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CROP REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 16

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY

Many producers are now finished with both corn and soybean harvest, according to the Indiana Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Rain showers during the week did slow the remaining harvest and other field activities. High input costs are causing farmers to make tough decisions for next year's cropping season. The recent rains should prove beneficial to the 2009 winter wheat crop. Other activities during the week included cleaning and storing equipment, drying and storing grain, hauling grain to market, fall tillage, cleaning fence rows, applying fertilizer and lime, fall herbicide applications, hauling manure and taking care of livestock.

FIELD CROPS REPORT

There were 4.0 **days suitable for field work**. Ninety-three percent of the corn acreage has been **harvested** compared with 97 percent last year and 92 percent for the 5-year average. By area, 90 percent of the corn acreage has been harvested in the north, 95 percent in the central region and 94 percent in the south. **Moisture** content of harvested corn continues to average about 17 percent.

Ninety-eight percent of the soybean acreage has been **harvested** compared with 100 percent last year and 98 percent for the 5-year average. By area, 99 percent of the soybean acreage has been harvested in the north, 98 percent in the central region and 97 percent in the south. **Moisture** content of harvested soybeans continues to average about 11 percent.

Ninety-nine percent of the 2009 **winter wheat** acreage has been **planted** at this time. Ninety-four percent of the winter wheat acreage has **emerged** compared with 98 percent last year and 92 percent for the 5-year average.

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE REPORT

Livestock remain in mostly good condition. Hay supplies are adequate in most areas. However, some producers had to start feeding hay early in the fall causing concerns of running short by spring.

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Avg
Percent				
Corn Harvested	93	89	97	92
Soybeans Harvested	98	97	100	98
Winter Wheat Planted	99	98	100	99
Winter Wheat Emerged	94	89	98	92

CROP CONDITION TABLE

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel-lent
Percent					
Winter Wheat	1	2	23	60	14

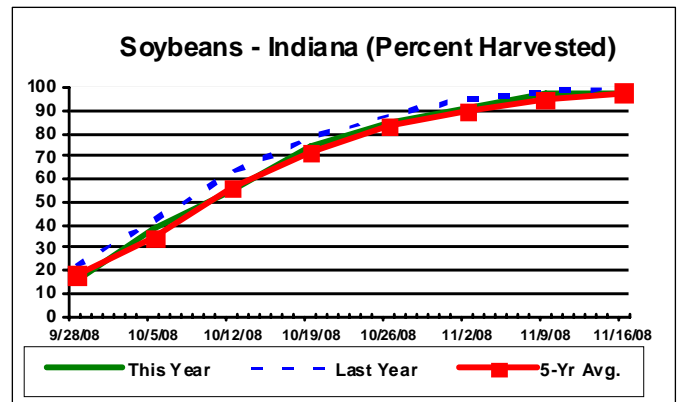
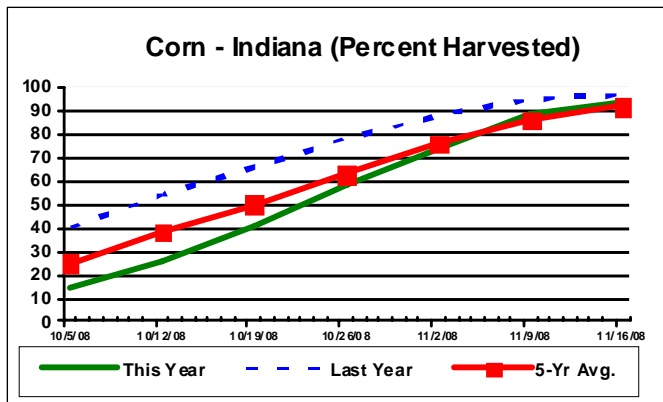
SOIL MOISTURE & DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK TABLE

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
Percent			
Topsoil			
Very Short	4	8	N/A
Short	20	37	N/A
Adequate	68	54	N/A
Surplus	8	1	N/A
Subsoil			
Very Short	10	13	N/A
Short	29	36	N/A
Adequate	57	49	N/A
Surplus	4	2	N/A
Days Suitable	4.0	6.3	N/A

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Crop Progress



Other Agricultural Comments And News

November Crop Reports About as Expected

November 10, 2008

In the final production forecasts of the season, the USDA projected the 2008 U.S. corn crop at 12.02 billion bushels and the 2008 soybean crop at 2.921 billion bushels. Those forecasts reflected U.S. average yields of 153.8 and 39.3 bushels, respectively.

The forecast size of the corn crop is 13 million bushels smaller than the revised October projection and 46 million smaller than the average trade guess. The average yield forecast is 0.1 bushels below the October forecast. The Illinois yield forecast is two bushels above the October forecast. At 179 bushels, the expected yield is only one bushel below the record of 2004. The forecast yield for Ohio is seven bushels below the October forecast.

For the corn supply and demand balance sheet, some revisions were made in both the 2007-08 estimates and the 2008-09 projections. For last year, the estimate of the amount of corn used for ethanol was increased by 26 million bushels, offset with a 25 million bushel reduction in the estimate of feed use. For the current year, the projection of exports was reduced by 50 million bushels, to only 1.9 billion. That forecast is 536 million, or 22 percent, below the record exports of last year. The lower projection reflects the sluggish pace of exports and export sales experienced so far this year and the large grain crops outside the U.S. Cumulative U.S. corn export inspections through November 6 were 36 percent smaller than shipments of a year ago, while unshipped sales as of October 30 were 43 percent smaller than outstanding sales of a year earlier. Coarse grain production outside of the U.S. is now projected at a record 767.9 million tons, two million

tons larger than the October forecast and 41 million tons larger than last year's production. Wheat production outside the U.S. is projected at 614.3 million tons, 2.2 million tons larger than the October forecast and 60 million tons larger than last year's production.

Stocks of U.S. corn at the end of the current marketing year are projected at 1.124 billion bushels, 500 million less than the inventory on September 1, 2008, but 36 million larger than the October forecast. The 2008-09 U.S. average farm price is forecast in a range of \$4.00 to 4.80, compared to the average of \$4.20 received for the 2007 crop.

The forecast size of the 2008 U.S. soybean crop is 17 million bushels smaller than the October forecast and about five million larger than the average pre-report guess. The U.S. average yield forecast is 0.2 bushels below the October forecast and the lowest yield in five years. The Illinois average yield forecast was increased by one bushel from the October forecast, to 46 bushels, while the Indiana forecast was increased by two bushels to 44 bushels. Yield forecasts were lowered by one bushel in Minnesota and Nebraska; two bushels in North Dakota, Ohio, and Wisconsin; and three bushels in South Dakota.

The USDA's projection of the 2008-09 domestic soybean crush was reduced by 15 million bushels, resulting in an unchanged forecast of year ending stocks. The projection of marketing year exports was left unchanged at 1.02 billion bushels in spite of the fast start to the 2008-09 export program.

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Weather Information Table

Week ending Sunday November 16, 2008

Station	Past Week Weather Summary Data							Accumulation				
	Air Temperature				Precip.		Avg	April 1, 2008 thru November 16, 2008				
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	4 in	Precipitation			GDD Base 50°F	
							Soil Temp	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN
Northwest (1)												
Chalmers_5W	53	21	39	-6	0.71	5		26.09	-0.09	75	2877	-348
Francesville	52	21	38	-3	0.57	5		30.90	+4.22	85	2859	-80
Valparaiso_AP_I	53	22	40	-3	0.12	4		19.85	-9.17	71	3088	+138
Wanatah	55	18	38	-4	0.77	5	44	34.18	+6.50	89	2714	-79
Winamac	54	21	39	-3	0.91	5	41	32.73	+6.05	85	2907	-32
North Central(2)												
Plymouth	54	23	38	-5	0.59	5		29.48	+1.97	90	2898	-202
South_Bend	53	22	40	-2	0.75	6		30.97	+3.92	84	3101	+197
Young_America	54	19	38	-5	1.43	5		30.26	+4.09	74	2972	-65
Northeast (3)												
Columbia_City	54	22	40	-2	1.33	5	46	25.73	-0.36	81	2825	+56
Fort_Wayne	57	21	41	-2	1.64	5		23.99	+0.19	83	3248	+195
West Central(4)												
Greencastle	56	24	41	-4	1.50	4		38.62	+8.62	72	3021	-450
Perrysville	57	19	40	-4	0.88	4	45	31.78	+3.99	81	3271	+59
Spencer_Ag	55	26	42	-2	1.37	4		39.78	+9.81	81	3276	+41
Terre_Haute_AFB	56	22	42	-2	0.63	4		31.70	+3.39	64	3481	+36
W_Lafayette_6NW	55	20	39	-3	0.68	5	41	26.62	+0.28	84	3078	+40
Central (5)												
Eagle_Creek_AP	54	27	42	-3	1.20	5		32.72	+6.28	78	3620	+213
Greenfield	53	24	40	-4	2.04	4		36.50	+7.46	85	3179	-92
Indianapolis_AP	54	29	42	-2	1.36	4		29.57	+3.13	76	3716	+309
Indianapolis_SE	53	23	40	-5	1.88	5		33.71	+6.48	71	3172	-230
Tipton_Ag	54	19	40	-2	1.25	6	44	26.41	-0.93	85	3006	+70
East Central(6)												
Farmland	57	18	39	-3	1.91	5	43	25.31	-0.66	77	2906	+44
New_Castle	57	20	40	-3	1.98	3		30.68	+2.74	76	2943	+7
Southwest (7)												
Evansville	62	24	46	-2	2.52	4		28.03	+0.88	64	4209	+227
Freelandville	57	26	43	-3	2.28	4		34.68	+6.62	69	3630	+65
Shoals_8S	58	23	43	-3	1.75	4		34.28	+3.74	68	3290	-168
Stendal	61	28	44	-2	2.50	5		35.60	+5.50	97	3942	+208
Vincennes_5NE	57	23	44	-2	2.52	5	47	28.76	+0.70	62	3799	+234
South Central(8)												
Leavenworth	63	28	44	-2	1.79	5		32.76	+2.03	101	3803	+370
Oolitic	56	24	42	-3	1.81	4	44	32.83	+3.54	76	3293	+10
Tell_City	64	29	47	-2	2.04	4		29.02	-1.67	61	4131	+265
Southeast (9)												
Brookville	60	24	43	+0	1.54	4		25.82	-2.20	76	3457	+354
Greensburg	59	25	42	-3	2.00	4		32.50	+4.19	75	3468	+280
Scottsburg	59	27	43	-3	1.58	4		30.01	+1.15	93	3662	+115

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DFN = Departure From Normal (Using 1961-90 Normals Period).
GDD = Growing Degree Days.
Precipitation (Rainfall or melted snow/ice) in inches.
Precipitation Days = Days with precip of .01 inch or more.
Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit.

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November Crop Reports About as Expected (Continued)

The projection is 12 percent smaller than the record shipments of a year ago. Through the first 9.5 weeks of the year, export inspections were about three percent larger than those of a year ago. Unshipped sales as of October 30 were 27 percent larger than the outstanding sales of a year earlier. The forecast size of the 2009 Brazilian soybean crop was reduced by 92 million bushels. That is about 37 million less than the 2008 harvest. The projection of Brazilian soybean exports during the current marketing year was reduced by 55 million bushels. Argentine production in 2009 is still projected to be 158 million bushels larger than in 2008. The projection of 2008-09 Argentine soybean exports was increased by about 30 million bushels from the October projection.

The 2008 - 09 U.S. average farm price of soybeans is now projected in a range of \$9.10

to \$10.60, \$.60 lower than the October projection. The average price received last year was \$10.10.

The final production estimates for U.S. corn and soybeans will be released in January. Until then, prices will be influenced by the development of Southern Hemisphere crops; the pace of consumption; and general demand prospects as reflected in the financial, currency, and energy markets. Stabilization of the financial markets and energy prices provide some support for corn and soybean prices for now, but recovery in those markets will be required to fuel a meaningful post-harvest recovery for those crops.

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