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Agricultural Summary

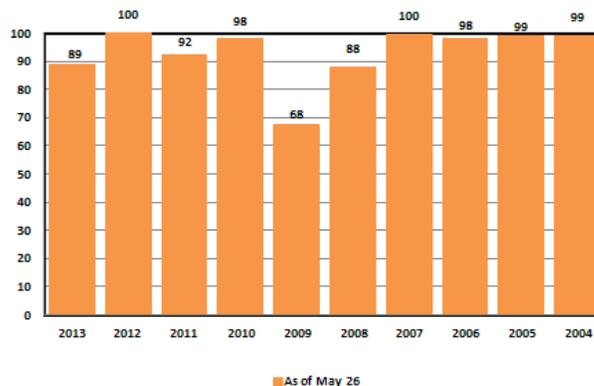
The rains fell again across the state last week bringing planting progress to a halt. Farmers in most areas of the state were working long hours trying to make up for a slow start to planting when the rains began to fall on Monday. Some were able to work later in the week but most were sidelined entirely and then even more rain fell late in the week and throughout the Memorial Holiday weekend. Total rainfall for the week ranged from just over one inch to almost two and a half inches. Localized severe weather caused damage to buildings and trees in various locations dumping several inches and causing flooding. Crop emergence was excellent during the week as corn plants were emerging after only five or six days of being planted. Cooler temperatures returned late in the week with light frost being reported in far Northern Illinois. Temperatures across the state averaged 62.6 degrees for the week, 2.7 degrees below normal. There were 3.3 days suitable for field work last week. Topsoil moisture levels across the state were rated as 53 percent adequate and 47 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture was rated as 2 percent short, 71 percent adequate and 27 percent surplus. Farmers were trying to keep up with weed spraying last week but were finding it difficult due to the weather conditions. Hay was being baled last week between the rains but many acres are in need of being cut as soon as the weather will allow. Fungicides were being sprayed last week on the wheat crop. Farmers are scouting for cutworms in their corn. Winter wheat conditions were rated as 1 percent very poor, 2 percent poor, 25 percent fair, 59 percent good and 13 percent excellent. Alfalfa conditions were rated as 1 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 17 percent fair, 59 percent good, and 19 percent excellent. Red Clover conditions were rated as 7 percent poor, 14 percent fair, 69 percent good, and 10 percent excellent. Pasture conditions were rated as 1 percent very poor, 2 percent poor, 9 percent fair, 57 percent good, and 31 percent excellent.

Crop Progress Percents

	This Week	Last Week	2012	5-Year Average
May 26				
CORN:				
Planted	89	74	100	89
Emerged	68	16	96	70
Average height	4	2	12	6
SOYBEANS:				
Planted	40	19	92	53
Emerged	12	1	73	28
SORGHUM:				
Planted	20	7	70	22
OATS:				
Planted	95	95	100	99
Headed	7	1/	37	20
WINTER WHEAT:				
Headed	82	49	99	86
ALFALFA HAY:				
First cutting	21	10	89	41
RED CLOVER:				
Cut	37	10	87	32

1/ Data not available or less than one percent.

Corn - Percent Planted
Illinois

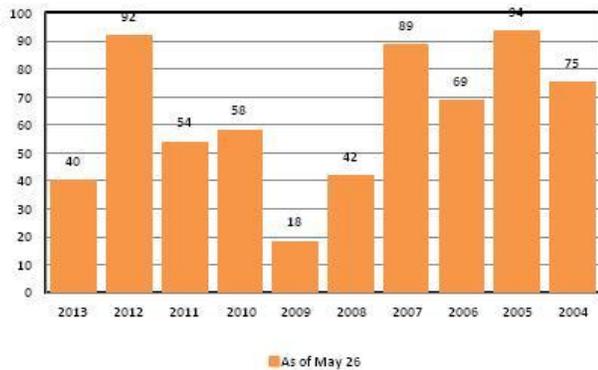


Crop Condition Percents

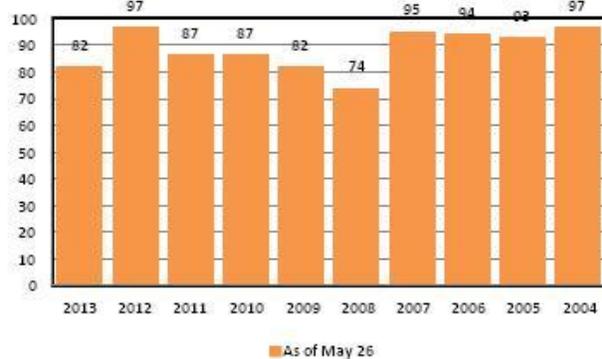
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
May 26					
Winter Wheat	1	2	25	59	13
Alfalfa	1	4	17	59	19
Oats	2	4	21	64	9
Red Clover	-	7	14	69	10
Pasture	1	2	9	57	31

District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil				Subsoil			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
May 20-26		May 26							
Northwest	3.2	-	1	54	45	-	8	70	22
Northeast	2.9	-	-	67	33	-	12	85	3
West	2.7	-	-	14	86	-	-	36	64
Central	3.1	-	-	58	42	-	-	77	23
East	3.7	-	-	65	35	-	-	96	4
W Southwest	1.8	-	-	35	65	-	-	50	50
E Southeast	4.2	-	-	64	36	-	-	74	26
Southwest	5.6	1	2	68	29	1	1	73	25
Southeast	5.3	-	-	71	29	-	-	99	1
State	3.3	-	-	53	47	-	2	71	27

Soybeans - Percent Planted
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Wheat - Percent Headed
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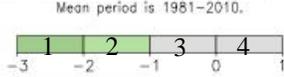
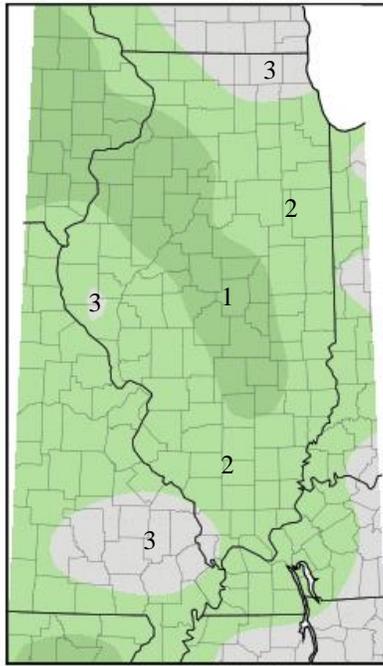


District	Corn Planted	Corn Emerged	Soybeans Planted	Soybeans Emerged
May 26				
Northwest	92	77	62	28
Northeast	96	90	52	26
West	83	44	25	3
Central	93	66	41	11
East	97	86	60	11
W Southwest	79	56	12	4
E Southeast	87	59	42	9
Southwest	85	58	27	5
Southeast	85	65	25	6
State	89	68	40	12

Weather Information Table

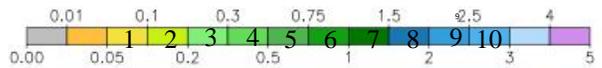
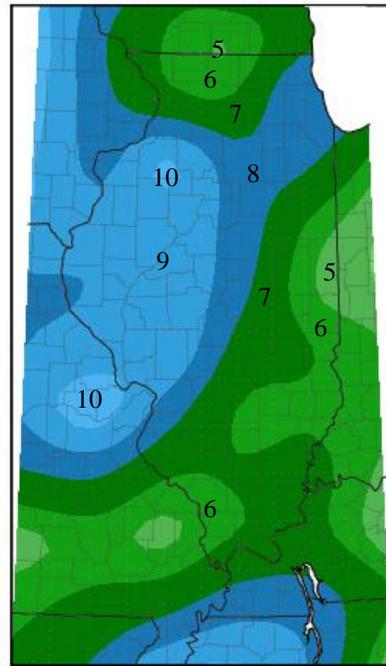
District	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure	Since May 1	Departure
May 20 - 26						
Northwest	59.8	-3.0	1.61	0.69	330	20
Northeast	59.7	-2.4	1.64	0.77	319	26
West	62.5	-2.4	2.14	1.06	347	0
Central	61.4	-3.2	2.05	1.01	359	15
East	61.9	-2.6	1.10	0.11	375	36
W Southwest	64.0	-2.4	2.43	1.45	363	-10
E Southeast	63.8	-3.0	1.11	0.19	385	8
Southwest	65.5	-2.4	1.04	0.03	390	-10
Southeast	65.7	-2.5	1.06	0.01	399	-5
State	62.6	-2.7	1.61	0.63	361	9

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from Mean
May 20, 2013 to May 26, 2013



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Accumulated Precipitation (in)
May 20, 2013 to May 26, 2013



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