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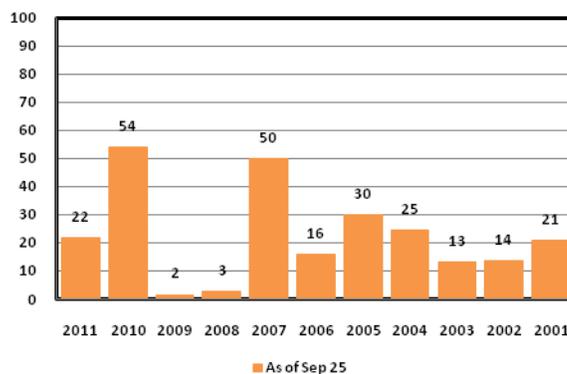
Agricultural Summary

Temperatures continued to remain below normal again last week. Statewide, temperatures averaged 59.5 degrees, 2.3 degrees below normal. Again, southern portions of the state received above average rainfall while the northern and central portions remained relatively dry. Statewide precipitation averaged 0.83 inches, the same as normal. Topsoil moisture is 18 percent very short, 36 percent short, 42 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. Even with rain in the southern parts of the state, there were 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork. Corn harvest continued across much of the state. The corn crop is now 22 percent harvested, up from 11 percent last week but still 3 percentage points below the five-year average. Corn harvest is being delayed in some northern parts of the state due to slow maturing plants and high moisture levels. The corn condition is rated at 5 percent very poor, 17 percent poor, 38 percent fair, 34 percent good, and 6 percent excellent. Soybean harvest picked up slightly from last week and is now at 4 percent, well below the average of 12 percent. Soybean condition is rated at 18 percent poor to very poor, 36 percent fair, and 46 percent good to excellent. Winter wheat seeding is at 7 percent, compared to 7 percent last year and the five-year average of 5 percent. Fall tillage and fertilizer application continued on harvested fields.

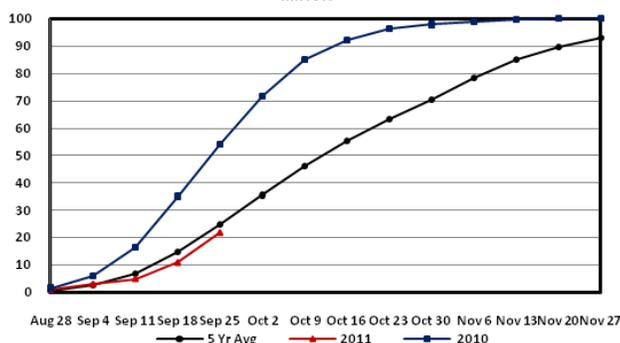
Crop Progress Percents

	This Week	Last Week	2010	5-Year Average
September 25				
CORN:				
Dented	99	97	100	95
Mature	80	63	96	68
Harvested	22	11	54	25
SOYBEANS:				
Turning yellow	87	69	93	85
Shedding leaves	61	31	78	62
Harvested	4	1	20	12
SORGHUM:				
Coloring	95	91	97	91
Mature	69	51	76	60
Harvested	9	4	31	17
WINTER WHEAT:				
Seeded	7	1	7	5

Corn - Percent Harvested
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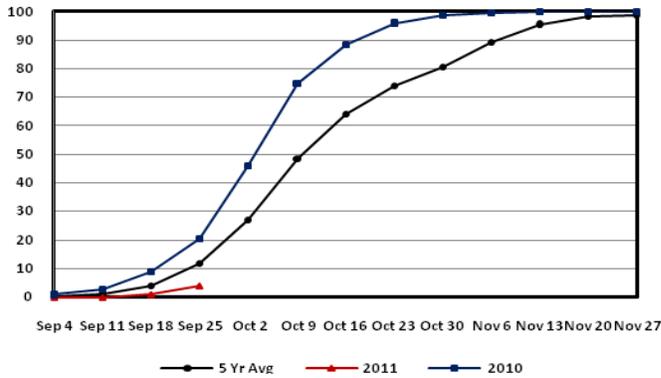
Crop Condition Percents

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
September 25					
Corn	5	17	38	34	6
Soybeans	4	14	36	39	7
Sorghum	1	24	42	32	1
Pasture	18	29	36	16	1

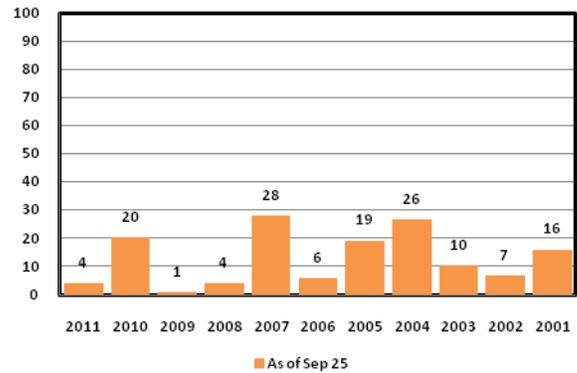
Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture Percents

District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture Percents			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Sept. 19 - 25		September 25			
Northwest	6.0	3	17	80	-
Northeast	6.2	-	15	83	2
West	6.6	41	56	3	-
Central	5.5	16	46	36	2
East	5.8	28	39	31	2
W Southwest	6.0	28	48	24	-
E Southeast	4.8	13	42	33	12
Southwest	3.8	8	16	66	10
Southeast	4.4	-	10	65	25
State	5.7	18	36	42	4

Soybeans - Percent Harvested Illinois



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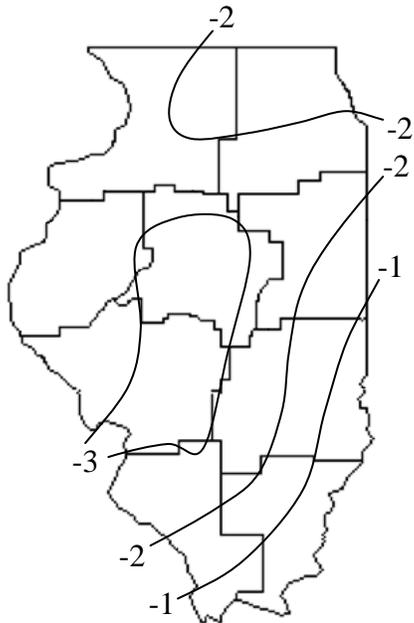


Crop Progress Percents by Districts

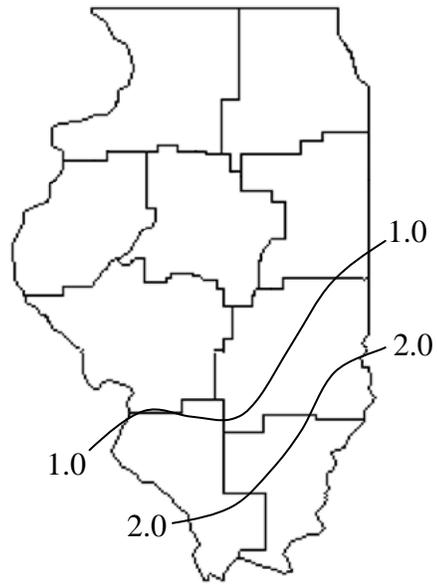
District	Corn Dented	Corn Mature	Corn Harvested	Soybeans Turning Yellow	Soybeans Shedding Leaves	Soybeans Harvested
September 25						
Northwest	98	72	7	88	59	2
Northeast	99	55	4	95	72	2
West	100	80	29	85	55	3
Central	100	94	33	88	68	4
East	100	68	10	93	58	5
W Southwest	99	91	49	73	46	3
E Southeast	100	93	19	95	72	7
Southwest	100	95	51	60	45	5
Southeast	100	92	25	79	61	7
State	99	80	22	87	61	4

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure	Since May 1	Departure
September 19 - 25						
Northwest	56.8	-2.2	0.38	-0.43	2,820	100
Northeast	57.6	-2.0	0.72	-0.06	2,771	82
West	58.9	-2.7	0.37	-0.47	3,100	112
Central	58.2	-3.1	0.56	-0.22	3,016	91
East	59.2	-2.0	0.48	-0.17	2,969	86
W Southwest	59.0	-3.8	0.56	-0.25	3,199	107
E Southeast	61.8	-1.5	1.20	0.35	3,215	100
Southwest	61.9	-2.3	1.40	0.40	3,341	120
Southeast	63.7	-1.1	2.18	1.25	3,394	136
State	59.5	-2.3	0.83	0.00	3,079	102



Temperature (°F) Departure
September 19 - 25



Precipitation (in.) Total
September 19 - 25

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