



Iowa Crops & Weather

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FARMERS TRYING TO CATCH UP

Iowa received another full week of dry weather giving farmers a chance to make good progress on the harvest season. With soybean harvest nearly complete, producers could finally shift resources to corn harvest and fall fertilizer application. Space in grain driers continues to be the limiting factor to the corn harvest pace. Reporters also indicated some elevators were not accepting wet corn if their driers were full or if they had run out of natural gas.

There were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork during the week, compared to the five-year average of 5.1 days. Topsoil moisture rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 83 percent adequate, and 15 percent surplus across the state. Subsoil moisture rated 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 21 percent surplus.

Grain movement was reported at 22 percent none, 28 percent light, 33 percent moderate, and 17 percent heavy. On-farm storage availability rated 23 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus, while off-farm storage availability rated 14 percent short, 82 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. Reporters estimated 24 percent of cropland had fall applications of fertilizer complete, 4 percentage points ahead of last year but 15 percentage points behind the five-year average.

Field Crops Report: Corn harvested for grain reached 59 percent, 10 percentage points behind last year and 17 days behind the five-year average. Moisture content of all corn in the field is estimated at 23 percent while moisture of corn being harvested is estimated at 20 percent. Corn lodging is rated 63 percent none, 27 percent light, 8 percent moderate, and 2 percent heavy. Ear droppage is rated 74 percent none, 21 percent light, 4 percent moderate, and 1 percent heavy. Corn condition was rated 2 percent very poor, 5 percent poor, 18 percent fair, 53 percent good, and 22 percent excellent.

Soybeans harvested reached 96 percent, 2 percentage points behind last year and 12 days behind the five-year average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: With harvest lagging behind normal, use of stubble fields was reported 52 percent none, 32 percent light, 14 percent moderate, and 2 percent heavy. Hay and roughage availability is currently rated 7 percent short, 84 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus. The quality of hay and roughage is currently rated 7 percent poor, 51 percent fair, and 42 percent good.

IOWA PRELIMINARY WEATHER SUMMARY Provided by Harry Hillaker, State Climatologist

Iowa experienced a second consecutive week of very dry and mild weather. Temperatures were well above normal until the weekend when a cold front dropped temperatures back to seasonal levels on Sunday (15th). Daytime highs were mostly in the 60's on Monday (9th) and Tuesday (10th) and generally in the 50's with a few 60's from Wednesday (11th) through Saturday (14th). On Sunday (15th) highs were only in the 40's. Temperature extremes for the week ranged from a Monday (9th) afternoon high of 67 degrees at Davenport to a Sunday (15th) morning low of 19 degrees at Cresco. Temperatures for the week as a whole averaged 8.8 degrees above normal. Light rain fell over the southeast one-quarter of the state on Tuesday with amounts up to 0.44 inches at Fairfield. Light rain also fell over the northwest one-third of Iowa on Friday with a maximum reported amount of 0.13 inches at Sanborn. There were a few isolated light showers over the southeast one-half of the state on Saturday. Finally, light rain fell over far southern Iowa on Sunday with Keokuk reporting the most rain with 0.25 inches. Weekly rain totals varied from none over much of central and northeastern Iowa to 0.46 inches at Keokuk. The statewide average precipitation was only 0.03 inches while normal for the week is 0.52 inches.

Statewide Crop Conditions as of November 15, 2009					
Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	2	5	18	53	22

Statewide Harvesting Conditions as of November 15, 2009				
Item	None	Light	Moderate	Heavy
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn lodging	63	27	8	2
Corn ear droppage	74	21	4	1

Statewide Post-Harvest Conditions as of November 15, 2009				
Item	None	Light	Moderate	Heavy
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Grain movement	22	28	33	17
Grazing on stubble fields	52	32	14	2

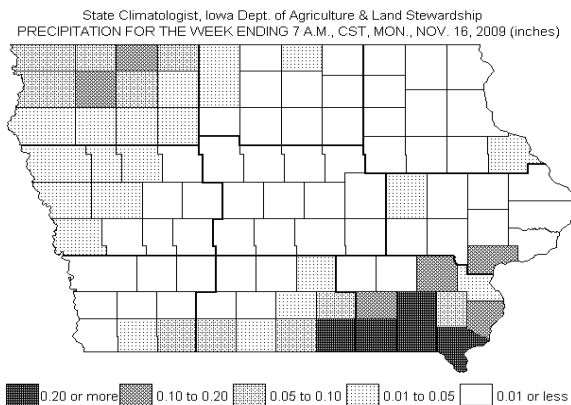
Statewide Hay/Roughage Availability as of November 15, 2009			
Item	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	Percent	Percent	Percent
Hay/Roughage	7	84	9

Statewide Hay/Roughage Quality as of November 15, 2009			
Item	Poor	Fair	Good
	Percent	Percent	Percent
Hay/Roughage	7	51	42

Item	Districts										State	Last Week	Last Year	Normal
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE					
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent					
Fertilizer application completed	26	37	26	24	24	16	17	12	24	24	11	20	39	
Corn harvested (grain or seed)	58	61	52	57	68	61	57	41	67	59	34	69	89	
Soybeans harvested	98	98	90	98	98	97	92	90	92	96	83	98	99	

Item	Districts										State	Last Week	Last Year
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
	Days	Days	Days	Days	Days	Days	Days	Days	Days				
Days suitable	6.2	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.7	6.7	6.8	6.7	6.4	6.6	6.0	2.4	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	
Topsoil moisture													
Very short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Short	0	1	3	2	1	0	8	4	0	2	1	3	
Adequate	81	85	86	88	75	90	85	76	84	83	73	66	
Surplus	19	14	11	10	24	10	7	20	16	15	26	31	
Subsoil moisture													
Very short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Short	5	2	4	0	1	0	12	1	1	3	2	6	
Adequate	89	76	73	87	56	75	81	79	75	76	71	74	
Surplus	6	22	23	13	43	25	7	20	24	21	27	19	

PRELIMINARY IOWA PRECIPITATION



Statewide Grain Storage Availability as of November 15, 2009			
Item	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	Percent	Percent	Percent
On-farm, grain storage	23	74	3
Off-farm, grain storage	14	82	4

**Weather Summary For National Agricultural Statistics Service, Iowa Field Office
For the week ending: Sunday, November 15, 2009, Prepared by AWIS, Inc.**

STATION	CURRENT WEEK				SINCE APRIL 1				CURRENT WEEK	
	TEMPERATURE		PRECIPITATION		PRECIPITATION		GDD BASE 50F			
	HI	LO	AVG	DFN	TOTAL	DFN	TOTAL	DFN	TOTAL	DFN
North West District										
Estherville	69	22	47	13	0.08	-0.20	23.19	-0.14	4	4
Sioux Center	60	23	46	10	0.05	-0.23	23.28	0.54	5	5
Spencer	69	20	47	12	0.10	-0.18	20.15	-4.04	7	7
Spirit Lake	61	29	46	12	0.08	-0.20	21.47	-1.46	0	-1
North Central District										
Britt	69	26	46	9	0.00	-0.35	31.31	5.95	4	4
Humboldt	71	26	47	10	0.00	-0.35	29.69	3.70	4	4
Mason City	69	23	46	11	0.00	-0.37	24.57	-2.46	4	4
Osage	69	26	46	10	0.00	-0.42	29.77	1.90	4	4
North East District										
Decorah	66	22	45	7	0.00	-0.42	29.51	2.94	3	3
Dubuque	69	28	47	10	0.00	-0.65	33.82	4.24	12	12
Elkader	71	21	45	8	0.01	-0.48	31.15	4.55	6	3
Fayette	69	26	46	9	0.00	-0.45	36.50	8.67	7	7
Waterloo	71	26	48	11	0.00	-0.42	30.92	3.55	10	10
West Central District										
Carroll	73	28	48	11	0.00	-0.35	28.81	1.36	8	8
Castana	71	30	49	10	0.05	-0.25	27.86	3.03	9	9
Guthrie Center	74	27	48	10	0.00	-0.42	29.67	2.17	11	11
Harlan	73	30	49	10	0.00	-0.36	29.39	2.12	9	9
Jefferson	74	28	48	11	0.00	-0.35	28.24	0.79	8	8
Logan	73	29	49	10	0.00	-0.34	29.22	3.47	10	10
Rockwell City	74	27	48	10	0.00	-0.32	26.20	-0.28	6	6
Sac City	72	26	46	10	0.02	-0.32	24.43	-1.69	5	5
Sioux City	70	24	49	11	0.01	-0.27	26.98	5.58	16	16
Central District										
Boone	74	32	49	11	0.00	-0.42	30.22	2.14	9	9
Des Moines	75	35	53	13	0.00	-0.42	28.37	1.79	29	27
Grundy Center	72	27	47	10	0.00	-0.42	36.68	9.65	8	8
Marshalltown	72	28	48	11	0.01	-0.41	29.37	1.32	9	9
Newton	72	30	48	9	0.00	-0.48	31.96	4.51	10	9
Perry	75	27	48	11	0.00	-0.35	29.12	2.66	11	11
Toledo	72	28	47	9	0.00	-0.43	33.28	5.00	8	8
East Central District										
Cedar Rapids	72	33	49	11	0.00	-0.49	39.71	12.92	14	14
Davenport	74	28	51	10	0.00	-0.50	37.21	10.63	26	25
Iowa City	74	30	50	9	0.00	-0.49	32.79	3.36	20	18
Lowden	73	23	46	8	0.00	-0.62	42.06	12.16	9	9
Maquoketa	72	24	45	8	0.00	-0.56	35.74	8.33	10	10
Muscatine	74	32	50	8	0.09	-0.47	38.73	10.75	18	18
South West District										
Atlantic	75	28	49	11	0.00	-0.35	33.79	7.93	11	11
Clarinda	73	28	49	9	0.00	-0.49	26.17	-4.11	13	13
Glenwood	76	33	50	10	0.00	-0.35	26.50	-0.75	14	13
Red Oak	76	33	51	11	0.00	-0.42	25.83	-3.60	19	18
Sidney	75	34	51	11	0.00	-0.42	21.35	-7.08	18	17
South Central District										
Allerton	71	35	51	11	0.00	-0.51	40.18	10.75	14	14
Beaconsfield	72	34	50	10	0.00	-0.49	36.14	7.89	14	13
Chariton	73	28	48	9	0.02	-0.50	36.73	6.75	6	4
Indianola	74	30	50	10	0.00	-0.44	31.89	4.18	15	14
Leon	74	31	51	11	0.01	-0.48	33.27	4.04	21	20
South East District										
Bloomfield	72	34	50	8	0.36	-0.20	40.93	11.19	18	15
Burlington	75	37	54	12	0.17	-0.39	39.83	12.13	32	29
Ottumwa	74	34	51	10	0.09	-0.47	40.34	12.85	21	19
Washington	76	29	50	8	0.16	-0.33	40.05	13.24	21	21

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