

Subject: New Marketing and Outlook Brief: "Early Prospects for 2009 Corn Yields in Illinois, Indiana, and Iowa"

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A new Marketing and Outlook Brief entitled "Early Prospects for 2009 Corn Yields in Illinois, Indiana, and Iowa" is available on the *farmdoc* website at:

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The purpose of this brief is to evaluate 2009 yield potential for corn in Illinois, Indiana, and Iowa using a previously developed crop weather model that estimates the impact of technology (trend), state average monthly weather variables, and portion of the crop planted late on state average yield (Irwin, Good, and Tannura, 2008). The model is first re-estimated to better capture the influence of April precipitation and late planting and then used to analyze yield prospects in each of the three states for 2009. First, projections are made based on actual weather through April, the portion of the crop planted after May 20, and the probability that summer weather conditions reflect the actual distribution of summer conditions from 1960 through 2008. This is referred to as the "average" forecast. Projections are also made based on "poor" and "good" summer weather conditions. These three scenario forecasts are then compared to the trend yield for 2009 and some preliminary thoughts of yield potential in each of the three states are presented.

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