



Iowa Crop Progress & Condition

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Optimal conditions allowed almost half of the expected corn acreage to be planted in Iowa during the week ending May 11, 2014, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service. Average temperatures were above normal for the week, while average precipitation was below normal. Statewide there were 4.9 days suitable for fieldwork. Other activities for the week included fertilizer and herbicide application, manure hauling, and spraying.

Topsoil moisture levels rated 1 percent very short, 10 percent short, 74 percent adequate and 15 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels rated 9 percent very short, 26 percent short, 60 percent adequate and 5 percent surplus. Northwest Iowa remained the driest with almost one-third of topsoil reported as very short or short of moisture.

Planting advanced rapidly at the beginning of the week. Oat seeding was 92 percent complete, 13 percentage points ahead of last year but only 3 percentage points behind the five-year average. Sixty-five percent of the oat acreage had emerged, ahead of last year's 42 percent, but 12 percentage points behind average. Seventy percent of the expected corn acreage was planted, 8 days ahead of last year but equal to the normal pace. Corn was slow to emerge with only 9 percent of the acreage emerged, 20 percentage points less than average. Soybean planting was 20 percent complete, advancing 19 percentage points from last week and only 2 days behind normal.

Pasture condition rated 6 percent very poor, 12 percent poor, 40 percent fair, 35 percent good and 7 percent excellent. More livestock have been moved onto pastures across the State.

Crop Conditions as of May 11, 2014

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(Percent)	(Percent)	(Percent)	(Percent)	(Percent)
Pasture & Range	6	12	40	35	7

Field Work and Crop Progress as of May 11, 2014

Item	Districts										State	Last Week	Last Year	5-yr Avg
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE					
	(Percent)													
Oats planted	99	73	89	99	99	98	98	98	99	92	73	79	95	
Oats emerged.....	83	28	47	89	82	81	69	88	72	65	38	42	77	
Corn planted.....	87	46	46	80	79	73	77	70	72	70	23	14	70	
Corn emerged.....	9	1	1	11	16	6	15	21	19	9	1	1	29	
Soybeans planted.....	30	6	12	22	23	21	20	24	26	20	1	1	25	

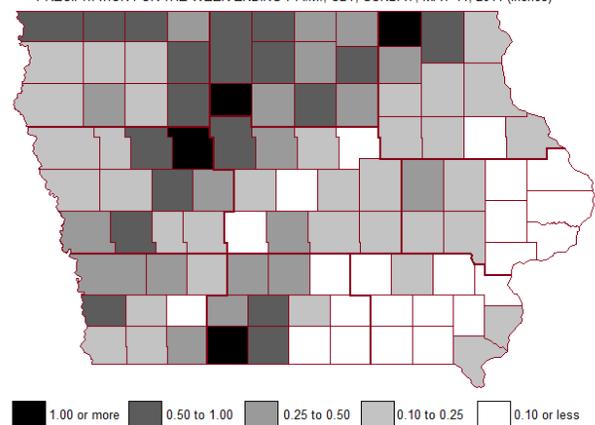
Days Suitable & Soil Moisture Condition as of May 11, 2014

Item	Districts										State	Last Week	Last Year
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
	(Days)												
Days suitable	4.5	4.3	4.9	4.5	4.9	5.3	5.4	5.7	5.5	4.9	0.9	1.7	
	(Percent)												
Topsoil moisture													
Very short	6	0	0	1	0	1	5	1	5	1	2	1	
Short	27	1	1	8	3	5	21	14	21	10	12	4	
Adequate	65	75	73	74	77	87	69	64	60	74	72	67	
Surplus	2	24	26	17	20	7	5	21	14	15	14	28	
Subsoil moisture													
Very short	23	1	1	10	4	5	18	11	14	9	10	4	
Short	42	9	7	36	13	28	34	33	43	26	32	21	
Adequate	32	83	79	50	75	62	46	55	42	60	54	63	
Surplus	3	7	13	4	8	5	2	1	1	5	4	12	

IOWA PRELIMINARY WEATHER SUMMARY Provided by Harry Hillaker, State Climatologist Iowa Department of Agriculture & Land Stewardship

The past reporting week brought drier and warmer weather to Iowa. The week began with cool conditions on Sunday (4th) with highs in the mid 50s north to low 70s southwest while light showers fell across the northeast one-third of the state. Monday (5th) and Tuesday (6th) were dry and warmer with highs in the mid to upper 60s northeast with mid 70s to low 80s southwest. Wednesday (7th) and Thursday (8th) were much warmer with highs in the mid 70s north to mid 90s southwest on Wednesday and low 80s south on Thursday. Clarinda, Shenandoah and Sidney all reached 97 degrees on Wednesday afternoon, the first time the ninety degree mark has been reached this year in the state. Thunderstorms were scattered across mostly northwest Iowa on Wednesday and statewide on Thursday. Friday (9th) was dry with a brief cool-down into Saturday (10th) morning when Elkader dipped to 32 degrees. Saturday afternoon temperatures warmed to the mid 60s north central to mid 80s southwest. Scattered thunderstorms returned on Saturday, mostly across the northwest one-half of the state. Precipitation totals for the week varied from only sprinkles at several southeast Iowa locations such as Fairfield and Keosauqua while Cresco in northeast Iowa reported the most rain with 1.86 inches (all falling on Thursday). The statewide average precipitation was 0.31 inches or about one-third the weekly normal of 0.99 inches. Substantial precipitation fell on Sunday (11th) just after the cut-off for this week's report and will be included in next week's summary. Temperatures for the week as a whole averaged near normal near the Minnesota border to six degrees above normal over the southwest. The statewide average temperature was 3.2 degrees above normal.

State Climatologist, Iowa Dept. of Agriculture & Land Stewardship
PRECIPITATION FOR THE WEEK ENDING 7 A.M., CDT, SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2014 (inches)



Weather Summary For National Agricultural Statistics Service, Iowa Field Office.

For the week ending: Sunday, May 11, 2014, Prepared by Iowa Environmental Mesonet

Station	Current Week						Since April 1			
	Temperature				Precipitation		Precipitation		GDD Base 50F	
	High	Low	Avg.	DFN	Total	DFN	Total	DFN	Total	DFN
NORTH WEST DISTRICT										
Rock Rapids	81	37	58	2	0.68	-0.11	2.07	-1.73	244	-16
Sheldon	90	37	58	2	0.23	-0.57	2.06	-1.79	244	-14
Sibley	88	35	57	1	0.5	-0.33	2.69	-1.29	239	-6
Sioux Center	89	39	63	5	0.25	-0.52	2.05	-1.71	332	28
Spirit Lake	87	41	59	3	0.99	0.19	3.95	0	222	-26
Storm Lake	89	39	59	3	0.04	-0.85	2.7	-1.6	182	-68
NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT										
Algona	88	38	58	1	1.06	0.14	4.7	0.53	218	-39
Charles City	78	40	59	1	1.15	0.13	7.07	2.24	192	-76
Dakota City	88	40	60	2	1.06	0.18	5.66	1.18	231	-36
Hampton	85	39	58	1	0.72	-0.3	8.75	3.94	222	-27
Mason City	83	37	56	0	0.16	-0.88	8.33	3.58	171	-67
Osage	77	38	56	0	0.16	-0.78	8.03	3.4	156	-79
NORTH EAST DISTRICT										
Cresco	77	35	57	2	1.86	0.99	7.79	3.21	172	-48
Decorah	77	35	58	1	0.08	-0.81	7.13	2.38	222	-42
Dubuque	79	42	58	-1	0.08	-0.87	6.4	1.68	218	-50
Fayette	78	33	56	0	0.09	-0.92	8.39	3.37	188	-59
Manchester	83	36	57	0	0.1	-0.98	5.94	0.89	226	-23
Tripoli	83	38	57	0	0.1	-0.95	6.91	1.81	190	-60
WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT										
Audubon	91	43	61	2	0.17	-0.93	3.34	-1.51	277	-34
Carroll	91	42	60	2	0.63	-0.31	4.36	-0.19	272	-24
Jefferson	92	43	61	2	0.14	-0.84	4.49	-0.12	298	-25
Logan	95	45	64	4	0.19	-0.9	2.75	-1.95	325	-10
Mapleton	92	39	60	1	0.07	-0.83	3.7	-0.64	276	-26
Rockwell City	90	41	59	1	1.01	0.07	5.17	0.63	254	-35
CENTRAL DISTRICT										
Boone	88	43	61	3	0.18	-0.8	6.13	1.17	276	-14
Grinnell	85	43	59	2	0.05	-1	7.59	2.66	236	-36
Grundy Center	86	38	59	2	0	-0.98	5.76	0.93	236	-19
Iowa Falls	85	39	58	1	0.39	-0.56	6.44	1.7	236	-36
Marshalltown	87	40	60	2	0.13	-0.89	6.6	1.71	254	-26
Webster City	85	41	59	1	0.87	-0.04	6.04	1.63	236	-50
EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT										
Anamosa	84	39	59	1	0.15	-0.99	6.46	1.43	240	-50
Cedar Rapids	86	39	64	4	0.31	-0.88	7.56	2.54	346	29
Clinton	84	43	64	4	0.13	-0.94	3.46	-1.06	319	-2
Lowden	87	40	62	4	0.03	-1.09	5.29	0.28	352	58
Maquoketa	84	41	58	1	0.03	-1.04	5.59	1.03	302	22
Vinton	86	41	60	1	0.46	-0.73	6.39	1.4	263	-42
SOUTH WEST DISTRICT										
Atlantic	94	45	62	3	0.06	-0.97	2.98	-1.7	313	-11
Clarinda	97	46	65	5	0.3	-0.94	3.51	-1.34	360	22
Glenwood	95	43	64	4	0.55	-0.6	5.43	0.68	358	4
Oakland	96	44	64	5	0	-1.02	4.71	-0.09	444	118
Red Oak	96	45	66	5	0.15	-1.09	5.33	0.28	366	7
Sidney	97	43	63	2	0	-1.04	2.1	-2.42	328	-38
SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT										
Allerton	86	45	61	2	0.03	-1.16	5.37	0.2	294	-32
Beaconsfield	88	46	62	2	1.19	0.02	8.36	2.94	307	-12
Centerville	87	45	64	3	0	-1.09	4.25	-0.81	312	-23
Indianola	91	44	64	4	0.32	-0.88	6.27	1.09	312	-19
Lamoni	90	47	63	3	0.57	-0.6	5.63	0.21	318	-2
Osceola	89	44	63	4	0.37	-0.89	7.43	2.13	324	1
SOUTH EAST DISTRICT										
Bloomfield	88	46	64	4	0.02	-1.19	4.81	-0.4	324	-14
Donnellson	88	45	65	4	0.21	-1	3.75	-1.59	354	10
Fairfield	88	44	63	3	0	-1.17	3.48	-1.55	326	-23
Keosauqua	89	40	62	1	0	-1.15	3.52	-1.61	366	-14
Washington	87	44	62	1	0.06	-1.02	4.88	0.05	318	-26