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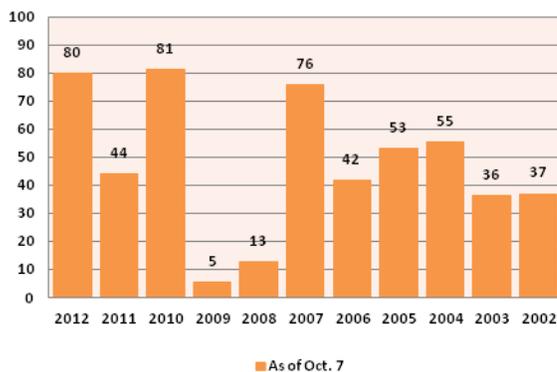
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Agricultural Summary

Harvest continued last week across the state with a few delays due to light rains across most of the state. An average of 5.1 days were suitable for field work statewide last week. Temperatures averaged 53.0 degrees, 5.4 degrees below normal. Statewide precipitation averaged 0.83 inches, 0.09 inches above normal with heavier amounts being reported in the southern half of the state. Topsoil moisture was rated at 17 percent very short, 33 percent short, 46 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were rated at 33 percent very short, 40 percent short, 26 percent adequate and one percent surplus. Corn harvest is nearing completion with 80 percent of the crop now being harvested. Corn harvest was 44 percent complete at this time last year while the five 5-year average is 44 percent. Ninety-nine percent of the corn crop is now mature. Soybean harvest increased to 47 percent, compared to 39 percent at this time last year and the 5-year average of 42 percent. Soybeans dropping leaves increased to 97 percent last week, compared to 90 percent last year and the 5-year average of 88 percent. Farmers reported frost damage to soybeans late in the week. In other crops, the sorghum crop was 99 percent coloring, 94 percent mature, and 38 percent harvested. Thirty percent of the winter wheat crop has been planted and four percent has emerged. The third cutting of alfalfa is 96 percent complete. Pasture conditions were rated at 18 percent very poor, 23 percent poor, 36 percent fair, 20 percent good, and 3 percent excellent.

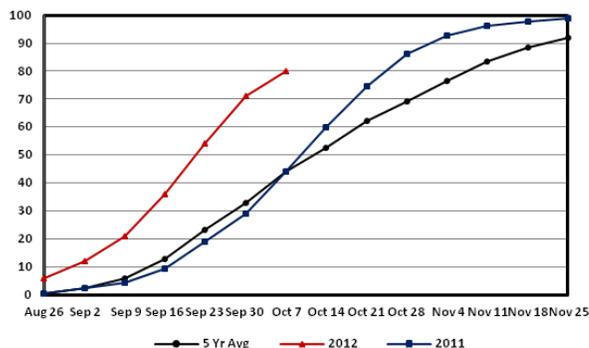
Corn - Percent Harvested
Illinois



Crop Progress Percents

	This Week	Last Week	2011	5-Year Average
October 7				
CORN:				
Mature	99	98	96	85
Harvested	80	71	44	44
SOYBEANS:				
Dropping leaves	97	85	90	88
Harvested	47	22	39	42
Winter Wheat:				
Planted	30	9	26	26
Emerged	4	1	5	5
SORGHUM:				
Coloring	99	99	99	98
Mature	94	86	91	80
Harvested	38	27	38	38
ALFALFA:				
Third cut	96	95	100	100

Corn - Percent Harvested
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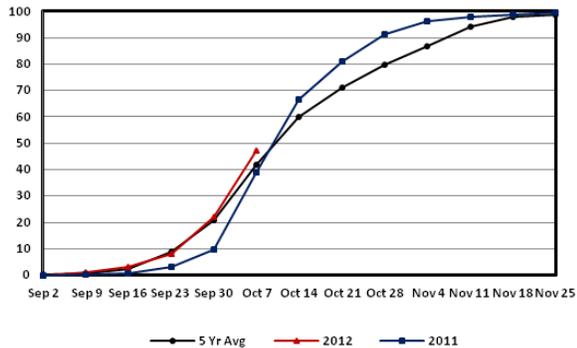


Crop Condition Percents

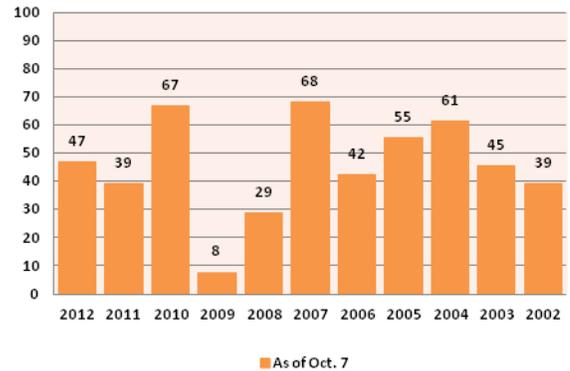
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
October 7					
Soybeans	13	22	38	24	3
Sorghum	56	21	19	4	-
Pasture	18	23	36	20	3

District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil				Subsoil			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
October 1 - 7		October 7							
Northwest	6.5	56	32	12	-	63	27	10	-
Northeast	6.4	26	61	13	-	67	22	11	-
West	5.2	23	30	47	-	39	46	15	-
Central	5.1	1	15	84	-	6	44	50	-
East	4.5	3	18	79	-	19	48	33	-
W Southwest	5.1	3	61	29	7	33	53	11	3
E Southeast	3.2	4	12	74	10	7	36	57	-
Southwest	3.5	15	34	46	5	34	35	31	-
Southeast	2.2	-	-	44	56	-	29	71	-
State	5.1	17	33	46	4	33	40	26	1

Soybeans - Percent Harvested
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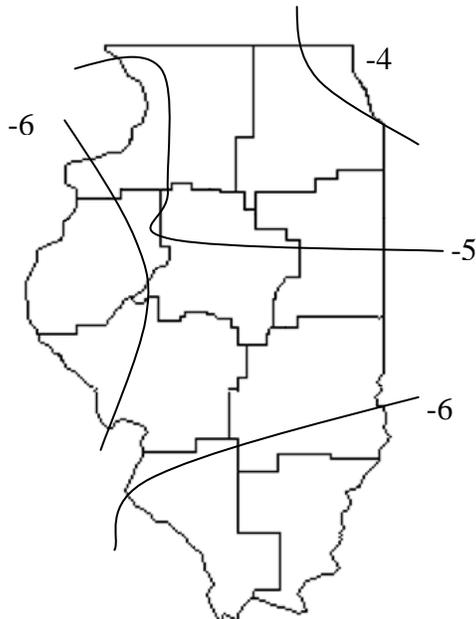


Crop Progress Percents by Districts

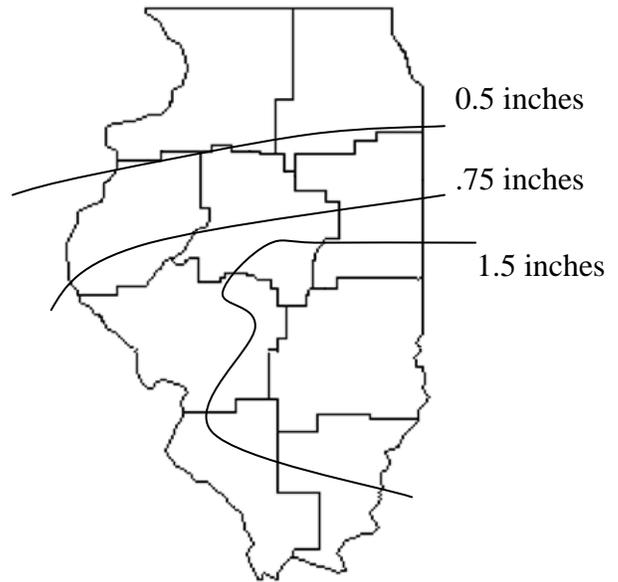
District	Corn Harvested	Soybeans Dropping Leaves	Soybeans Harvested
October 7			
Northwest	56	95	65
Northeast	60	99	70
West	91	98	55
Central	89	98	42
East	86	100	41
W Southwest	94	97	45
E Southeast	96	96	30
Southwest	95	91	41
Southeast	79	86	21
State	80	97	47

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature (°F)		Precipitation (in.)	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure
	October 1 - 7			
Northwest	50.1	-5.5	0.11	-0.60
Northeast	51.5	-4.4	0.25	-0.46
West	52.2	-6.1	0.60	-0.29
Central	52.6	-5.2	0.86	0.04
East	52.8	-4.8	1.03	0.24
W Southwest	53.9	-5.6	0.88	0.12
E Southeast	54.5	-5.4	1.33	0.54
Southwest	55.0	-5.8	1.29	0.72
Southeast	55.6	-5.6	1.39	0.78
State	53.0	-5.4	0.83	0.09



Temperature (°F) Departure
October 1 - 7



Precipitation (in.) Total
October 1 - 7

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