

# ILLINOIS WEATHER & CROPS



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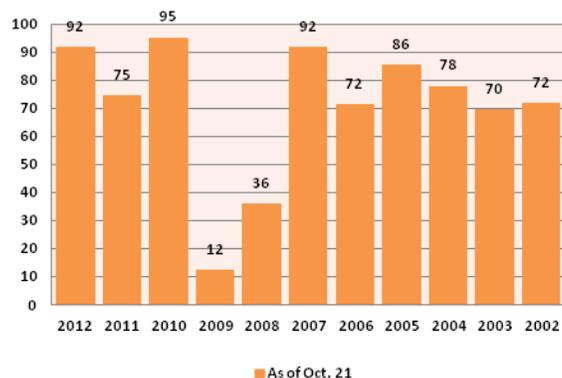
## Agricultural Summary

Scattered showers and strong winds made their way across the state this past week allowing only 3.4 days suitable for fieldwork. Statewide rainfall totals averaged 1.11 inches, 0.39 inches above average. Temperatures averaged 53.8 degrees, 0.4 degrees above average. Topsoil moisture is now rated as 5 percent very short, 17 percent short, 72 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture was reported as 21 percent very short, 44 percent short, 33 percent adequate and 2 percent surplus. Despite the weather, fall harvest and tillage continued to progress last week. Corn harvest increased to 92 percent complete statewide. This compares to 75 percent last year and 62 percent as the 5-year average. Soybean harvest increased to 80 percent compared to 81 percent last year and 71 percent for the 5-year average. Winter wheat planting is well underway with 69 percent of the crop planted compared to 72 percent last year and 66 percent for the 5-year average. In other crops, sorghum harvest is now 79 percent complete with 95 percent of the crop mature. Pasture conditions were rated at 14 percent very poor, 16 percent poor, 31 percent fair, 37 percent good, and 2 percent excellent.

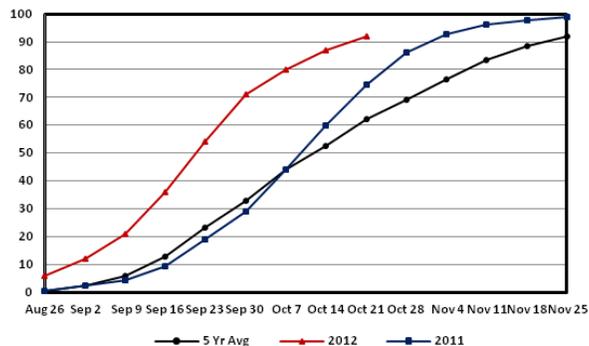
### Crop Progress Percents

	This Week	Last Week	2011	5-Year Average
October 21				
<b>CORN:</b>				
Harvested	92	87	75	62
<b>SOYBEANS:</b>				
Harvested	80	69	81	71
<b>WINTER WHEAT:</b>				
Planted	69	46	72	66
Emerged	29	11	34	32
<b>SORGHUM:</b>				
Mature	95	94	99	92
Harvested	79	57	65	59

Corn - Percent Harvested  
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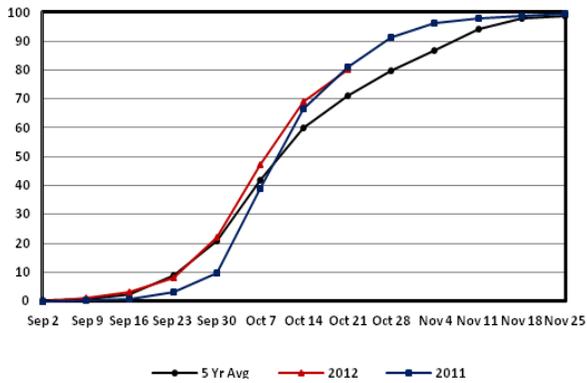


**Crop Condition Percents**

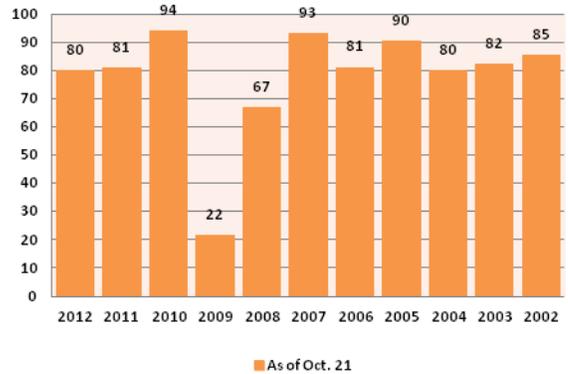
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
October 21					
Pasture	14	16	31	37	2

District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil				Subsoil			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
October 15 - 21		October 21							
Northwest	3.3	10	20	69	1	34	55	11	-
Northeast	3.0	10	27	63	-	38	51	11	-
West	3.3	15	9	60	16	55	18	27	-
Central	1.8	-	12	77	11	2	49	48	1
East	4.0	-	7	93	-	13	48	39	-
W Southwest	3.1	1	34	57	8	22	54	22	2
E Southeast	3.8	2	12	82	4	5	34	61	-
Southwest	4.5	5	10	35	50	17	29	22	32
Southeast	5.2	4	8	88	-	4	29	67	-
State	3.4	5	17	72	6	21	44	33	2

**Soybeans - Percent Harvested**  
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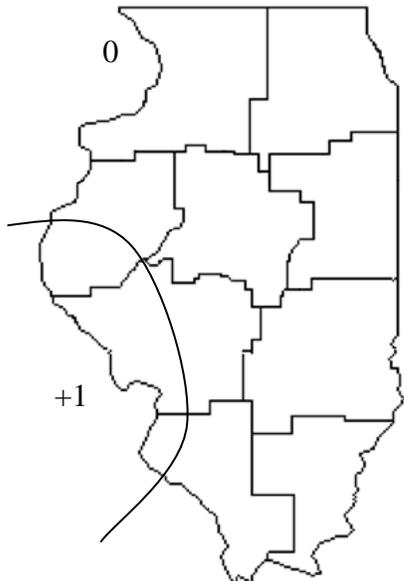


**Crop Progress Percents by Districts**

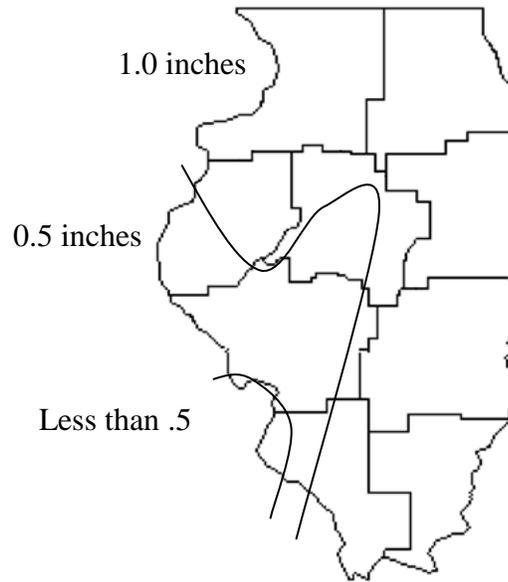
District	Corn Harvested	Soybeans Harvested
	October 21	
Northwest	80	92
Northeast	78	87
West	96	82
Central	97	84
East	96	73
W Southwest	98	84
E Southeast	98	79
Southwest	99	66
Southeast	96	66
State	92	80

**Weather Information Table**

District	Temperature (°F)		Precipitation (in.)	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure
October 15 - 21				
Northwest	50.7	0.0	1.30	0.58
Northeast	50.6	-0.4	1.33	0.63
West	54.2	0.6	0.99	0.37
Central	53.0	0.1	1.20	0.56
East	52.0	-0.4	1.25	0.56
W Southwest	55.8	1.1	0.77	0.08
E Southeast	55.1	0.3	1.13	0.36
Southwest	57.2	1.2	0.86	0.03
Southeast	57.2	1.0	1.15	0.36
State	53.8	0.4	1.11	0.39



Temperature (°F) Departure  
October 15 - 21



Precipitation (in.) Total  
October 15 - 21

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