



Iowa Crop Progress & Condition

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Iowa farmers were able to harvest one-quarter of the State's corn crop during the week ending November 2, 2014, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service. There were **6.4 days suitable for fieldwork**, the second most days suitable statewide this crop season. Other activities for the week included fall tillage, manure and fertilizer application, corn stalk baling, and hauling grain.

Topsoil moisture levels rated 0 percent very short, 4 percent short, 84 percent adequate, and 12 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** levels rated 1 percent very short, 5 percent short, 83 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus. Southwest Iowa was the wettest with almost one-third of its topsoil and subsoil in surplus condition.

Sixty-one percent of Iowa's **corn** acreage was harvested, 4 days behind 2013 and 10 days behind the five-year average. Moisture content of corn at harvest was estimated at 18 percent. Seventy-six percent of the corn crop was reported in good to excellent condition. **Soybean** harvest reached 91 percent complete, 3 days behind last year but a day ahead of normal. This was the first time this season soybean harvest was ahead of average.

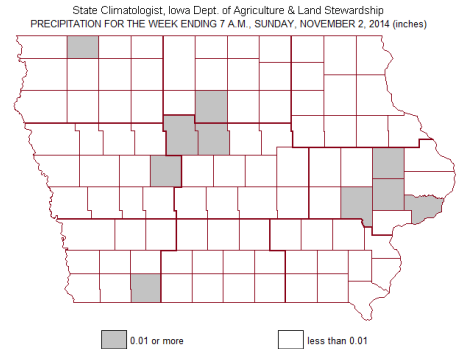
Grain movement from farm to elevator was rated 60 percent moderate to heavy, increasing 2 percentage points from the previous week. Although off-farm grain storage availability was rate 89 percent adequate to surplus, a few elevators were running short on storage space or limiting incoming grain. On-farm grain storage availability was 83 percent adequate to surplus.

Hay and roughage supplies were estimated at 97 percent adequate to surplus. Livestock conditions were normal, with more cattle turned out on corn stalk fields.

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

Iowa enjoyed its driest week in nearly two years. Only a handful of locations picked up any measurable rain with 0.05 inches near Badger (Webster County) being the most reported. The statewide average precipitation was a trace while normal for the week is 0.55 inches. The early portion of the week was unseasonably mild with daytime highs mostly in the sixties and seventies. Temperatures in far southwest Iowa soared into the eighties on Sunday (26th) with Sidney the warm spot at 85 degrees. A strong cold front moved into the state on Tuesday (28th) with daytime highs mostly in the forties for the remainder of the week across northern Iowa. There were scattered areas of freezing temperatures across western Iowa on Wednesday (29th) morning and northern Iowa on Thursday (30th) morning. However, a hard freeze impacted much of the northwestern two-thirds of Iowa on Friday (31st) morning and statewide on Saturday (1st) morning. The week's lowest temperatures were reported across northeast Iowa on Saturday morning with 14 degree readings at Elkader and Stanley.

The statewide average temperature for the week was 0.6 degrees below normal. Soil temperatures at the four inch depth were averaging in the mid-forties across most of Iowa as of Sunday (2nd).



Crop Conditions as of November 2, 2014

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	1	4	19	53	23

Hay/Roughage Supplies as November 2, 2014

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Hay/Roughage	0	3	83	14

Post-Harvest Conditions as of November 2, 2014

Item	None	Light	Moderate	Heavy
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Grain movement	13	27	41	19

Grain Storage Availability as of November 2, 2014

Item	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
On-farm, grain storage	17	78	5
Off-farm, grain storage	11	81	8

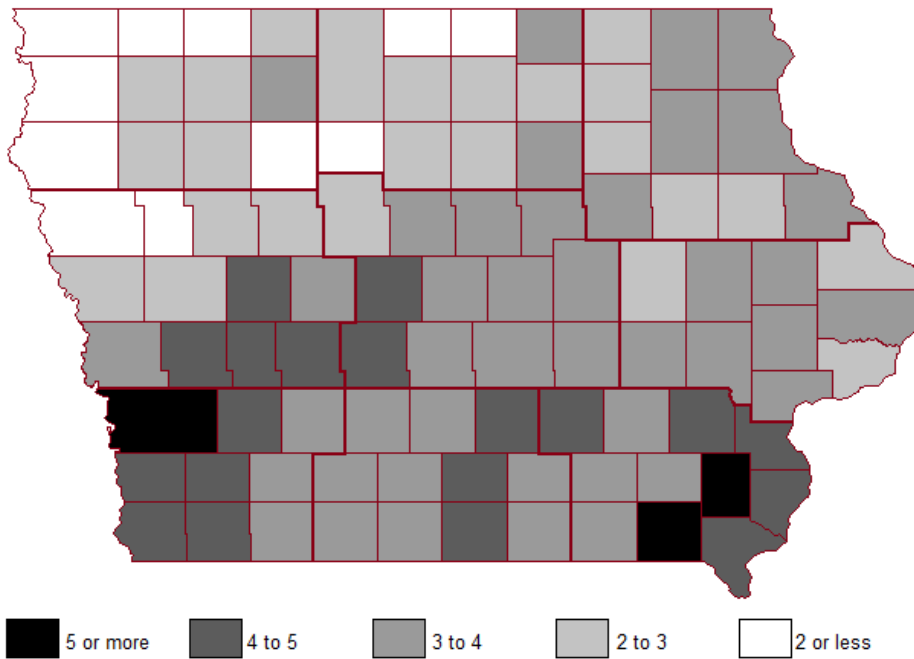
Field Work and Crop Progress as of November 2, 2014

Item	Districts										State	Last Week	Last Year	5-yr Avg	
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE						
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn harvested for grain	81	68	55	59	62	58	50	40	60	61	36	72	75		
Soybeans harvested	99	93	91	96	95	95	81	77	83	91	81	94	90		

Days Suitable & Soil Moisture Conditions as of November 2, 2014

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)	(days)	(days)	(days)
Days suitable	6.7	6.3	6.2	6.7	6.1	6.2	6.7	6.5	6.7	6.4	5.1	4.9	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	
Topsoil moisture													
Very short	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	15	
Short	17	5	4	0	1	6	2	0	6	4	4	29	
Adequate	75	91	88	85	83	90	66	79	80	84	80	55	
Surplus	6	4	8	15	16	4	32	21	13	12	16	1	
Subsoil moisture													
Very short	4	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	1	1	27	
Short	15	3	12	1	1	7	0	1	12	5	5	37	
Adequate	73	94	82	83	84	87	67	73	81	83	81	35	
Surplus	8	3	5	16	14	4	33	26	5	11	13	1	

State Climatologist, Iowa Dept. of Agriculture & Land Stewardship
 PRELIMINARY OCTOBER 2014 COUNTY PRECIPITATION TOTALS (inches)



The weekly data normally received from MESONET at Iowa State University is unavailable after October 31st.
 Data used to create the Percent Harvested charts below came from previous weeks' estimates in Iowa Crop Progress and Condition reports.

