



Iowa Crop Progress & Condition

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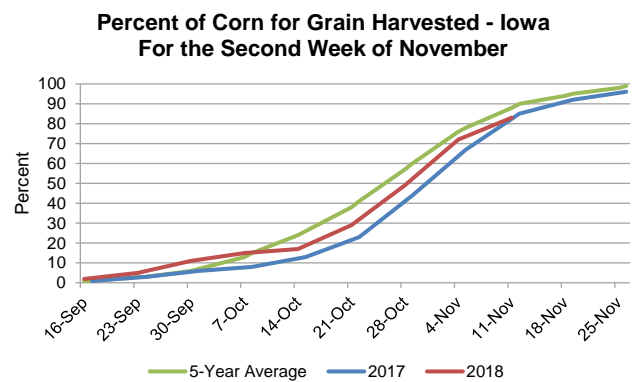
For the week ending November 11, 2018
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As temperatures dipped below normal across much of the State, Iowa farmers managed to find 4.0 **days suitable for fieldwork** during the week ending November 11, 2018, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service. Activities for the week included harvesting corn and soybeans, baling stalks, applying anhydrous and manure, repairing tile, and fall tillage in areas where the ground was not too frozen.

Topsoil moisture levels rated 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 80 percent adequate and 19 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** levels rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 77 percent adequate and 21 percent surplus.

Eighty-three percent of the State's **corn** for grain crop has been harvested, 3 days behind the five-year average. Farmers in north central Iowa have harvested 91 percent of their corn for grain while farmers in the southwest have 36 percent of their corn for grain remaining to be harvested. Moisture content of field corn being harvested averaged 16 percent. **Soybean** harvest was 94 percent complete, 3 days behind last year and 4 days behind the average.



Feedlots and pastures remain excessively wet and frozen in some areas. Livestock were stressed by extremely cold weekend temperatures.

Field Work and Crop Progress as of November 11, 2018

Item	Districts										State	Last Week	Last Year	5-yr Avg
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE					
Corn harvested for grain.....	(percent) 89	(percent) 91	(percent) 77	(percent) 84	(percent) 89	(percent) 85	(percent) 64	(percent) 70	(percent) 83	(percent) 83	(percent) 72	(percent) 82	(percent) 88	
Soybeans harvested.....	(percent) 98	(percent) 99	(percent) 95	(percent) 96	(percent) 97	(percent) 95	(percent) 85	(percent) 79	(percent) 88	(percent) 94	(percent) 88	(percent) 96	(percent) 97	

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Supplies as of November 11, 2018

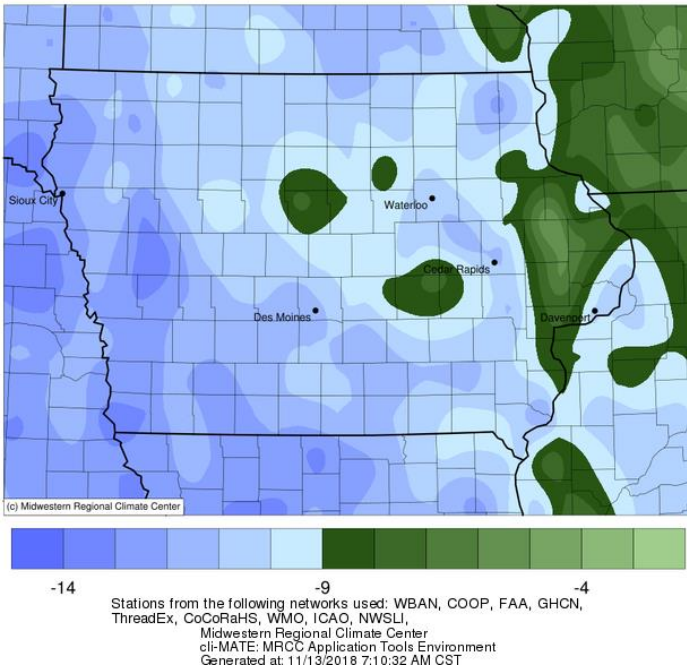
Item	Districts										State	Last Week	Last Year
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
Days suitable	(days) 4.2	(days) 3.7	(days) 4.0	(days) 4.3	(days) 3.8	(days) 4.7	(days) 4.4	(days) 2.2	(days) 3.4	(days) 4.0	(days) 5.3	(days) 6.0	
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	
Very short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	
Short	0	0	1	0	1	7	0	0	4	1	1	10	
Adequate	88	84	81	85	81	72	60	79	70	80	71	83	
Surplus	12	16	18	15	18	21	40	21	26	19	28	4	
Subsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	
Very short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	0	0	6	
Short	0	0	2	0	0	7	1	9	11	2	2	17	
Adequate	82	76	73	79	80	71	61	75	76	77	71	74	
Surplus	18	24	25	21	20	22	38	13	9	21	27	3	

IOWA PRELIMINARY WEATHER SUMMARY

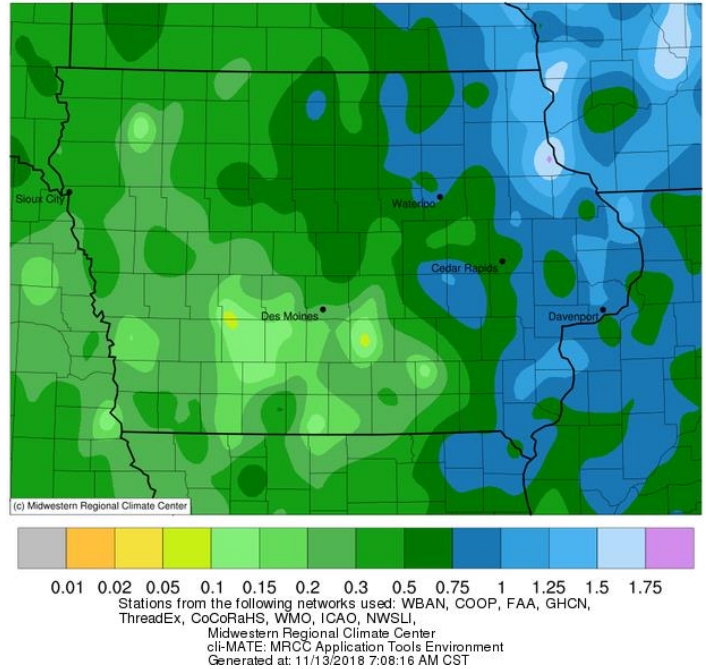
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Iowa experienced an unseasonably cold week with the statewide average temperature almost 10 degrees below normal. Portions of northern and eastern Iowa observed wetter than normal conditions with southern Iowa generally drier than expected. The statewide average precipitation was 0.49 inches, just below the week's normal of 0.51 inches. A low pressure system tracked northeast through Iowa on Monday (5th) bringing statewide measurable rainfall. Many stations across northern Iowa received accumulations between 0.25 and 0.50 inches; Fort Dodge (Webster County) reported a 24-hour measurement of 0.74 inches. Daytime highs were generally in the mid-40s with cloud cover keeping overnight lows in the upper 30s and 40s. Showers lingered across northeastern Iowa into Tuesday (7th); rainfall totals topped out at 0.10 inches. Wednesday was relatively quiet with cloudy skies and highs in the mid-30s. Measurable snow fell across portions of Iowa late Thursday (8th) into Friday (9th). Accumulations averaged between 1 to 2 inches; Donnellson (Lee County) observed 2.4 inches. High temperatures plunged into the upper teens in the northwest to upper 20s in the southeast. Dubuque (Dubuque County) observed a 28 degree high, breaking the record cold high of 32 degrees set in 1973. Overnight lows fell into the single digits, averaging 16 to 20 degrees below normal, breaking records in some locations; Lamoni (Decatur County) and Ottumwa (Wapello County) observed lows of nine degrees, breaking two 1926 records of 11 and 15 degrees, respectively. Saturday (10th) was chilly with highs in the mid to upper 20s. Overnight lows Sunday (11th) again fell into the single digits. Measurable precipitation was not reported over the weekend. Fort Madison (Davis County) observed the week's high of 51 degrees on the 5th, 4.7 degrees below average. Estherville (Emmet County) reported the week's low of two degrees on the 10th, 24 degrees below normal.

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals
November 05, 2018 to November 11, 2018



Accumulated Precipitation (in)
November 05, 2018 to November 11, 2018



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