



Iowa Crop Progress & Condition

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Mostly dry weather allowed farmers to harvest 30 percent of Iowa's soybean acreage during the 5.1 **days suitable for fieldwork** for the week ending October 12, 2014, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service. Muddy fields, especially in low spots, have slowed harvest across Iowa. Activities for the week included fall tillage and the spread of manure on harvested fields. Cover crops have started to emerge across the State.

Topsoil moisture levels rated 0 percent very short, 4 percent short, 78 percent adequate, and 18 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** levels rated 1 percent very short, 7 percent short, 80 percent adequate, and 12 percent surplus. Southwest Iowa was the wettest with just under half of its topsoil in surplus condition.

Ninety percent of Iowa's **corn** acreage was mature, 4 days behind the five-year average. Corn harvest reached 10 percent, almost 3 weeks behind the normal pace. Moisture content of corn at harvest remained high at 23 percent contributing to the slower than normal progress. Seventy-six percent of the corn crop was reported in good to excellent condition. Ninety-five percent of the **soybean** crop was dropping leaves or beyond. Soybean harvest advanced rapidly to 39 percent complete, just over one week behind normal. Seventy-four percent of the soybean acreage was in good to excellent condition.

Grain movement from farm to elevator was rated 15 percent none, 38 percent light, 32 percent moderate, and 15 percent heavy. Off-farm grain storage availability was 8 percent short, 80 percent adequate, and 12 percent surplus. On-farm grain storage availability was 13 percent short, 79 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus.

The third cutting of **alfalfa hay** was nearing completion, while hay and roughage supplies were estimated at 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 82 percent adequate, and 16 percent surplus. Pasture condition rated 66 percent good to excellent. Livestock conditions have been optimal. Calves were being weaned.

Crop Conditions as of October 12, 2014

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(Percent)	(Percent)	(Percent)	(Percent)	(Percent)
Pasture & Range	1	5	28	51	15
Corn	2	4	18	51	25
Soybeans	1	5	20	53	21

Hay/Roughage Supplies as of October 12, 2014

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(Percent)	(Percent)	(Percent)	(Percent)
Hay/Roughage	0	2	82	16

Field Work and Crop Progress as of October 12, 2014

Item	Districts										State	Last Week	Last Year	5-yr Avg
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE					
Corn mature	81	90	87	95	93	96	94	88	94	90	79	(NA)	93	
Corn harvested for grain	9	8	8	7	11	13	13	14	21	10	5	(NA)	39	
Soybeans dropping leaves	99	97	98	98	96	96	86	92	97	95	85	(NA)	94	
Soybeans harvested	54	46	40	27	48	47	14	14	47	39	9	(NA)	65	

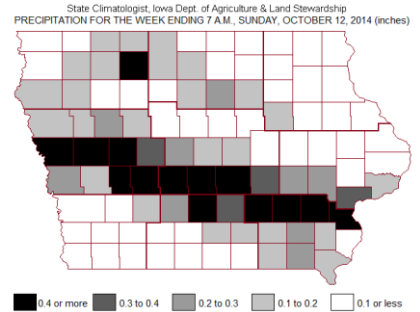
Days Suitable & Soil Moisture Conditions as of October 12, 2014

Item	Districts										State	Last Week	Last Year
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
Days suitable	5.1 (Percent)	5.5 (Percent)	5.7 (Percent)	4.6 (Percent)	5.0 (Percent)	5.6 (Percent)	4.8 (Percent)	4.5 (Percent)	4.7 (Percent)	5.1 (Percent)	3.3 (Percent)	(NA) (Percent)	
Topsoil moisture													
Very short	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	(NA)	
Short	10	4	10	0	0	8	0	0	8	4	4	(NA)	
Adequate	77	91	81	75	81	75	54	67	72	78	80	(NA)	
Surplus	12	5	8	25	19	17	46	33	18	18	16	(NA)	
Subsoil moisture													
Very short	3	0	2	0	1	2	0	0	2	1	1	(NA)	
Short	15	2	16	0	6	13	1	1	16	7	7	(NA)	
Adequate	72	95	77	82	77	82	60	77	74	80	80	(NA)	
Surplus	10	3	5	18	16	3	39	22	8	12	12	(NA)	

Due to a lapse in federal funding in October 2013, the Crop Progress reports for the weeks ending October 6, 2013 and October 13, 2013 were cancelled. Therefore, previous year estimates for the corresponding weeks will not be available. Five-year average estimates will reflect the years 2009-2013 using published estimates for 2009-2012 and imputed estimates for 2013.

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

It was a relatively cool and dry week across Iowa. Very light rain was scattered across Iowa on Sunday (5th) night and across northeast and far eastern Iowa on Tuesday (7th). Rain fell nearly statewide on Wednesday (8th) night. However, rainfall of more than one-half inch was confined to a narrow band from Monona County east-southeast to Louisa County. Weekly rain totals varied from none over far northeastern Iowa to 1.10 inches at Bagley in Guthrie County. The statewide average precipitation was 0.16 inches, or about one-fourth of the weekly normal of 0.60 inches. This was Iowa's driest week in eleven weeks. Much of northern Iowa recorded a hard freeze on Saturday (11th) morning with minimum temperatures as low as 25 degrees at Elkader, Mason City and Sheldon. There were also scattered freezes on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday mornings. However, large portions of central and southeast Iowa have yet to record a killing freeze this fall. Temperatures edged slightly above normal in some areas on Tuesday and Wednesday with Burlington the warm spot in the state with a 75 degree maximum on Tuesday afternoon. Temperatures for the week as a whole averaged from one degree below normal across the southwest to five degrees below normal in the northeast with a statewide average of 3.2 degrees subnormal. Soil temperatures at the four inch depth were averaging in the low fifties in most areas as of Sunday (12th) and are expected to remain near that level for most of the next week to ten days.



Post-Harvest Conditions as of October 12, 2014

Item	None	Light	Moderate	Heavy
	(Percent)	(Percent)	(Percent)	(Percent)
Grain movement	15	38	32	15

Grain Storage Availability as of October 12, 2014

Item	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(Percent)	(Percent)	(Percent)
On-farm, grain storage	13	79	8
Off-farm, grain storage	8	80	12

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

For the week ending: Sunday, October 12, 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	66	30	48	-4	0.05	-0.44	24.07	3.30	2790	-135
Sheldon	67	25	46	-6	0.04	-0.47	25.62	3.99	2578	-278
Sibley	67	30	46	-6	0.07	-0.43	23.48	1.57	2622	-150
Sioux Center	68	26	50	-4	0.05	-0.48	23.60	2.64	3006	-120
Spirit Lake	68	30	49	-4	0.05	-0.50	23.62	1.37	2712	-140
Storm Lake	67	36	52	-1	0.02	-0.50	23.76	-0.34	2826	-25
NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT										
Algona	69	32	49	-4	0.36	-0.15	33.82	10.73	2708	-181
Charles City	67	29	48	-6	0.05	-0.56	30.53	4.88	2670	-272
Dakota City	70	31	51	-2	0.00	-0.48	30.04	5.95	2922	-33
Hampton	69	29	48	-5	0.27	-0.33	35.69	9.39	2830	-62
Mason City	68	29	47	-6	0.02	-0.57	31.33	5.61	2578	-231
Osage	66	32	47	-5	0.00	-0.61	32.47	6.79	2618	-197
NORTH EAST DISTRICT										
Cresco	67	27	46	-5	0.00	-0.57	32.28	6.28	2684	40
Decorah	66	28	48	-5	0.10	-0.43	27.05	1.77	2866	-29
Dubuque	66	33	49	-6	0.02	-0.50	27.09	2.80	2962	-187
Fayette	68	30	47	-5	0.04	-0.55	31.78	5.59	2696	-94
Manchester	68	27	46	-6	0.00	-0.60	25.88	-0.53	2702	-116
Tripoli	69	32	47	-5	0.00	-0.62	25.40	-1.09	2731	-148
WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT										
Audubon	69	29	49	-5	0.45	-0.10	40.86	15.93	2788	-344
Carroll	69	29	50	-3	0.40	-0.12	33.77	9.69	2918	-153
Jefferson	68	31	50	-5	0.37	-0.18	33.93	10.07	2832	-388
Logan	72	30	52	-4	0.18	-0.45	34.24	9.77	3148	-148
Mapleton	68	28	49	-6	0.33	-0.26	39.65	16.20	2818	-318
Rockwell City	68	33	50	-4	0.11	-0.46	32.86	8.73	2860	-202
CENTRAL DISTRICT										
Boone	70	32	50	-4	0.21	-0.37	36.72	10.57	2824	-230
Grinnell	70	33	52	-2	0.53	-0.02	36.22	10.75	2751	-202
Grundy Center	69	30	49	-4	0.02	-0.59	31.16	5.98	2786	-96
Iowa Falls	70	30	48	-5	0.00	-0.63	37.27	12.10	2690	-277
Marshalltown	70	31	50	-4	0.11	-0.48	34.73	8.58	2907	-113
Webster City	70	27	50	-4	0.00	-0.59	32.39	7.42	2721	-291
EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT										
Anamosa	68	32	49	-4	0.05	-0.46	33.13	7.46	2758	-240
Cedar Rapids	69	30	51	-4	0.05	-0.52	32.84	6.48	3152	-54
Clinton	67	33	52	-4	0.23	-0.33	27.80	4.08	3181	-61
Lowden	70	28	50	-4	0.02	-0.57	31.20	5.62	3118	49
Maquoketa	67	29	48	-5	0.08	-0.45	30.14	5.86	2868	-108
Vinton	70	30	48	-6	0.03	-0.50	29.60	4.89	2934	-184
SOUTH WEST DISTRICT										
Atlantic	71	28	50	-4	0.06	-0.50	31.84	7.07	3176	-17
Clarinda	73	29	53	-2	0.03	-0.60	31.02	4.37	3194	-109
Glenwood	72	30	53	-3	0.00	-0.56	38.98	13.69	3157	-241
Oakland	70	35	52	-3	0.00	-0.58	41.47	15.99	3310	85
Red Oak	72	32	53	-3	0.02	-0.58	37.56	11.12	3290	-126
Sidney	73	34	55	-3	0.00	-0.63	25.95	1.18	3282	-207
SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT										
Allerton	70	36	53	-3	0.02	-0.59	43.39	16.51	3073	-137
Beaconsfield	69	35	52	-3	0.10	-0.54	42.96	15.93	2928	-370
Centerville	71	39	55	-2	0.06	-0.49	32.33	6.22	3122	-217
Indianola	70	31	51	-5	0.45	-0.15	37.72	12.51	3120	-133
Lamoni	71	37	54	-2	0.04	-0.60	42.54	15.51	3280	-18
Osceola	72	30	52	-4	0.06	-0.49	40.08	13.42	3190	-39
SOUTH EAST DISTRICT										
Bloomfield	70	35	52	-4	0.14	-0.45	29.74	2.71	3286	-47
Donnellson	73	36	53	-4	0.17	-0.35	28.04	2.27	3346	-140
Fairfield	69	35	53	-3	0.25	-0.26	32.12	6.63	3138	-254
Keosauqua	72	36	53	-4	0.20	-0.39	25.10	-1.45	3162	-313
Washington	71	32	52	-5	0.55	0.09	33.75	9.12	3070	-309