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

Precipitation early in the week for a few areas and late in the week for much of the State resulted in 6.1 **days suitable for fieldwork** during the week ending August 7, 2022, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service. Persistent dry conditions and above-average temperatures are a concern for many. Fieldwork included cutting and baling hay and applying pesticides and fungicides.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 20 percent very short, 30 percent short, 48 percent adequate and 2 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 19 percent very short, 33 percent short, 47 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus.

Corn silking or beyond was 93 percent, 5 days behind last year and 3 days behind the 5-year average. Fifty-three percent of the corn crop has reached the dough stage or beyond, 2 days behind last year but 1 day ahead of the average. Five percent of Iowa's corn crop has reached the dent stage, 6 days behind last year and 1 day behind the 5-year average. Corn condition fell to 73 percent good to excellent. Eighty-nine percent of **soybeans** were blooming, 9 days behind last year and 3 days behind average. Sixty-nine percent of the soybean crop was setting pods, 1 week behind last year and 1 day behind the 5-year average. Iowa's soybean condition declined to 71 percent good to excellent. Ninety-six percent of **oats** were turning color or beyond, 9 days behind last year. Oats harvested for grain reached 82 percent, 1 day behind both last year and the average.

Ninety-five percent of the State's second cutting of **alfalfa hay** was complete, with the third cutting at 28 percent. **All hay condition** rated 54 percent good to excellent. **Pasture condition** rated 36 percent good to excellent. Lack of rain and high heat caused some pastures to go dormant and CRP was released for grazing and haying in areas.

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