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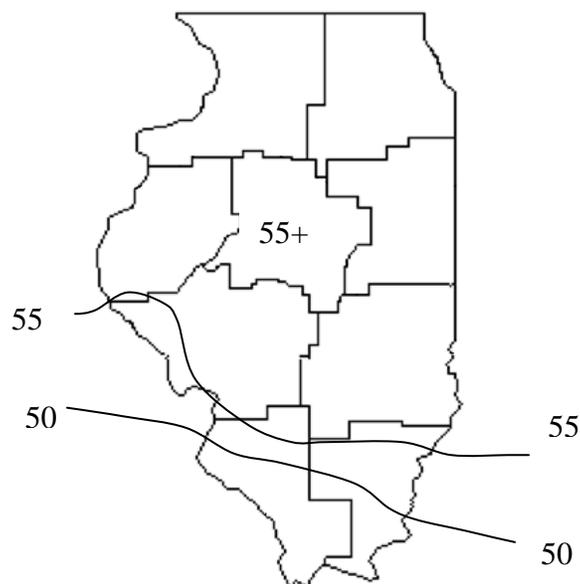
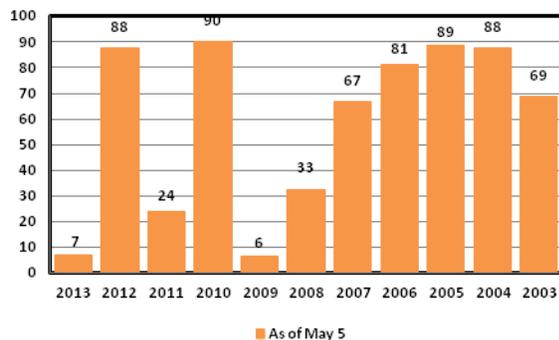
Agricultural Summary

Corn planting got underway in isolated pockets of the state last week where soils were dry enough. Most farmers were limited in what they could accomplish due to saturated soils during the week with even more rains falling late in the week to bring all fieldwork to a standstill again. The heaviest rainfall totals over the weekend fell over the western half of the state. Just as floodwaters were receding an additional 3-4 inches were received in some locations. Statewide temperatures averaged 59.5 degrees, 2.3 degrees above normal, while the precipitation averaged 1.71 inches, 0.82 inches above normal. The warmer temperatures were beneficial but just as the soils started to dry out rains started falling again. There were a reported 2.0 days suitable for field work last week with the Northwest area having the highest reported number of days at 3.5. Topsoil moisture levels across the state were rated as 44 percent adequate, and 56 percent surplus. The driest soils were in Northern and Eastern Illinois. Subsoil moisture was rated as 3 percent short, 72 percent adequate and 25 percent surplus. Farmers planted corn if they could last week with 7 percent being planted across the state now compared to 88 percent last year and 48 percent for the five-year average. Reports of yellowish corn emerging were received from areas where corn was planted one month ago. Many fields were too wet to even apply chemicals and are greening up with weeds which will require additional tillage or chemical burn down before planting can be accomplished. Oat planting continues to increase and is now at 73 percent, compared to 99 percent last year and 87 percent for the five-year average. Winter wheat conditions were rated as 1 percent very poor, 6 percent poor, 25 percent fair, 57 percent good, and 11 percent excellent. Pasture conditions were rated as 1 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 27 percent fair, 49 percent good, 19 percent excellent.

Crop Progress Percents

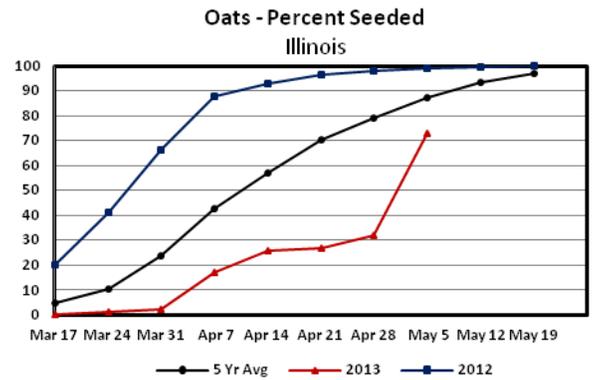
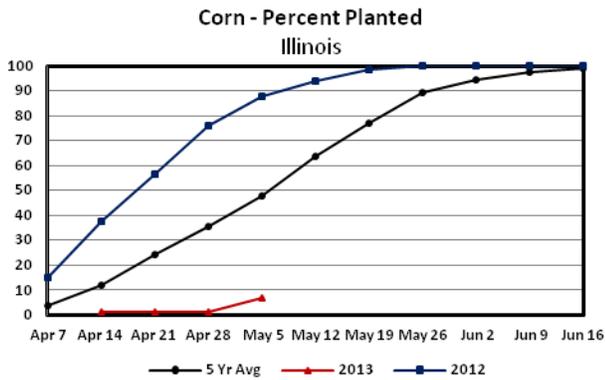
	This Week	Last Week	2012	5-Year Average
May 5				
CORN:				
Planted	7	1	88	48
OATS:				
Planted	73	32	99	87

Corn - Percent Planted
Illinois



Bare Soil 4-inch Temp (°F)
May 5, 10 a.m.

District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil				Subsoil				
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
	April 29 - May 5					May 5				
Northwest	3.5	-	1	74	25	3	13	80	4	
Northeast	3.3	-	-	65	35	-	11	84	5	
West	1.7	-	-	10	90	-	-	32	68	
Central	1.6	-	-	54	46	-	1	72	27	
East	2.2	-	-	89	11	-	1	86	13	
W Southwest	1.4	-	-	11	89	-	-	34	66	
E Southeast	0.4	-	-	17	83	-	-	29	71	
Southwest	1.7	-	-	40	60	-	-	46	54	
Southeast	1.8	-	-	11	89	-	-	47	53	
State	2.0	-	-	44	56	-	3	59	38	



Crop Condition Percents

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
			May 5		
Winter Wheat	1	6	25	57	11
Pasture	1	4	27	49	19

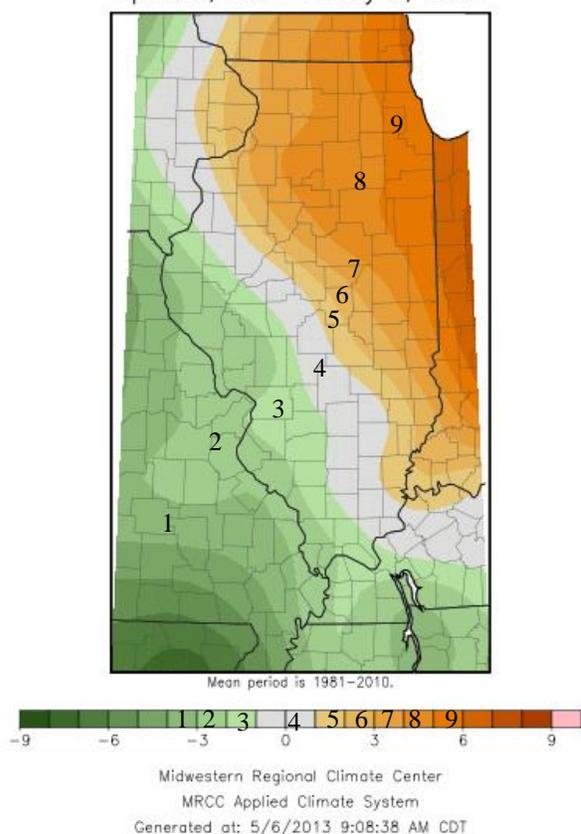
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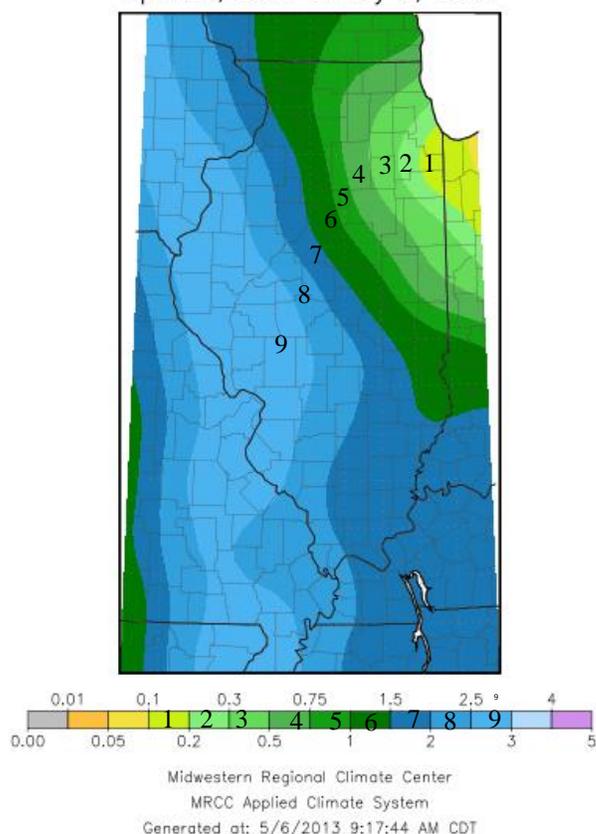
Weather Information Table

District	Temperature (°F)		Precipitation (in.)	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure
April 29 - May 5				
Northwest	58.9	4.1	1.48	0.72
Northeast	59.5	5.6	0.46	-0.28
West	56.7	-0.6	2.77	1.89
Central	60.2	3.5	1.63	0.80
East	61.8	5.6	0.62	-0.24
W Southwest	57.1	-1.3	2.75	1.86
E Southeast	61.3	2.8	1.73	0.77
Southwest	58.9	-0.9	2.26	1.21
Southeast	61.5	1.4	1.73	0.54
State	59.5	2.3	1.71	0.82

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from Mean
April 29, 2013 to May 5, 2013



Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 29, 2013 to May 5, 2013



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