



Iowa Ag News – Crop Progress & Condition

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Weather conditions allowed farmers to gain ground on spring planting with **5.4 days suitable for fieldwork** during the week ending May 22, 2022, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service. Fieldwork activities included planting and spraying when winds allowed.

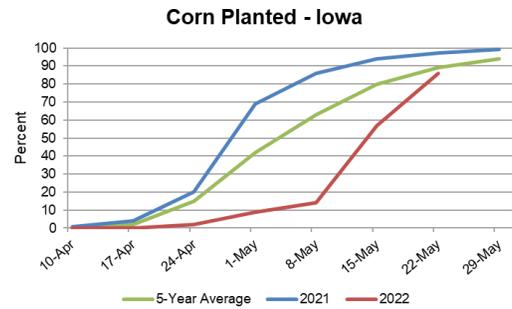
Topsoil moisture condition rated 3 percent very short, 17 percent short, 76 percent adequate and 4 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 5 percent very short, 22 percent short, 69 percent adequate and 4 percent surplus.

Farmers made good progress last week with 86 percent of Iowa’s expected **corn** crop planted, 13 days behind last year and 3 days behind the 5-year average. Forty-seven percent of the corn crop has emerged, 1 week behind last year and 3 days behind average. Sixty-nine percent of **soybeans** have been planted, 12 days behind last year but 1 day ahead of the 5-year average. Eighteen percent of soybeans have emerged, 8 days behind last year and 4 days behind average. Ninety-six percent of the expected **oat** crop has been planted with 82 percent emerged, 9 days behind last year and 5 days behind the 5-year average. Four percent of the oat crop has headed, 3 days behind last year but 2 days ahead of average. Iowa’s first oat condition rating for 2022 was 0 percent very poor, 2 percent poor, 23 percent fair, 60 percent good and 15 percent excellent.

Five percent of the State’s first cutting of **alfalfa hay** has been completed. **Hay condition** improved to 71 percent good to excellent. **Pasture condition** rose to 59 percent good to excellent. Livestock conditions were good with most cattle now on pastures.

Crop Condition as of May 22, 2022

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Hay, all	1	3	25	59	12
Oats	0	2	23	60	15
Pasture and range	1	8	32	48	11



Crop Progress as of May 22, 2022

Item	Districts									State			
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year avg
	(percent)												
Corn planted	94	92	77	88	84	87	82	69	86	86	57	97	89
Corn emerged	54	53	31	49	35	62	49	19	58	47	8	72	60
Hay, alfalfa, 1st cutting	5	10	11	0	10	4	1	0	7	5	1	6	5
Oats planted	99	98	95	98	97	97	97	95	94	96	89	100	99
Oats emerged	95	94	84	88	80	87	68	57	77	82	58	95	90
Soybeans planted	76	81	70	66	58	86	61	39	76	69	34	88	67
Soybeans emerged	21	10	19	17	14	34	16	3	29	18	3	49	28

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of May 22, 2022

Item	Districts									State		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year
	(days)											
Days suitable	5.8	5.7	5.1	5.0	5.5	5.7	4.4	5.1	6.0	5.4	5.2	2.4
	(percent)											
Topsoil moisture												
Very short	11	0	1	2	2	8	0	1	3	3	1	3
Short	30	13	11	20	13	19	5	11	29	17	11	15
Adequate	53	86	85	74	80	72	93	64	68	76	81	71
Surplus	6	1	3	4	5	1	2	24	0	4	7	11
Subsoil moisture												
Very short	12	2	1	10	5	4	1	1	3	5	4	11
Short	31	32	10	37	18	20	9	13	12	22	20	29
Adequate	54	65	85	51	73	75	84	62	83	69	70	54
Surplus	3	1	4	2	4	1	6	24	2	4	6	6

