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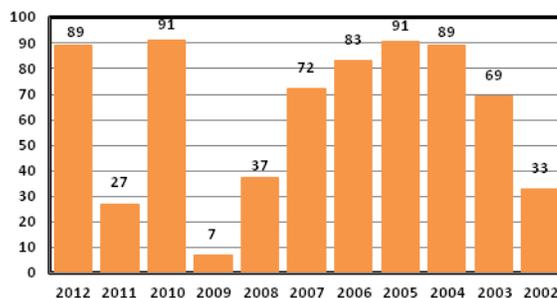
Wet conditions slowed planting progress across most of the state last week with an average of 1.5 days suitable for field work, compared to 4.8 the previous week. The state wide average precipitation was 1.82 inches, 0.91 inches above normal. Planted crop progress was aided by the warm and wet conditions, with an average temperature of 68.5 degrees, 10.9 degrees above normal. Some farmers expect to replant corn acres due to oversaturation. Corn planted progress has reached 89 percent statewide, compared to 79 percent the previous week and a 5-year average of 47 percent. Corn emerged jumped to 64 percent, compared to 34 percent last week and a 5-year average of 18 percent. Soybean planting progress is at 21 percent, compared to 13 percent the previous week and a five-year average of 7 percent. Oats headed reached 4 percent while wheat headed is at 87 percent, compared to a 5-year average of 23 percent. Topsoil moisture was rated at 6 percent short, 68 percent adequate, and 26 percent surplus. Corn condition is rated at 2 percent poor, 20 percent fair, 66 percent good, and 12 percent excellent. Winter wheat conditions are now rated at 4 percent very poor to poor, 14 percent fair, 62 percent good and 20 percent excellent.

Crop Progress Percents

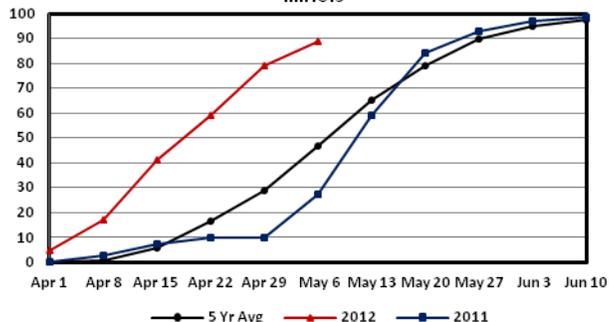
	This Week	Last Week	2011	5-Year Average
May 6				
CORN:				
Planted	89	79	27	47
Emerged	64	34	5	18
Average height	3	1/	1/	1/
SOYBEANS:				
Planted	21	13	1	7
Emerged	7	1	1/	1
SORGHUM:				
Planted	41	19	1/	5
OATS:				
Planted	99	98	84	87
Headed	4	2	1/	1
WHEAT:				
Headed	87	80	21	23
Filled	33	24	1/	1/
Turning yellow	2	1/	1/	1/
ALFALFA:				
First cut	21	18	2	3
RED CLOVER:				
Cut	29	19	1/	2

1/ Data not available or less than one percent.

Corn - Percent Planted
Illinois



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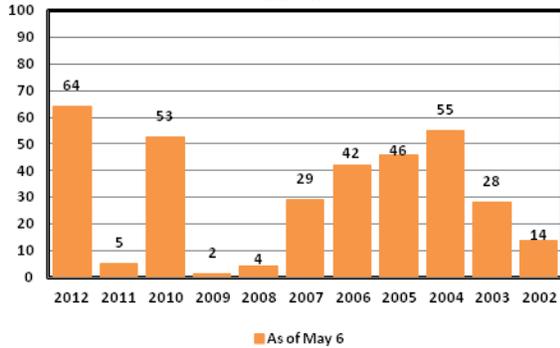


Crop Condition Percents

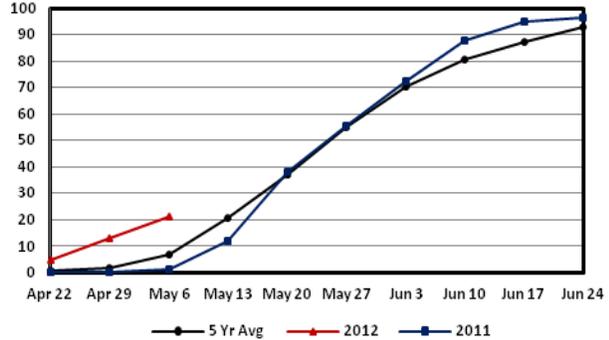
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
May 6					
Corn	0	2	20	66	12
Winter Wheat	1	3	14	62	20
Alfalfa	2	2	20	59	17
Red Clover	0	1	28	53	18
Pasture	0	2	12	60	26
Oats	0	3	28	61	8

District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil				Subsoil			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
April 30 - May 6		May 6							
Northwest	1.5	-	1	73	26	3	9	82	6
Northeast	1.2	-	-	70	30	-	15	79	6
West	0.5	-	-	89	11	-	20	78	2
Central	1.3	-	3	85	12	2	12	75	11
East	1.7	-	21	62	17	-	27	72	1
W Southwest	0.7	-	1	49	50	-	8	64	28
E Southeast	2.2	-	7	65	28	1	9	76	14
Southwest	3.4	2	18	53	27	-	4	59	37
Southeast	5.0	-	22	53	25	-	32	47	21
State	1.5	-	6	68	26	-	14	73	13

**Corn - Percent Emerged
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**Soybeans - Percent Planted
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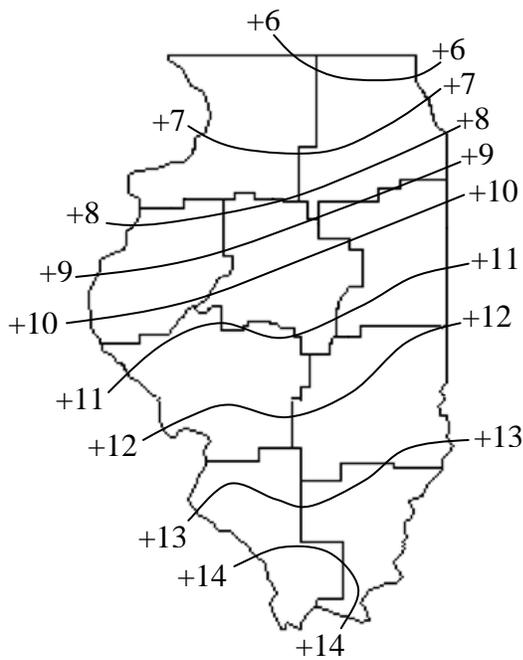
Crop Progress Percents by Districts

District	Corn Planted	Corn Emerged	Soybeans Planted	Soybeans Emerged
May 6				
Northwest	78	31	12	1/
Northeast	82	45	12	2
West	91	50	25	7
Central	93	61	32	11
East	97	77	24	3
W Southwest	88	86	15	9
E Southeast	92	79	18	6
Southwest	95	71	30	6
Southeast	92	75	42	20
State	89	64	21	7

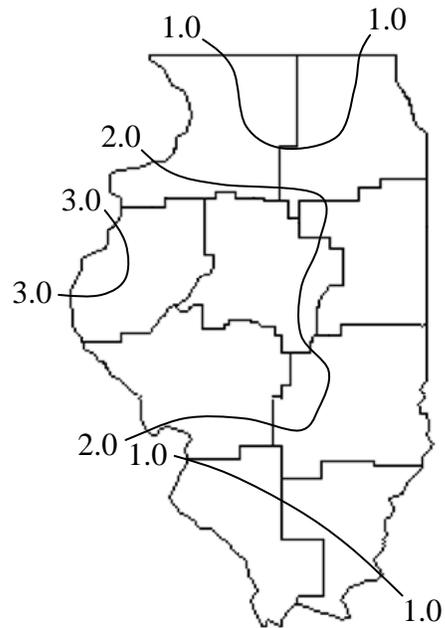
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Weather Information Table

District	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure	Since May 1	Departure
	April 20 - May 6					
Northwest	62.5	7.3	1.60	0.90	96	41
Northeast	61.9	7.5	1.32	0.59	86	35
West	67.6	9.9	2.86	1.86	122	60
Central	67.1	10.0	2.05	1.17	116	55
East	67.6	10.8	1.57	0.69	117	57
W Southwest	70.9	12.1	2.92	1.92	138	71
E Southeast	72.0	13.0	1.97	0.98	140	73
Southwest	74.5	14.3	0.54	-0.44	152	80
Southeast	74.8	14.3	1.03	-0.05	153	81
State	68.5	10.9	1.82	0.91	123	61



Temperature (°F) Departure
April 30 - May 6



Precipitation (in.) Total
April 30 - May 6

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