



Iowa Crop Progress & Condition

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Fieldwork activities were halted due to a mix of winter weather that left fields saturated during the week ending November 29, 2015, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service. Statewide there were only 1.6 **days suitable for fieldwork**. Activities for the week were minimal given the conditions but included some manure hauling and spreading, and a little dry fertilizer application. Some grain piles were being picked up and moved if they had not been covered up, but otherwise grain movement slowed this week.

Topsoil moisture levels rated 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 20 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** levels rated 1 percent very short, 6 percent short, 82 percent adequate and 11 percent surplus.

Grain movement from farm to elevator was rated 29 percent moderate to heavy, down 7 percentage points from the previous week. Off-farm grain storage availability was rated 78 percent adequate to surplus. On-farm grain storage availability was rated 68 percent adequate to surplus.

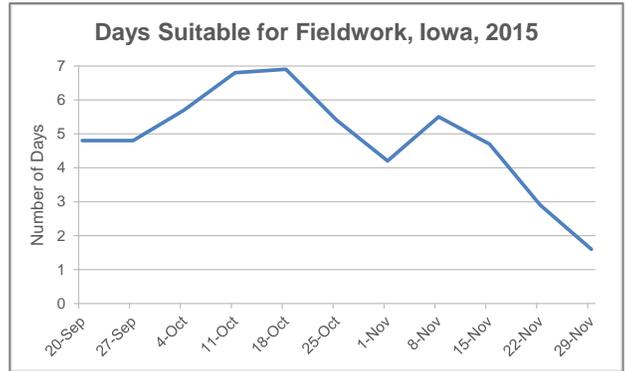
Hay and roughage supplies were rated 96 percent adequate to surplus. Reports of producers dipping into their hay supplies were received this week. Livestock conditions were cold and wet, and lots are muddy due to a wetter than normal November. Some livestock producers worked on fencing projects.

Post-Harvest Conditions as of November 29, 2015

Item	None (percent)	Light (percent)	Moderate (percent)	Heavy (percent)
Grain movement	36	35	23	6

Grain Storage Availability as of November 29, 2015

Item	Short (percent)	Adequate (percent)	Surplus (percent)
On-farm, grain storage	32	65	3
Off-farm, grain storage	22	75	3



Hay/Roughage Supplies as of November 29, 2015

Item	Very Short (percent)	Short (percent)	Adequate (percent)	Surplus (percent)
Hay/Roughage	0	4	81	15

Days Suitable & Soil Moisture Condition as of November 29, 2015

Item	Districts									State	Last Week	Last Year
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE			
Days suitable	1.4 (percent)	2.1 (percent)	1.8 (percent)	1.3 (percent)	2.3 (percent)	1.2 (percent)	1.6 (percent)	1.1 (percent)	1.7 (percent)	1.6 (percent)	2.9 (percent)	3.7 (percent)
Topsoil moisture												
Very short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Short	2	2	6	2	2	1	1	1	6	3	4	5
Adequate	81	83	90	76	79	62	80	69	63	77	84	90
Surplus	17	15	4	22	19	37	19	30	31	20	12	5
Subsoil moisture												
Very short	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	1
Short	3	6	21	2	2	3	2	0	22	6	9	7
Adequate	87	92	71	87	80	73	85	86	69	82	81	85
Surplus	10	2	4	11	18	24	13	14	7	11	8	7

This is the final weekly Crop Progress and Condition report for 2015.
Thanks to everyone who reported this year and made this publication possible.
The monthly report for December will be published January 6, 2016.

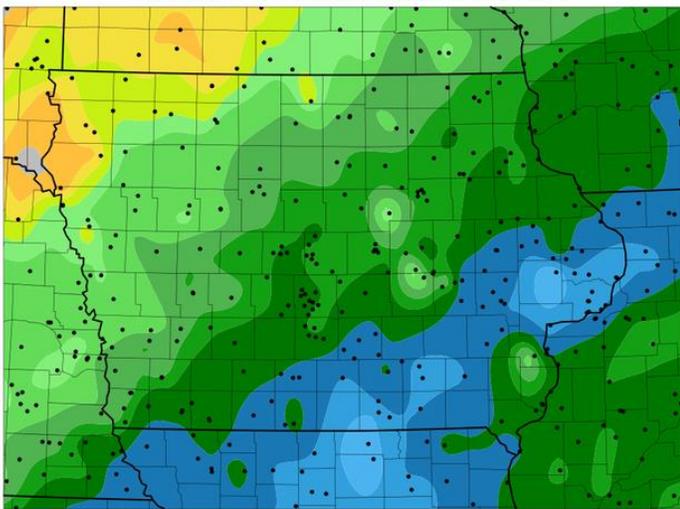
IOWA PRELIMINARY WEATHER SUMMARY

Provided by Harry Hillaker, State Climatologist
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Iowa recorded another unseasonably wet week thanks mostly to a mid-week storm event that moved into western Iowa on Wednesday (25th) afternoon and exited eastern portions of the state on Friday (27th) morning. Most of the precipitation with this Thanksgiving Day storm came in the form of rain, however, there was an inch or two of snow in far western Iowa and freezing rain centered upon west central sections of the state. Heaviest rain fell over the southeast where 1.5 to 2.5 inches was common roughly along and southeast of a Lamoni to Dubuque line. Light rain and freezing rain also fell across far southern Iowa Saturday (28th) night into Sunday (29th) morning. Additional precipitation fell across the southeastern two-thirds of the state Sunday evening into Monday (30th) morning but came too late to be reflected in this week's statistics. Precipitation totals for the week varied from 0.05 inches at Rock Valley to 2.99 inches just south of Ottumwa. The statewide average precipitation was 1.02 inches, more than double the weekly normal of 0.42 inches. Preliminary statistics indicate that this has been the wettest November since 1992. Temperatures were below normal at the beginning of the week over most of Iowa but with much warmer air entering the southwest on Monday (23rd) and covering all of the state by Wednesday (25th). Below normal temperatures returned on Friday and Saturday. Temperature extremes for the week varied from a Thanksgiving Day high of 66 degrees at Keokuk to a Saturday (28th) morning low of 7 degrees at Sheldon. Temperatures for the week as a whole averaged about one degree below normal in the east to four degrees above normal over the northwest with a statewide average of 2.9 degrees above normal.

Accumulated Precipitation (in)

November 23, 2015 to November 29, 2015

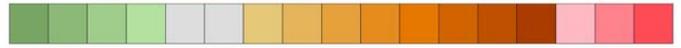
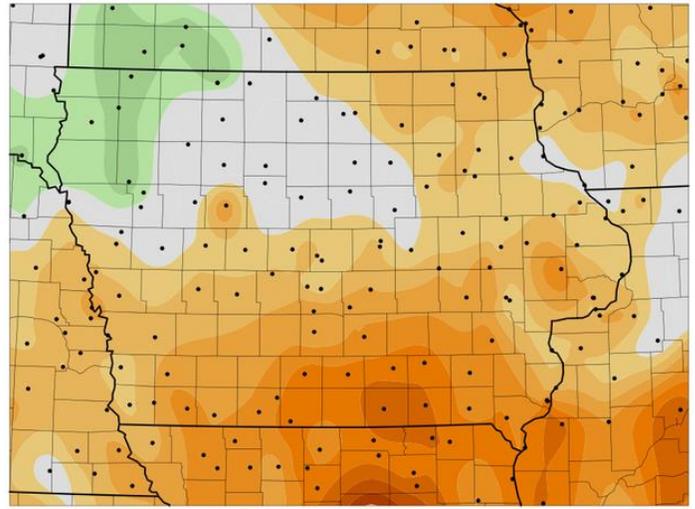


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Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals

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