



Iowa Crop Progress & Condition

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A windy, warm, and mostly dry week aided crop maturity for the week ending September 20, 2015, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service. Statewide there were 4.8 **days suitable for fieldwork**. Fieldwork for the week included harvesting seed corn, chopping silage, cutting hay, and reports of scattered corn for grain and soybean harvest. Farmers were also preparing farm equipment for the upcoming harvest. Reports indicated seed corn harvest was wrapping up, and corn harvested for grain has had widely varying moisture content.

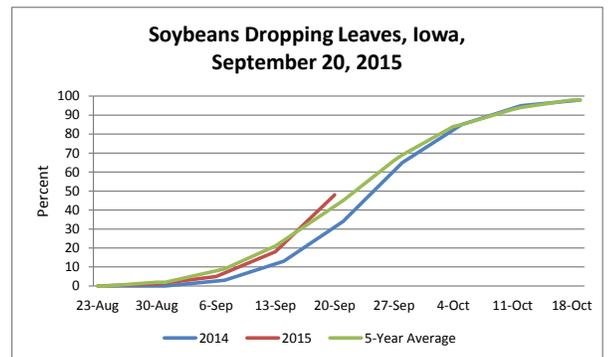
Topsoil moisture levels rated 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 86 percent adequate and 11 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** levels rated 0 percent very short, 6 percent short, 82 percent adequate and 12 percent surplus.

Ninety-five percent of the **corn** crop was in the dent stage or beyond, with 49 percent mature, 5 days ahead of last year, but 5 days behind the 5-year average. Corn condition rated 79 percent good to excellent. Eighty-three percent of **soybeans** were starting to turn color or beyond, while 48 percent of soybeans were dropping leaves, 5 days ahead of 2014, and 2 days ahead of normal. Soybean condition rated 76 percent good to excellent.

The third cutting of **alfalfa hay** was 89 percent complete, 1 week ahead of last year, but a week behind the average. **Pasture condition** rated 67 percent good to excellent. Livestock conditions were reported as good.

Crop conditions as of September 20, 2015

Item	Very Poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Corn, all.....	1	4	16	54	25
Soybeans	1	4	19	55	21
Pasture & Range....	1	6	26	53	14



Field Work and Crop Progress as of September 20, 2015

Item	Districts									State	Last Week	Last Year	5-yr Avg
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
	(percent)												
Corn dented.....	98	91	97	98	97	91	90	92	90	95	88	91	95
Corn mature	53	42	42	42	63	50	41	51	65	49	26	34	61
Soybeans coloring	94	92	86	86	92	81	59	56	83	83	62	75	80
Soybeans dropping leaves.....	56	62	41	44	68	46	14	17	55	48	18	31	42
Alfalfa Hay, third cutting.....	100	94	98	97	97	99	86	66	89	89	83	79	93

Days Suitable & Soil Moisture Condition as of September 20, 2015

Item	Districts									State	Last Week	Last Year
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE			
	(days)											
Days suitable	5.6	4.7	4.0	4.6	4.5	4.9	4.9	4.7	5.2	4.8	4.9	4.4
	(percent)											
Topsoil moisture												
Very short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Short	4	2	8	1	1	3	3	0	7	3	6	4
Adequate	93	94	90	86	79	81	77	78	82	86	81	79
Surplus	3	4	2	13	20	16	20	22	8	11	13	17
Subsoil moisture												
Very short	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1
Short	6	4	18	1	1	6	3	0	12	6	6	8
Adequate	87	93	78	85	77	83	75	77	80	82	81	79
Surplus	7	3	3	14	22	11	22	23	6	12	13	12

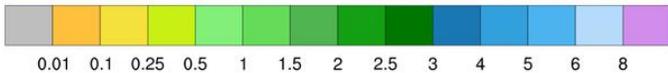
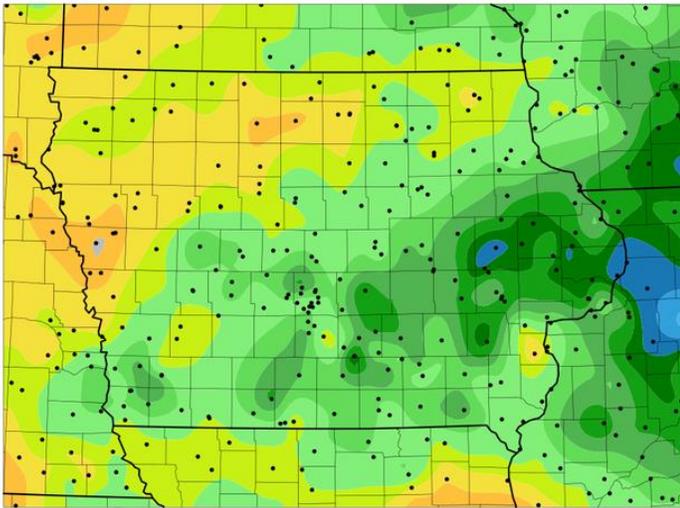
IOWA PRELIMINARY WEATHER SUMMARY

Provided by Harry Hillaker, State Climatologist
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The past reporting week began with dry and unseasonably warm and windy weather. Daytime high temperatures were mostly in the eighties through Thursday (17th). There were a few scattered very light rain showers on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday but no accumulations of consequence. Rain was widespread on Thursday and Friday with rain totals of two inches or more common from southwest into east central Iowa. Dry weather returned for the weekend. Daytime highs cooled to the low sixties northwest to the mid-seventies southeast on Friday, were near 70 on Saturday and mostly mid-seventies on Sunday (20th). Temperature extremes varied from afternoon highs of 92 degrees at Burlington and Donnellson on Thursday to morning lows of 39 degrees at Sibley on Saturday (19th) and 38 degrees at Elkader on Sunday (20th). Temperatures for the week as a whole averaged 4.7 degrees above normal. Rain totals varied from only 0.03 inches at Little Sioux to 4.22 inches at North English and 4.10 inches at Lost Nation. The statewide average precipitation was 1.18 inches while normal for the week is 0.77 inches. Finally, there were also several reports of hail Thursday evening across southeastern Iowa, roughly along a Davis to Scott County line.

Accumulated Precipitation (in)

September 14, 2015 to September 20, 2015

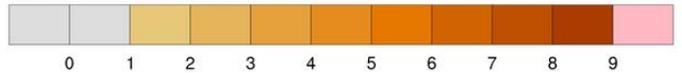
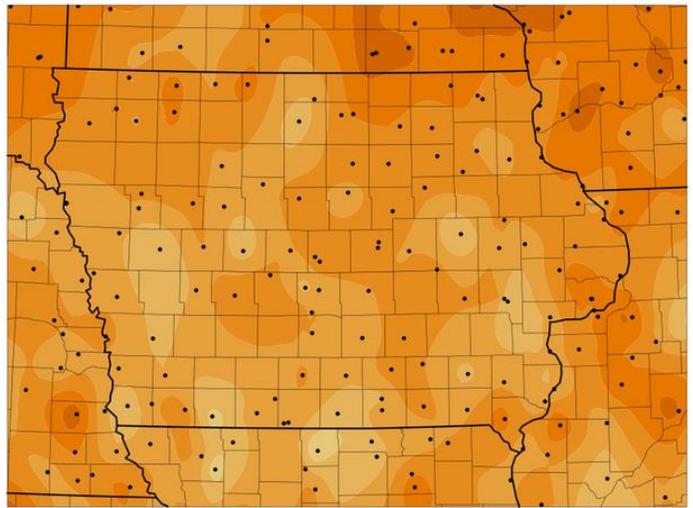


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Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals

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