



HARVEST WINDS DOWN

Agricultural Summary: For almost a month, the weather was warm and dry, creating ideal harvesting conditions, before rain showers greeted most of the state over the weekend. Rains helped alleviate dusty and overly dry conditions that have allowed field and equipment fires to break out. Aside from the first widespread measureable rainfall in weeks, last week continued the pattern of temperatures above seventy during the day, with overnight lows dropping into the thirties.

As we approach the end of October, few acres remain for Iowa farmers to harvest. Favorable weather has enabled growers to continue harvest without any delays. This has put Iowa's harvest a month ahead of last year's pace and given producers plenty of time for fall fieldwork. Operators are focusing on tilling compacted areas like end rows, as well as drowned out spots while waiting for cooler weather before applying anhydrous ammonia.

There were 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork last week, just below the 6.9 recorded the previous two weeks. For the fourth consecutive week, Iowa reported more than 6.0 days suitable with West Central Iowa reporting the highest number of days, at 6.8 days suitable. Topsoil moisture rated 8 percent very short, 27 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus across the state. Subsoil moisture rated 4 percent very short, 18 percent short, 72 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus.

Field Crops Report: Eighty-six percent of the corn acres have been harvested, 35 days ahead of last year and 25 days ahead of the five-year average and the furthest corn harvest has been by October 24th since 2000 when 92 percent of the corn acres had been harvested. Moisture content of all corn remaining in the field is estimated at 15 percent, while the moisture content of corn being harvested is estimated at 14 percent.

Soybean acres harvested increased to 97 percent complete, 24 days ahead of last year and 19 days ahead of the five-year average and the furthest soybean harvest has been by October 24th since 2005 when 97 percent of the acres had been harvested. Grain movement was reported at 20 percent none, 22 percent light, 36 percent moderate, and 22 percent heavy. On-farm storage availability rated 20 percent short,

73 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus, while off-farm storage availability rated 18 percent short, 72 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range condition rated 5 percent very poor, 12 percent poor, 31 percent fair, 42 percent good, and 10 percent excellent. Hay and roughage availability is currently rated 11 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 16 percent surplus. The quality of hay and roughage is currently rated 11 percent poor, 53 percent fair, and 36 percent good. Livestock are now being rotated to stubble fields for grazing, as pastures have been grazed down. Feeder calves are beginning to go on feed or being sold to feedlot operations.

IOWA PRELIMINARY WEATHER SUMMARY
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Dry weather continued until late Friday (22nd) night when showers and thunderstorms moved into the state and persisted through Saturday (23rd) night with lighter scattered rain over the northeastern one half of Iowa on Sunday (24th). Rainfall amounts exceeded an inch over portions of the southeast one-third of the state and over a small area of northwest Iowa. However portions of west central Iowa missed the weekend rains completely. Weekly rain totals varied from none at locations such as Logan, Denison and Carroll to 4.32 inches at Sheldon. The statewide average precipitation was 0.55 inches or just slightly above the weekly normal of 0.53 inches. Cool nights and warm days were the rule through Friday morning with much warmer weather prevailing over the weekend thanks mainly to higher overnight temperatures. Temperature extremes varied from a Friday (22nd) morning low of 23 degrees at Elkader to afternoon highs that same day of 78 degrees at numerous western and central Iowa locations. Temperatures for the week as a whole averaged 4.8 degrees above normal. Soil temperatures as of Sunday (24th) were averaging in the mid to upper fifties.

Statewide Crop Conditions as of October 24, 2010

Item	Very Poor (Percent)	Poor (Percent)	Fair (Percent)	Good (Percent)	Excellent (Percent)
Range & Pasture ..	5	12	31	42	10

Statewide Hay/Roughage Availability as of October 24, 2010

Item	Short (Percent)	Adequate (Percent)	Surplus (Percent)
Hay/Roughage	11	73	16

Statewide Hay/Roughage Quality as of October 24, 2010

Item	Poor (Percent)	Fair (Percent)	Good (Percent)
Hay/Roughage	11	53	36

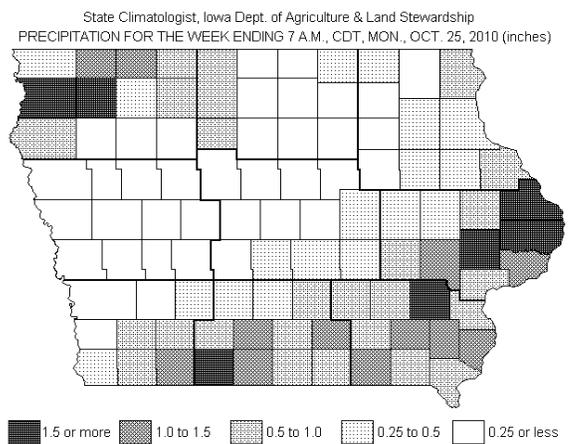
State Post-Harvest Conditions as of October 24, 2010

Item	None (Percent)	Light (Percent)	Moderate (Percent)	Heavy (Percent)
Grain movement	20	22	36	22

Field Work and Crop Progress as of October 24, 2010

Item	Districts									State (Percent)	Last Week (Percent)	Last Year (Percent)	5-yr Avg (Percent)
	NW (Percent)	NC (Percent)	NE (Percent)	WC (Percent)	C (Percent)	EC (Percent)	SW (Percent)	SC (Percent)	SE (Percent)				
Corn harvested (grain or seed)	90	95	87	84	93	90	61	63	86	86	66	12	39
Soybeans harvested	99	99	96	99	98	96	96	93	94	97	94	46	80

PRELIMINARY IOWA PRECIPITATION



Statewide Grain Storage Availability as of October 24, 2010

Item	Short (Percent)	Adequate (Percent)	Surplus (Percent)
On-farm, grain storage	20	73	7
Off-farm, grain storage	18	72	10

Days Suitable & Soil Moisture Condition as of October 24, 2010

Item	Districts									State	Last Week	Last Year
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE			
	(Days)											
Days suitable	6.2	6.7	6.4	6.8	6.5	5.8	6.3	6.0	6.4	6.4	6.9	1.9
	(Percent)											
Topsoil moisture												
Very short	3	13	18	10	7	8	13	2	0	8	8	0
Short	10	34	38	36	45	2	32	17	17	27	25	1
Adequate	85	53	44	54	48	86	55	76	77	63	66	48
Surplus	2	0	0	0	0	4	0	5	6	2	1	51
Subsoil moisture												
Very short	1	6	10	3	5	1	4	0	0	4	3	0
Short	5	34	27	26	19	9	22	9	6	18	16	3
Adequate	73	58	63	68	74	87	70	85	73	72	74	65
Surplus	21	2	0	3	2	3	4	6	21	6	7	32

Weather Summary For National Agricultural Statistics Service, Iowa Field Office. For the week ending: Sunday, October 24, 2010, 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	72	32	52	7	0.70	0.30	28.52	6.21	27	25	
Sioux Center	76	30	54	6	1.84	1.43	36.06	14.30	34	19	
Spencer	76	30	52	6	0.23	-0.19	28.97	5.77	27	23	
Spirit Lake	75	36	54	8	1.05	0.69	28.57	6.57	33	26	
North Central District											
Britt	71	33	50	2	0.02	-0.40	24.62	0.41	20	17	
Humboldt	74	33	52	4	0.42	-0.01	40.82	15.97	22	11	
Mason City	71	28	52	5	0.16	-0.33	22.70	-3.06	26	21	
Osage	70	32	49	2	0.26	-0.24	31.48	4.96	13	7	
North East District											
Decorah	70	26	51	3	0.16	-0.28	30.67	5.42	16	1	
Dubuque	69	30	51	3	0.97	0.41	38.08	10.42	25	10	
Elkader	70	23	47	-3	0.44	-0.06	39.85	14.79	10	-5	
Fayette	70	31	50	2	0.44	-0.10	34.99	8.66	11	7	
Waterloo	71	29	53	5	0.16	-0.38	36.41	10.50	31	18	
West Central District											
Carroll	78	33	54	6	0.00	-0.49	32.58	6.39	31	19	
Castana	76	37	55	5	0.00	-0.48	27.32	3.60	35	15	
Guthrie Center	77	29	53	4	0.08	-0.45	45.14	19.05	26	13	
Harlan	76	33	54	5	0.00	-0.48	37.21	11.20	33	22	
Jefferson	78	33	53	6	0.00	-0.49	35.20	9.01	28	12	
Logan	77	30	53	4	0.00	-0.50	33.65	9.10	27	10	
Rockwell City	77	36	54	4	0.29	-0.18	36.72	11.38	29	20	
Sac City	78	33	52	5	0.15	-0.32	33.47	8.52	23	15	
Sioux City	78	29	55	6	0.00	-0.39	26.03	5.60	40	27	
Central District											
Boone	75	33	53	4	0.04	-0.52	41.40	14.77	26	10	
Des Moines	78	37	59	8	0.35	-0.21	43.56	18.45	62	41	
Grundy Center	71	31	51	4	0.29	-0.27	40.23	14.64	21	11	
Marshalltown	72	32	54	7	0.13	-0.39	39.64	13.00	39	26	
Newton	72	35	53	3	0.30	-0.26	51.91	26.01	25	4	
Perry	78	32	53	5	0.05	-0.45	40.17	14.97	28	15	
Toledo	71	31	51	3	0.21	-0.29	30.02	3.22	18	7	
East Central District											
Cedar Rapids	71	32	54	5	0.30	-0.16	34.87	9.53	37	19	
Davenport	72	31	55	4	1.24	0.68	34.85	9.97	40	9	
Iowa City	72	33	55	3	1.23	0.65	33.82	6.07	42	11	
Lowden	72	26	51	2	2.22	1.66	34.43	6.35	15	-1	
Maquoketa	69	27	48	0	1.65	1.16	31.41	5.65	9	-6	
Muscatine	71	32	53	1	1.06	0.48	42.36	16.14	25	-2	
South West District											
Atlantic	75	27	53	4	0.59	0.09	37.31	12.66	26	11	
Clarinda	75	28	53	3	1.40	0.84	33.79	5.07	26	10	
Glenwood	76	32	54	3	0.12	-0.38	28.55	2.57	31	10	
Red Oak	77	31	55	4	0.43	-0.04	32.79	4.68	42	24	
Sidney	76	38	57	5	0.49	-0.08	27.08	0.12	50	25	
South Central District											
Allerton	75	35	55	5	0.77	0.14	57.04	29.34	36	19	
Beaconsfield	74	37	55	5	1.52	0.94	40.53	13.91	35	14	
Chariton	76	29	54	3	0.92	0.35	50.65	22.39	32	15	
Indianola	78	32	54	4	0.52	-0.07	47.54	21.37	33	16	
Leon	76	29	54	3	1.00	0.37	45.69	18.14	36	18	
South East District											
Bloomfield	74	37	56	4	1.31	0.68	49.38	21.40	43	19	
Burlington	71	34	57	5	0.94	0.32	46.12	20.18	51	20	
Ottumwa	73	32	56	5	0.67	0.12	47.68	21.89	49	25	
Washington	72	31	52	-2	1.94	1.38	48.97	23.71	25	1	

Precipitation (rain, melted snow or ice) in inches. Precipitation Days = Days with precipitation of 0.01 inch or more. Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit. Copyright 2010: AWIS, Inc. All Rights Reserved.