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### County

Champaign

### Region/State

Region 5

### Which of the following best describes current conditions in this county?

Mildly Dry (soil is drier than normal, plant growth may have slowed)

If conditions are on the dry end, which of the following US Drought Monitor categories best fit current conditions. To better judge the fit, see explanation of USDM categories here:

<https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About/AbouttheData/DroughtClassification.aspx>

Near Normal (Dnada)

### Quick synopsis of conditions that will appear in the main feed

Continue to monitor corn and soybean fields for cutworms and armyworms. I have not had many reports of damage to this point - good early season emergence conditions go a long way towards helping the crop "outrun" this sort of damage. We ought to start seeing rootworm egg hatch over the next couple of weeks - I browsed degree day accumulations for several weather stations throughout Illinois, and most are relatively close to the 11 year average for this time of year (some a bit ahead, and some a bit behind).