This is Melissa Bond, Statistical Assistant for the USDA NASS Iowa Field Office with the weekly crop progress and condition report.

Little precipitation and above average temperatures resulted in 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork during the week ending July 17, 2022, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service. Fieldwork included cutting hay and starting fungicide applications.

**Topsoil moisture** condition rated 6 percent very short, 24 percent short, 66 percent adequate and 4 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 8 percent very short, 23 percent short, 65 percent adequate and 4 percent surplus.

**Corn** silking or beyond was 31 percent, 4 days behind both last year and the 5-year average. Scattered reports throughout the State showed 1 percent of the corn crop reached the dough stage. Corn condition rating was 81 percent good to excellent. Fifty-five percent of **soybeans** were blooming, 6 days behind last year and 2 days behind average. Thirteen percent of the soybean crop was setting pods, 1 week behind last year and 3 days behind the 5-year average. Iowa’s soybean condition rating was 78 percent good to excellent. Nearly all the **oat** crop has headed with 67 percent of oats turning color or beyond, 1 week behind last year. Oat harvest for grain reached 16 percent, 3 days behind last year. Iowa’s oat condition was 81 percent good to excellent.

Fifty-five percent of the State’s second cutting of **alfalfa hay** was complete. **All hay condition** rated 72 percent good to excellent. **Pasture condition** rated 57 percent good to excellent.

Livestock were stressed due to above average heat and humidity with pinkeye in cattle still an issue.

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