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Agricultural Summary

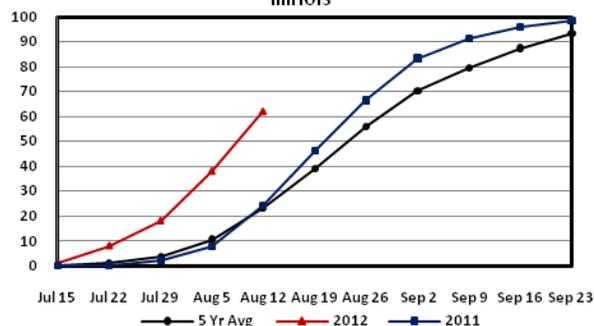
Temperatures moderated somewhat compared to previous weeks while the rainfall total once again fell below average. Statewide temperatures averaged 72.8 degrees, 0.9 degrees below normal. Precipitation totaled 0.28 inches, 0.63 inches below normal. Topsoil moisture was unchanged from last week with 72 percent very short, 23 percent short and 5 percent adequate. Subsoil moisture was rated 80 percent very short, 17 percent short and 3 percent adequate. Producers were busy with activities including continued spraying for spider mites and silage chopping in some locations across the state. Some producers are harvesting corn already while others are finishing up final preparations to begin harvest. Limestone piles were spotted in some fields around the state. Corn in the dent stage has reached 62 percent statewide, compared to 24 percent last year and the 5-year average of 23 percent. Corn conditions were rated at 42 percent very poor, 33 percent poor, 20 percent fair and 5 percent good. Soybeans setting pods has reached 88 percent, compared to 70 percent last year and the 5-year average of 70 percent. Soybean conditions improved slightly to 28 percent very poor, 27 percent poor, 33 percent fair, 11 percent good and 1 percent excellent. In other crops around the state, 85 percent of the sorghum crop is now headed and 33 percent is coloring. The third cutting of alfalfa has been 81 percent completed. Pasture conditions were rated at 70 percent very poor, 24 percent poor, 5 percent fair and 1 percent good.

Crop Progress Percents

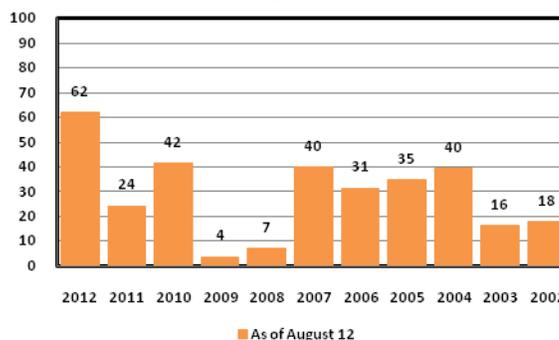
	This Week	Last Week	2011	5-Year Average
August 12				
CORN:				
Dough	90	81	69	67
Dent	62	38	24	23
Mature	12	6	1	1
Harvested	1	1	1/	1/
SOYBEANS:				
Blooming	98	97	95	92
Setting pods	88	82	70	70
Turning yellow	4	1	1	1
SORGHUM:				
Headed	85	71	80	70
Coloring	33	11	15	17
OATS:				
Harvested	98	97	95	93
ALFALFA:				
Third cut	81	74	56	53

1/ Data not available or less than one percent.

Corn - Percent Dented
Illinois



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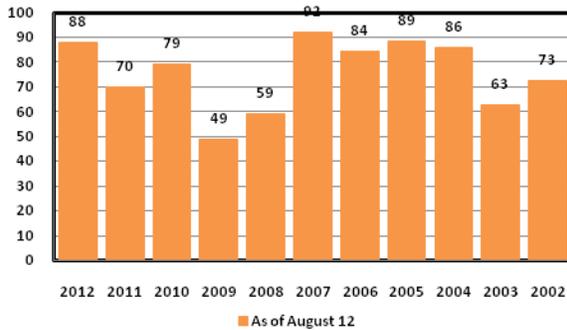


Crop Condition Percents

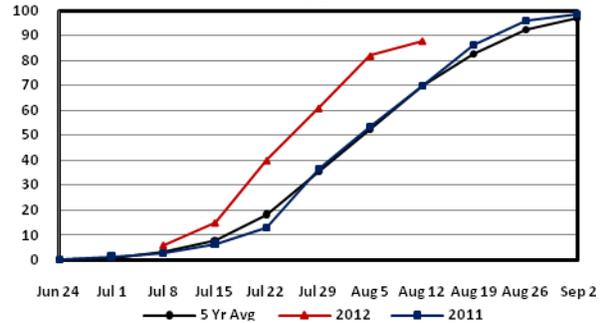
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
August 12					
Corn	42	33	20	5	-
Soybeans	28	27	33	11	1
Sorghum	60	31	8	1	-
Pasture	70	24	5	1	-

District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil				Subsoil			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
August 6 - 12		August 12							
Northwest	5.7	55	26	19	-	64	28	8	-
Northeast	6.1	73	22	5	-	77	22	1	-
West	6.8	92	8	-	-	94	6	-	-
Central	6.8	74	26	-	-	78	22	-	-
East	6.3	61	37	2	-	75	18	7	-
W Southwest	6.3	57	42	2	-	83	15	2	-
E Southeast	6.3	82	12	6	-	90	10	-	-
Southwest	6.7	93	7	-	-	92	8	-	-
Southeast	7.0	98	2	-	-	99	1	-	-
State	6.3	72	23	5	-	80	17	3	-

Soybeans - Percent Setting Pods Illinois



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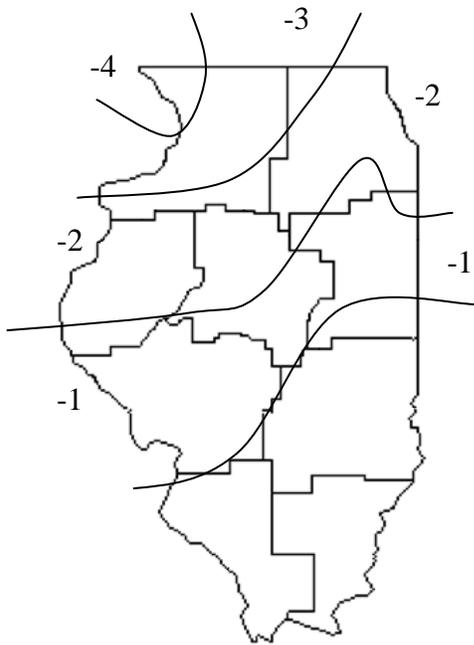
Crop Progress Percents by Districts

District	Corn Dough	Corn Dent	Corn Mature	Soybeans Blooming	Soybeans Setting Pods	Soybeans Turning Yellow
August 12						
Northwest	87	56	4	99	82	1
Northeast	86	40	1	100	99	-
West	83	57	9	98	92	-
Central	95	71	9	99	92	3
East	95	67	13	100	92	7
W Southwest	95	72	31	98	91	3
E Southeast	92	75	18	98	88	11
Southwest	93	43	35	95	64	6
Southeast	84	41	17	97	81	1
State	90	62	12	98	88	4

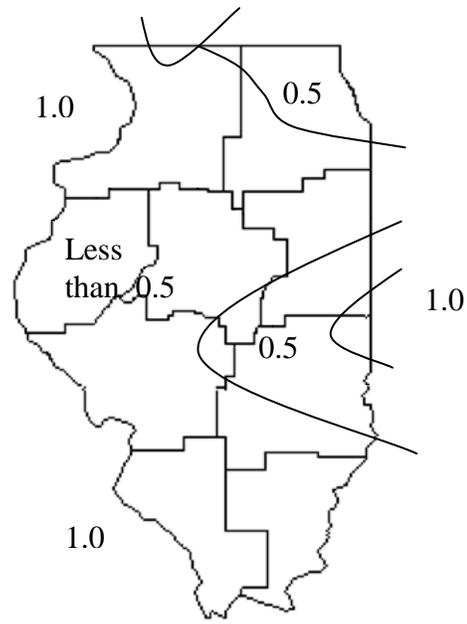
Weather Information Table

District	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days 1/	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure	Since May 1	Departure
	August 6 - 12					
Northwest	68.9	-2.7	0.26	-0.77	2,217	275
Northeast	70.0	-1.7	0.49	-0.55	2,209	307
West	72.4	-1.4	0.09	-0.89	2,359	238
Central	71.6	-1.3	0.22	-0.75	2,307	234
East	71.4	-0.9	0.45	-0.62	2,284	238
W Southwest	73.8	-0.8	0.30	-0.47	2,420	229
E Southeast	74.3	-0.3	0.51	-0.31	2,428	223
Southwest	77.1	1.1	0.02	-0.77	2,482	203
Southeast	77.3	1.2	0.04	-0.73	2,527	223
State	72.8	-0.9	0.28	-0.63	2,353	242

1/ Growing degree days (GDD's) are calculated by subtracting a 50-degree (F) base temperature from the average of the maximum and minimum temperatures for the day. The daily maximum temperature is limited to 86 degrees (F) and daily minimum is 50 degrees (F). Thus, if the mean temperature for the day is 75 degrees, then 25 GDD's will have been accumulated.



Temperature (°F) Departure
August 6 - 12



Precipitation (in.) Total
August 6 - 12

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