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

There was very little rain state-wide, resulting in 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork during the week ending July 3, 2022, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service. Fieldwork activities included completing the first cutting of hay, side dressing, and crop spraying.

**Topsoil moisture** conditions rated 7 percent very short, 27 percent short, 63 percent adequate and 3 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** conditions rated 7 percent very short, 25 percent short, 66 percent adequate and 2 percent surplus.

**Corn** began silking at 2 percent, 3 days behind last year and 4 days behind average. Corn condition rated 77 percent good to excellent. Thirteen percent of **soybeans** were blooming, 9 days behind last year and 4 days behind average. Iowa’s soybean condition rating was 77 percent good to excellent. Ninety-one percent of the **oat** crop was headed or beyond, 1 day behind last year. Twenty-three percent of oats were turning color, 6 days behind last year. Iowa’s oat condition was 79 percent good to excellent.

Ninety-five percent of the State’s first cutting of **alfalfa hay** has been completed and the second cutting was 23 percent complete. **All Hay condition** rated 69 percent good to excellent. **Pasture condition** rated 58 percent good to excellent. Livestock were showing some stress due to heat and humidity.

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