



# Iowa Crop Progress & Condition

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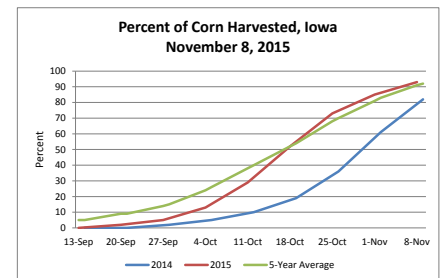
Harvest activities wound down, while fall tillage, tiling, and fertilizer applications continued during the week ending November 8, 2015, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service. Farmers used the **5.5 days suitable for fieldwork** to harvest corn for grain, harvest soybeans, and haul and spread manure. Reports of anhydrous application were received, although some farmers are waiting for cooler weather before applying.

**Topsoil moisture** levels rated 0 percent very short, 11 percent short, 83 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** levels rated 2 percent very short, 13 percent short, 80 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus.

Ninety-three percent of the **corn** crop for grain has been harvested, 9 days ahead of last year, and 2 days ahead of the 5-year average. There were reports of corn piles on the ground at some ethanol plants and local elevators. Ninety-eight percent of the **soybean** crop has been harvested, one week ahead of last year.

Grain movement from farm to elevator was rated 51 percent moderate to heavy. Off-farm grain storage availability was rated 78 percent adequate to surplus. On-farm grain storage availability was rated 69 percent adequate to surplus.

Hay and roughage supplies were rated 97 percent adequate to surplus. Livestock conditions were described as good, with reports of calves being weaned and beef cattle gleaned harvested corn fields.



### Post-Harvest Conditions as of November 8, 2015

Item	None (percent)	Light (percent)	Moderate (percent)	Heavy (percent)
Grain movement .....	18	31	37	14

### Grain Storage Availability as of November 8, 2015

Item	Short (percent)	Adequate (percent)	Surplus (percent)
On-farm, grain storage .....	31	66	3
Off-farm, grain storage .....	22	74	4

### Hay/Roughage Supplies as of November 8, 2015

Item	Very Short (percent)	Short (percent)	Adequate (percent)	Surplus (percent)
Hay/Roughage .....	0	3	79	18

### Field Work and Crop Progress as of November 8, 2015

Item	Districts									State	Last Week	Last Year	5-yr Avg
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
Corn harvested for grain .....	97	98	92	92	95	88	82	82	94	93	85	79	91

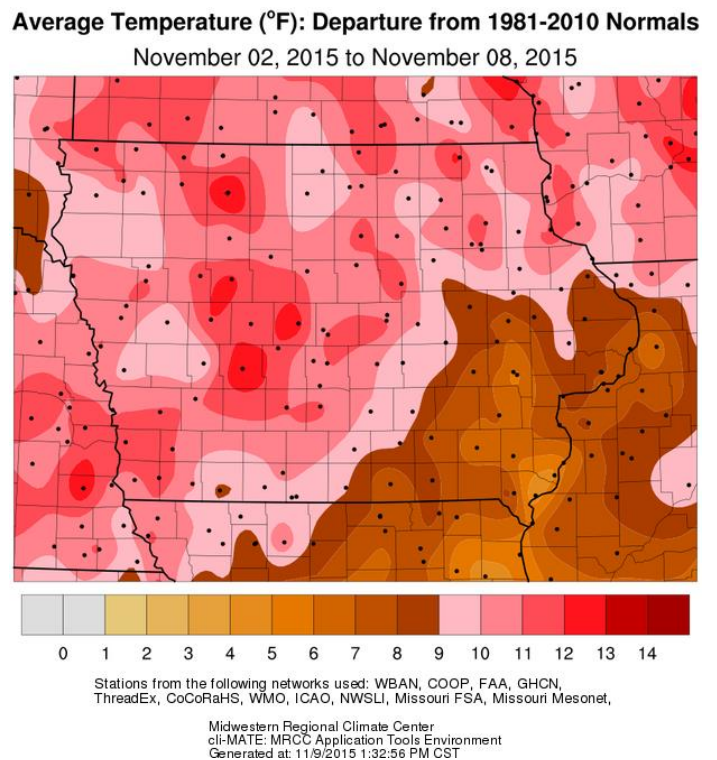
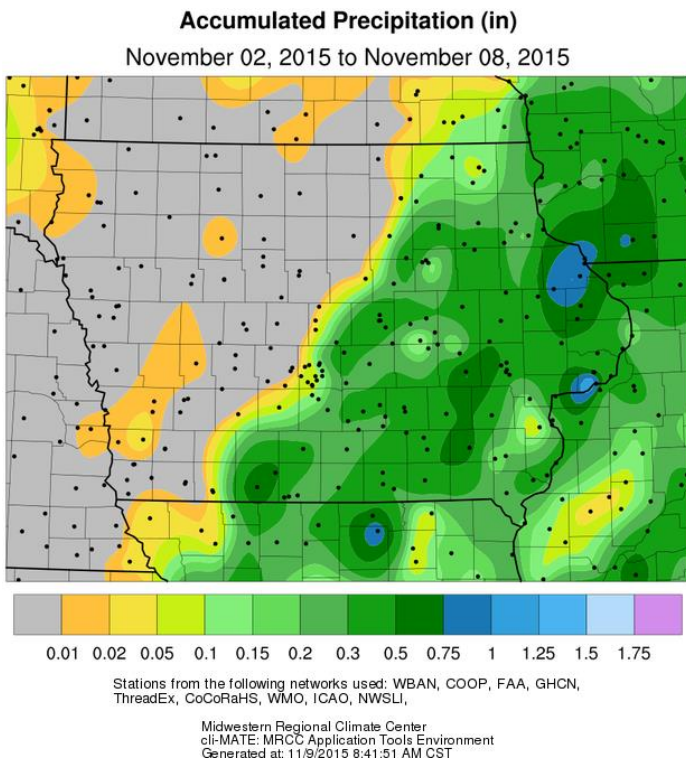
### Days Suitable & Soil Moisture Condition as of November 8, 2015

Item	Districts									State	Last Week	Last Year
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE			
Days suitable .....	5.4 (percent)	6.4 (percent)	4.7 (percent)	6.2 (percent)	5.4 (percent)	4.1 (percent)	6.3 (percent)	5.2 (percent)	5.1 (percent)	5.5 (percent)	4.2 (percent)	6.6 (percent)
Topsoil moisture												
Very short .....	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
Short .....	5	13	19	5	7	10	17	13	17	11	13	5
Adequate .....	92	80	80	87	88	78	76	84	76	83	79	86
Surplus .....	3	6	1	8	5	12	6	3	6	6	7	9
Subsoil moisture												
Very short .....	0	1	7	1	0	1	1	3	10	2	2	1
Short .....	9	15	27	4	5	13	8	13	29	13	12	6
Adequate .....	89	84	64	88	83	81	83	81	57	80	81	83
Surplus .....	2	0	2	7	12	8	3	4	4	5	5	10

## IOWA PRELIMINARY WEATHER SUMMARY

Provided by Harry Hillaker, State Climatologist  
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Unseasonably warm weather prevailed until Thursday (5<sup>th</sup>) with temperatures returning to near normal for the remainder of the reporting week. Showers and thunderstorms quickly moved across the southeast one-half of Iowa with the passage of the cold front on Thursday. No rain of consequence fell across the northwest one-half of the state during the week while the Thursday thunderstorms brought a maximum reported rain total of 1.13 inches to the Dubuque Airport. The statewide average precipitation total was 0.18 inches or about one-third of the weekly normal of 0.53 inches. Daytime temperatures reached into the seventies somewhere in Iowa each day from Monday (2<sup>nd</sup>) through Thursday (6<sup>th</sup>). Des Moines, Glenwood and Shenandoah reported the week's highest temperatures with 79 degree readings on Monday (2<sup>nd</sup>). On the other extreme, Atlantic and Bedford recorded lows of 24 degrees on Saturday (7<sup>th</sup>) morning while Elkader reported 23 degrees on Sunday (8<sup>th</sup>) morning. Temperatures for the week as a whole ranged from about five degrees below normal over the southeast corner of Iowa to 11 degrees above normal over the northwest with a statewide average of 8.9 degrees above normal. This was the warmest start to November since 2008. Soil temperatures as of Sunday (8<sup>th</sup>) were averaging in the mid to upper forties statewide.



Temperature and Precipitation Maps, courtesy of the Midwestern Regional Climate Center, are available at: <http://mrcc.isws.illinois.edu/CLIMATE/>