



Iowa Crop Progress & Condition

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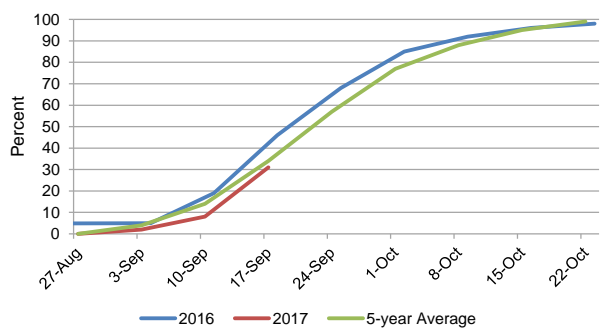
It was mostly dry in Iowa with above normal temperatures for the week ending September 17, 2017, according to USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service. Statewide there were **6.2 days suitable for fieldwork**. With increased heat and little moisture, crops matured rapidly in the past week. Activities for the week included seeding cover crops, spreading manure, harvesting seed corn, chopping corn silage, and hauling grain.

Topsoil moisture levels rated 21 percent very short, 30 percent short, 49 percent adequate and 0 percent surplus. According to the September 12, 2017 U.S. Drought Monitor, parts of south central and southeast Iowa remain in extreme drought status. **Subsoil moisture** levels rated 20 percent very short, 34 percent short, 46 percent adequate and 0 percent surplus.

Eighty-eight percent of the **corn** crop has reached the dent stage or beyond, eight days behind last year and three days behind the 5-year average. Thirty percent of corn had reached maturity, six days behind last year and average. Reports were received from throughout the state that corn harvest for grain has begun. Corn condition declined slightly to 59 percent good to excellent. Seventy-four percent **soybeans** were turning color or beyond, two days behind last year but one day ahead of average. Thirty-one percent of soybeans were dropping leaves, one day behind average. Scattered soybean fields across most of the state have been harvested. Soybean condition dropped to 58 percent good to excellent.

The third cutting of **alfalfa hay** is nearly complete at 96 percent. **Pasture conditions** worsened over the past week with 47 percent poor to very poor. Livestock conditions remain good, although there were scattered reports of flies and pink eye being an issue.

Percent of Soybeans Dropping Leaves - Iowa



Crop Condition as of September 17, 2017

Item	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Corn	3	10	28	49	10
Soybeans	4	11	27	50	8
Pasture and range.....	21	26	31	21	1

Field Work and Crop Progress as of September 17, 2017

Item	Districts										State	Last Week	Last Year	5-yr Avg
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE					
Corn dented	90	92	84	85	87	92	91	87	85	88	76	94	91	
Corn mature	26	33	19	27	33	44	33	31	32	30	15	49	45	
Hay, alfalfa, third cutting	97	99	96	99	99	99	99	97	87	96	95	94	90	
Soybeans coloring.....	78	83	68	71	80	75	72	63	65	74	47	79	71	
Soybeans dropping leaves	33	32	28	30	42	37	19	23	22	31	8	42	34	

Days Suitable and Soil Moisture Condition as of September 17, 2017

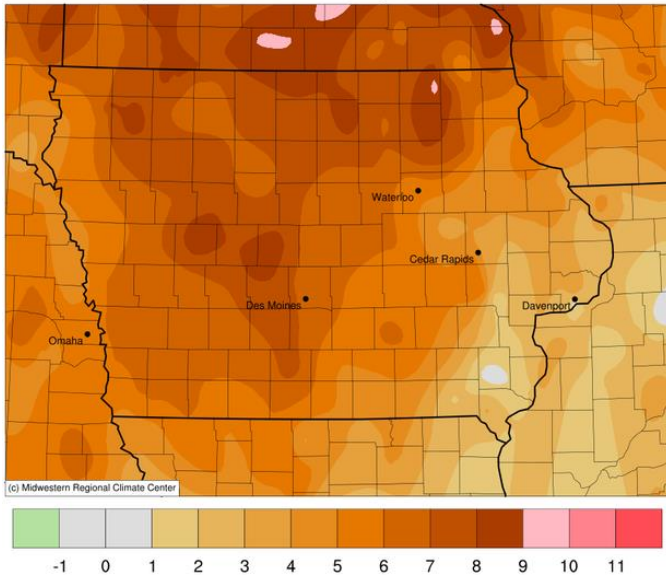
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Days suitable	5.8 (days)	5.9 (days)	6.3 (days)	5.0 (days)	6.4 (days)	7.0 (days)	6.5 (days)	6.9 (days)	6.7 (days)	6.2 (days)	6.8 (days)	3.3 (days)	
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	
Very short	9	8	10	2	21	36	13	78	54	21	17	1	
Short	14	24	48	18	41	45	39	16	31	30	32	3	
Adequate	77	68	42	77	38	19	48	6	15	49	51	77	
Surplus	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	
Subsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	
Very short	9	10	5	6	23	32	10	78	51	20	19	1	
Short	20	26	43	33	39	48	45	18	34	34	34	4	
Adequate	71	64	52	60	38	20	45	4	15	46	47	81	
Surplus	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	

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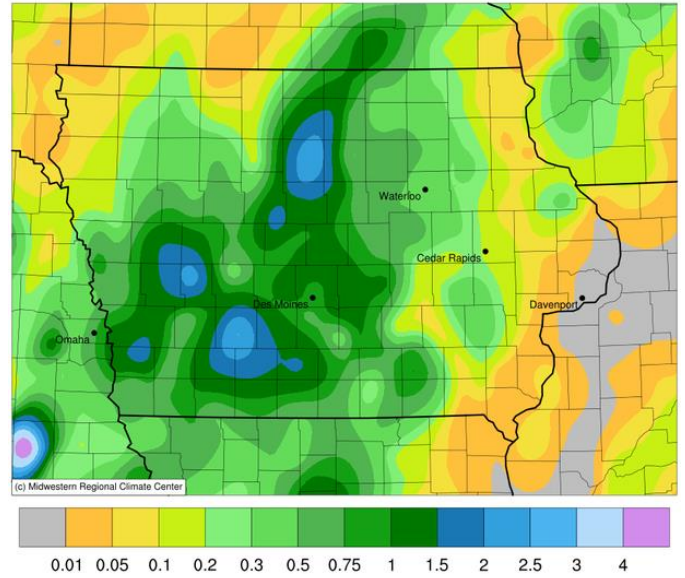
Provided by Harry J. Hillaker, State Climatologist
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The State Climatologist's report was unavailable at the time of publication. This report will be updated online as soon as it is available.

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals
September 11, 2017 to September 17, 2017



Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 11, 2017 to September 17, 2017



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