WARM WINDY WEATHER KEEPS FARMERS BUSY

Agricultural Summary: Iowa farmers made good progress planting soybeans and corn thanks to warm weather last week. Although the high winds dried fields enough to allow producers to continue spring fieldwork, some seed blow out and soil erosion was reported. Northwestern and central Iowa could use some rain to keep fields from crusting and allow corn and soybeans to emerge without delay. Possible flooding concerns in the Southeast district eased thanks to less rainfall last week.

There were 5.2 days suitable for fieldwork during the week, compared to the five-year average of 4.3 days. Topsoil moisture rated 8 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 15 percent surplus across the state. Subsoil moisture rated 3 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 24 percent surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn planting progressed to 97 percent complete, 8 days ahead of last year’s pace, but equal to the five-year average. Seventy-eight percent of the corn acres have emerged compared with 49 percent last year. Normally, 76 percent have emerged by this date. Corn condition was rated at 2 percent poor, 21 percent fair, 61 percent good, and 16 percent excellent.

Soybean planting advanced noticeably up 39 percentage points from last week to 80 percent complete, ahead of last year and the five-year average. Southern areas continue to lag behind the state average for planting. Twenty-eight percent of the State’s soybean crop has emerged, ahead of last year but still 5 percentage points behind average. Virtually all the oat acreage has been planted with 97 percent complete. Oat acreage remaining to be planted is in the Southeastern district of the state.

Emergence made good progress up 9 percentage points from last week’s report. Oat condition rated 2 percent poor, 25 percent fair, 57 percent good, and 16 percent excellent.

Field Work and Crop Progress as of May 24, 2009

The warm temperatures last week prompted producers to begin harvesting the first cutting of alfalfa hay.

Fertilizer applications are 99 percent complete, 2 percentage points ahead of last year, and on par with the five-year average.

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT

Pasture and range condition rated 1 percent very poor, 5 percent poor, 26 percent fair, 50 percent good, and 18 percent excellent. Cows continue to be turned out to pasture. Pastures continue to improve and show steady growth.

IOWA PRELIMINARY WEATHER SUMMARY

The past reporting week brought the warmest weather so far this season to Iowa with temperatures averaging 5.6 degrees above normal. Rainfall was below normal over most of the state. The relative dryness was welcome over the previous soggy southeastern sections of the state; however, topsoil was becoming very dry over parts of western Iowa. Most of the week’s rain came on Thursday (21st) night and on Saturday (23rd). A few localized areas of the northwest and northeast reported more than an inch of rain while scattered locations across central and southern Iowa saw no rain at all. Weekly rain totals varied from none at locations such as Dubuque, Carroll, Atlantic and Centerville to 2.26 inches at Spencer Airport. The statewide average precipitation was 0.25 inches or about one-fourth of the weekly normal of 0.98 inches. Temperatures were above normal throughout the week. Tuesday (19th) and Wednesday (20th) were the warmest days with highs in the 80’s over the east with 90’s over the northwest. Temperature extremes varied from a Tuesday afternoon high of 97 degrees at Sioux City to a Sunday (24th) morning low of 41 degrees at Cresco. Soil temperatures as of Sunday were averaging in the low to mid 60’s north to around 70 degrees over the south.

Field Work and Crop Progress as of May 24, 2009

Statewide Crop Conditions as of May 24, 2009

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