winter wheat plantings. Topsoil moisture was rated 22 percent very short, 37 percent short, 39 percent adequate and 2 percent surplus.

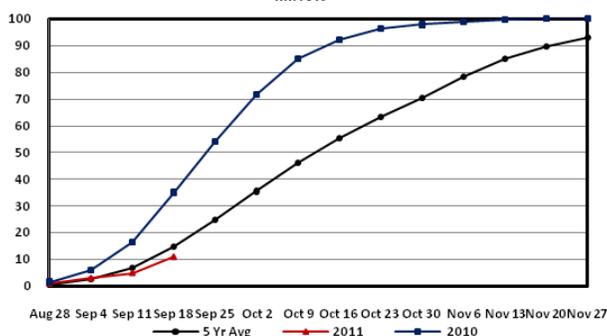
### Crop Progress Percents

	This Week	Last Week	2010	5-Year Average
September 18				
<b>CORN:</b>				
Dented	97	93	100	90
Mature	63	46	88	55
Harvested	11	5	35	15
<b>SOYBEANS:</b>				
Turning yellow	69	46	85	69
Shedding leaves	31	13	62	39
Harvested	1	1/	9	4
<b>SORGHUM:</b>				
Coloring	91	86	93	85
Mature	51	36	71	50
Harvested	4	1	24	10
<b>ALFALFA:</b>				
Third cut	94	94	95	95
1/ Less than 1 percent.				

Corn - Percent Harvested  
Illinois



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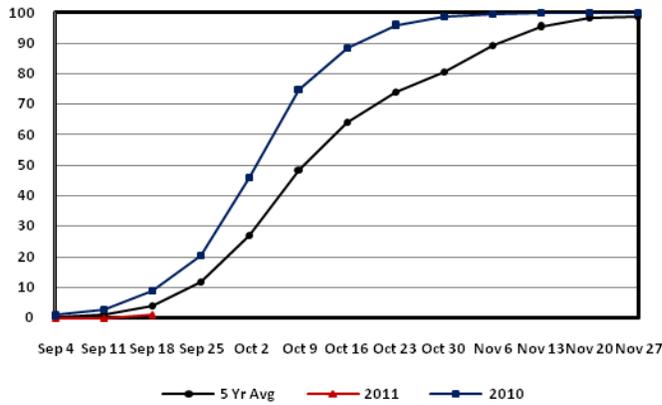
**Crop Condition Percents**

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
September 18					
Corn	7	18	34	34	7
Soybeans	4	14	35	40	7
Sorghum	2	20	40	38	-
Pasture	18	29	37	15	1

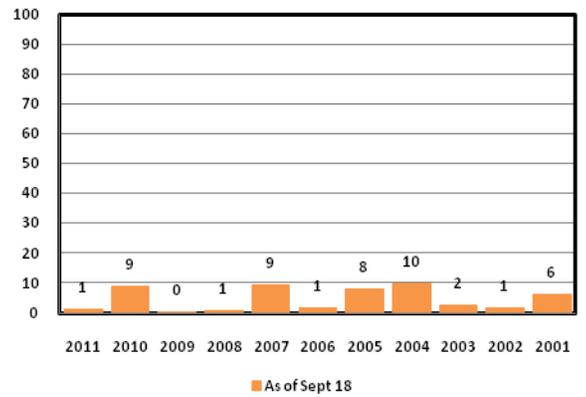
**Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture Percents**

District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture Percents			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Sept. 12 - 18		September 18			
Northwest	5.9	2	23	74	1
Northeast	6.1	-	19	81	-
West	6.3	53	45	2	-
Central	5.5	11	35	50	4
East	5.8	37	38	25	-
W Southwest	4.8	28	48	18	6
E Southeast	5.9	16	48	36	-
Southwest	5.4	24	30	41	5
Southeast	5.8	11	42	47	-
State	5.7	22	37	39	2

**Soybeans - Percent Harvested  
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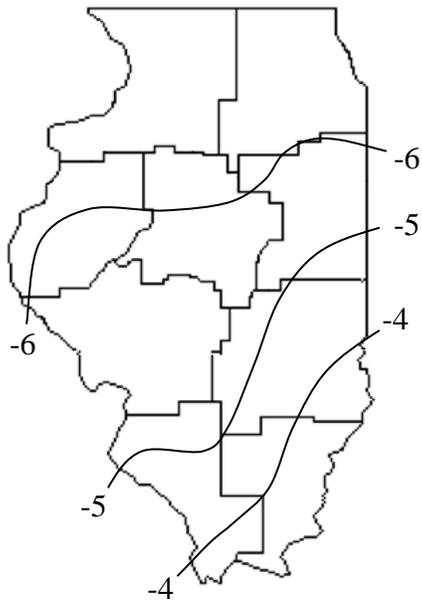
**Crop Progress Percents by Districts**

District	Corn Dented	Corn Mature	Corn Harvested	Soybeans Turning Yellow	Soybeans Shedding Leaves	Soybeans Harvested
September 18						
Northwest	96	56	4	73	31	1/
Northeast	91	28	1	77	44	1/
West	99	63	11	60	30	1/
Central	100	87	7	51	19	1/
East	100	52	6	84	32	1
W Southwest	98	81	27	47	16	1/
E Southeast	96	70	11	82	43	2
Southwest	96	68	32	57	27	1/
Southeast	100	92	19	61	23	3
State	97	63	11	69	31	1

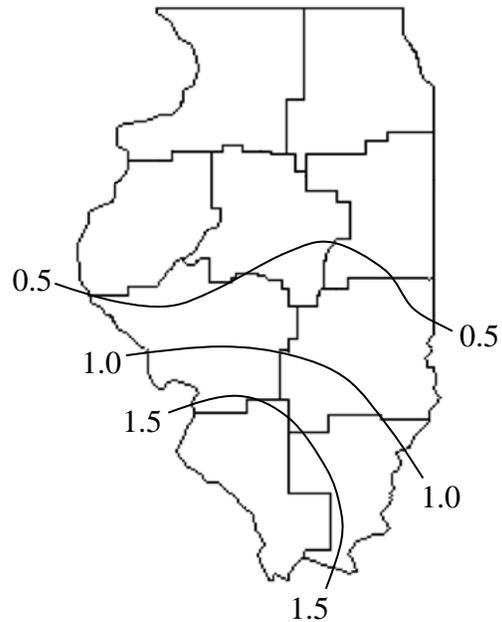
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**Weather Information Table**

District	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure	Since May 1	Departure
September 12 - 18						
Northwest	57.4	-6.4	0.15	-0.84	2,756	114
Northeast	57.9	-6.3	0.14	-0.82	2,709	100
West	60.2	-6.1	0.22	-0.82	3,021	125
Central	60.0	-6.2	0.22	-0.65	2,944	111
East	60.4	-5.7	0.36	-0.41	2,895	103
W Southwest	62.1	-5.6	0.87	0.09	3,125	132
E Southeast	63.4	-4.7	0.97	0.28	3,126	112
Southwest	64.0	-4.8	1.70	0.91	3,264	150
Southeast	65.4	-3.8	1.44	0.66	3,311	161
State	61.1	-5.6	0.65	-0.21	3,004	122



Temperature (°F) Departure  
September 12 - 18



Precipitation (in.) Total  
September 12 - 18

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