Two new Marketing and Outlook Briefs entitled “2009 Soybean Yield Prospects Improving” and “2009 Corn Yield Prospects Continue to Improve” are available on the farmdoc website at:

http://www.farmdoc.uiuc.edu/marketing/mobr/mobr_09-05/mobr_09-05.html

http://www.farmdoc.uiuc.edu/marketing/mobr/mobr_09-04/mobr_09-04.html

The purpose of these briefs is to update our previous evaluation of yield potential for corn and soybeans in Illinois, Indiana, and Iowa in 2009. This update makes use of a 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. Previously, that model was used to evaluate 2009 yield potential based on planting progress, state average precipitation through June 2009, and alternative 2009 July-August weather scenarios. This update incorporates preliminary state average precipitation and temperature for July and alternative weather scenarios for August 2009.