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Another in the series of Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom non-fiction text examples to be used in your classroom. Remember, these will be available every MONDAY afternoon that *FarmWeek* is published during the school year.

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Note, by request of teachers we have included the answers to the questions immediately following the questions on a separate worksheet.

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 Or use the article at: <https://iaitc.co/mayplanting>

Use the article titled: Forecast looks good for timely May fieldwork

1. What is the average percentage for soybean planted by April 21?
2. What percentage of soybeans were planted by April 21 in Illinois?
3. By Comparison, how much corn had been planted by April 21?
4. Describe the area that covers I-80 in Illinois.
5. What challenge and benefit does wind provide during planting season?
6. What area of the state has receive above average precipitation this year?
7. What has planting been like in your area? Do you think your area adds to the percentage of corn and soy planted this spring ?

Answers:

1. Average is 7%
2. 10% were planted by April 21
3. 7% of corn had been planted.
4. I 80 runs from south of Chicago cutting west across Illinois through LaSalle/Peru to the Quad Cities and Moline. About ¼ of the state is north of I 80.
5. Wind prevents timely application of herbicides, but can help dry soil after rains.
6. Southern Illinois has been impacted by increased rain amounts this year.
7. Answers will vary.