



Iowa Crop Progress & Condition

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Warm and sunny weather helped dry out soil conditions and aided crop development during the week ending July 5, 2015, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service. Statewide there were 4.8 **days suitable for fieldwork**. This was only the second week this season that all districts had at least 4.0 days suitable for fieldwork. Activities for the week included cutting hay, applying herbicides, and scattered replanting of crops.

Topsoil moisture levels rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 73 percent adequate and 25 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** levels rated 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 75 percent adequate and 22 percent surplus. Statewide surplus topsoil and subsoil moisture levels dropped 6 and 4 percentage points, respectively, from the previous week.

Eighty-two percent of the **corn** crop was rated good to excellent. Nearly all **soybeans** have emerged. Soybeans blooming reached 20 percent. Soybean condition rated 78 percent good to excellent this week. **Oats** headed or beyond reached 96 percent this week. The percent of oat acreage turning color reached 43 percent, 4 days ahead of 2014, and slightly ahead of normal. Oat condition improved slightly to 82 percent good to excellent.

The first cutting of **alfalfa hay** reached 90 percent complete. The second cutting reached 24 percent, one week ahead of last year, but 4 days behind the average. Hay conditions remained 70 percent good to excellent. **Pasture condition** rated 80 percent good to excellent. Livestock conditions were reported as good.

Crop conditions as of July 5, 2015

Item	Very Poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Corn, all	0	3	15	62	20
Soybeans	0	3	19	62	16
Hay, all.....	0	5	25	55	15
Oats.....	0	1	17	66	16
Pasture & Range...	0	2	18	58	22

Field Work and Crop Progress as of July 5, 2015

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)
Oats headed.....	97	93	96	97	97	99	98	97	97	96	90	94	95
Oats coloring	39	27	35	50	56	48	60	47	61	43	17	28	42
Soybeans blooming	22	17	26	16	33	30	9	9	12	20	6	19	22
Alfalfa Hay, first cutting	100	96	99	99	95	99	90	70	92	90	83	94	96
Alfalfa Hay, second cutting	45	18	48	23	40	33	4	3	16	24	9	11	32

Days Suitable & Soil Moisture Condition as of July 5, 2015

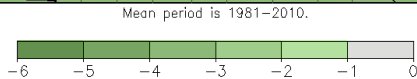
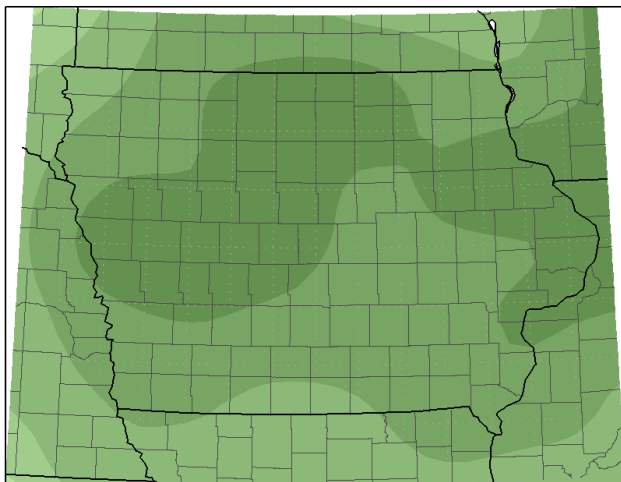
Item	Districts									State	Last Week	Last Year
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE			
	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)
Days suitable	5.8	4.9	4.8	4.6	4.5	4.3	5.3	4.5	4.0	4.8	3.0	2.5
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture												
Very short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Short	7	2	1	2	2	0	3	0	2	2	1	2
Adequate	84	88	84	83	66	58	61	40	55	73	68	61
Surplus	9	10	15	15	32	42	36	60	43	25	31	37
Subsoil moisture												
Very short	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Short	9	1	5	2	1	0	3	0	7	3	2	7
Adequate	79	91	84	86	73	54	69	47	60	75	72	67
Surplus	11	8	11	12	26	46	28	53	32	22	26	25

IOWA PRELIMINARY WEATHER SUMMARY

Provided by Harry Hillaker, State Climatologist
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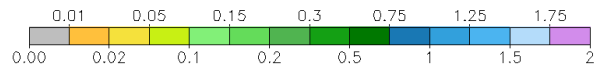
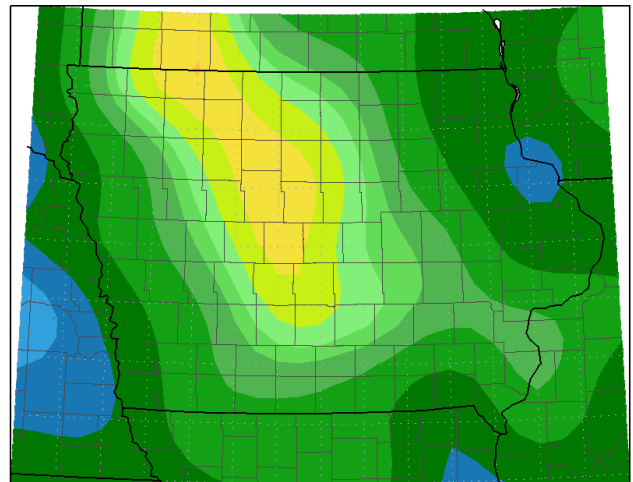
Iowa enjoyed its driest week in nine weeks (the week ending May 3) with a statewide average precipitation amount of 0.30 inches while normal for the week is 1.09 inches. Rain totals varied from none over parts of central and north central Iowa to 2.17 inches at Davenport. Rain fell across the eastern one-third of the state on Sunday (28th) and Monday (29th). There were showers and thunderstorms over the southwest one-third of Iowa on Tuesday (30th) into Wednesday (1st) morning. The remainder of the week was dry excepting some light rain over far western and southwestern Iowa on Thursday (2nd) and a very small area of extreme western Iowa on Sunday (5th) morning. Meanwhile, temperatures were below normal until Sunday (5th) afternoon. Morning lows dipped to 44 degrees at Cresco and Elkader on Tuesday (2nd) and at Spencer on Wednesday (3rd). Sunday (5th) was the warmest day with readings reaching 90 degrees at Little Sioux, Sioux City and Lamoni. Temperatures for the week as a whole averaged from three degrees below normal across the southwest to six degrees subnormal over the northeast with a statewide average of 4.9 degrees below normal.

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from Mean
June 29, 2015 to July 5, 2015



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Accumulated Precipitation (in)
June 29, 2015 to July 5, 2015



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