



Iowa Crop Progress & Condition

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Reports of corn silking, soybeans setting pods, and oats being harvested for grain were received for the week ending July 12, 2015, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service. Statewide there were 4.8 **days suitable for fieldwork**. Activities for the week included cutting hay, cultivating and applying herbicides.

Topsoil moisture levels rated 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 77 percent adequate and 20 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** levels rated 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 78 percent adequate and 19 percent surplus. Reporters in north central and northwest Iowa expressed a need for additional precipitation.

Seventeen percent of the corn crop reached the silking stage, 2 days behind last year and 3 days behind the 5-year average. Eighty-two percent of the **corn** crop was rated good to excellent. Soybeans blooming or beyond reached 40 percent, with some reports of soybeans setting pods. Soybean condition rated 78 percent good to excellent this week. Nearly all of the State's **oats** were headed or beyond. Oat acreage turning color reached 69 percent, with 13 percent of the oat crop harvested, 4 days ahead of last year, but 2 days behind normal. Eighty-two percent of the oat crop rated good to excellent.

The second cutting of **alfalfa hay** reached 40 percent, 5 days ahead of last year, but 4 days behind average. Hay condition was rated at 71 percent good to excellent, while **pasture condition** rated 79 percent good to excellent. Livestock stress levels increased as temperatures and humidity climbed late in the week.

Crop conditions as of July 12, 2015

Item	Very Poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Corn, all	0	3	15	61	21
Soybeans	0	3	19	62	16
Hay, all.....	0	5	24	56	15
Oats.....	0	1	17	67	15
Pasture & Range...	0	2	19	58	21

Field Work and Crop Progress as of July 12, 2015

Item	Districts									State	Last Week	Last Year	5-yr Avg
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
	(percent)												
Oats coloring	76	52	63	79	82	70	81	71	79	69	43	56	65
Oats harvested	14	5	15	22	21	8	12	8	21	13	1	7	18
Corn silking.....	13	14	15	16	25	20	8	16	28	17	2	23	25
Soybeans blooming	54	43	39	34	47	55	21	19	33	40	20	42	42
Alfalfa Hay, first cutting	100	99	100	100	97	100	94	80	95	94	90	97	98
Alfalfa Hay, second cutting	71	40	60	48	58	59	16	11	27	40	24	25	47

Days Suitable & Soil Moisture Condition as of July 12, 2015

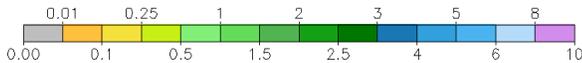
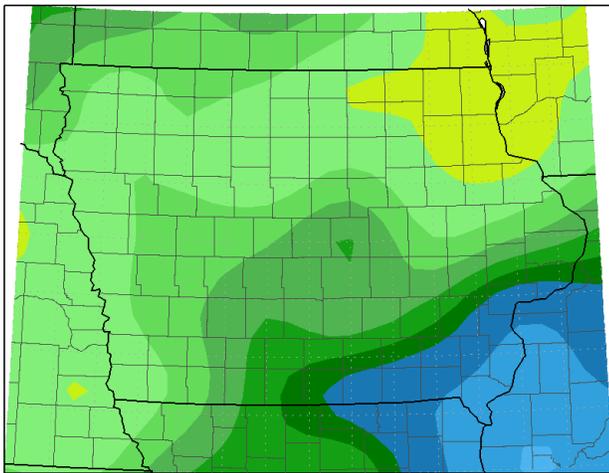
Item	Districts									State	Last Week	Last Year
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE			
	(days)											
Days suitable	6.0	5.6	4.4	4.8	4.6	4.3	5.0	3.6	3.2	4.8	4.8	4.0
	(percent)											
Topsoil moisture												
Very short	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Short	10	7	1	3	3	1	5	0	2	3	2	2
Adequate	85	88	86	86	71	63	72	44	52	77	73	71
Surplus	4	5	13	11	26	36	23	56	46	20	25	27
Subsoil moisture												
Very short	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Short	10	4	5	2	1	1	4	1	6	3	3	6
Adequate	83	91	85	89	73	57	72	51	61	78	75	76
Surplus	6	4	10	9	26	42	24	48	32	19	22	18

IOWA PRELIMINARY WEATHER SUMMARY

Provided by Harry Hillaker, State Climatologist
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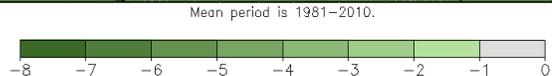
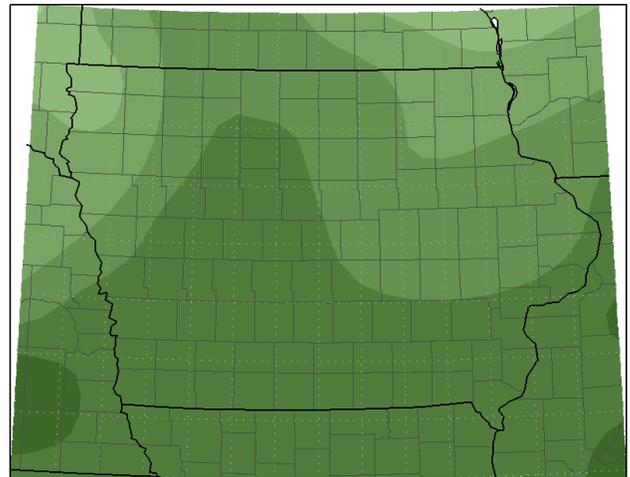
Unseasonably cool weather prevailed until the weekend when much warmer and more humid air returned to the state. Morning low temperatures dipped to 45 degrees at Spencer on Tuesday (7th) and Elkader on Wednesday (8th) while daytime highs only reached the low sixties over parts of southeast Iowa on Wednesday. High temperatures reached 91 degrees at Glenwood, Little Sioux, Shenandoah, and Sidney on Saturday (11th) and 94 degrees at Spencer and Sioux City on Sunday (12th). Temperatures for the week as a whole averaged 4.3 degrees below normal. Rain fell statewide between Sunday (5th) night and Monday (6th) night with greatest amounts near five inches in Muscatine and Scott counties. Dry weather prevailed over most of the state until Saturday when showers and thunderstorms dampened the southern one-half to two-thirds of Iowa. Greatest rains with this second event fell over south central Iowa where three to five inch totals fell over parts of Union, Clarke, Wayne, and Appanoose counties. Weekly rain totals varied from only 0.04 inches at McGregor in northeast Iowa and at the opposite corner of the state with 0.05 inches at Randolph in Fremont County. Greatest rain totals included 5.53 inches at the Davenport Airport and 5.35 inches at Lake Rathbun Dam. The statewide average precipitation was 1.50 inches while normal for the week is 1.05 inches.

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
July 6, 2015 to July 12, 2015



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Average Temperature (°F): Departure from Mean
July 6, 2015 to July 12, 2015



Mean period is 1981-2010.
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