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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 the link to the article directly at: https://iaitc.co/plantingprogress2023

Use the article titled:  **Planting progress nears midway point**

**Questions**

1. What percentage of Corn and Soybeans were planted as of May 1, 2023?
2. How does that compare to the average?
3. What does Scott Irwin think will be the outcome for this planting season?
4. Approximately how many acres of crop can be planted each day in Illinois?
5. What is interesting about the daily planting average in Illinois?
6. In an era of advanced technology, explain why we still plant as many acres per day as we did 40 years ago.
7. Although we’ve had cooler weather, what does the wheat crop look like at this time?
8. Thinking of your local area, what do you think the status of planting is compared to the average? Explain your answer.

Answers

1. 40% of Corn, 39% of Soybeans
2. Both are ahead of the average. 11 points ahead for Corn and 24 points ahead for soybeans.
3. Irwin cites dry conditions meaning that both corn and soy should be planted in a timely fashion.
4. Around 800,000 acres can be planted each day.
5. The number of acres for planting hasn’t changed much in the last 40 years!
6. Answers will vary, but bigger and better equipment with fewer farmers means that we still only plant about the same amount each year.
7. 15% of winter wheat is headed 4 points higher than average.
8. Answers will vary.