



Iowa Ag News – Crop Progress & Condition

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Farmers took advantage of **5.5 days suitable for fieldwork** to get harvest underway during the week ending September 25, 2022, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service. Fieldwork included harvesting row crops, chopping silage, and cutting hay.

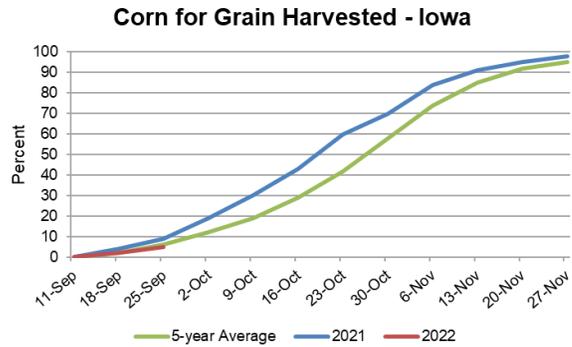
Topsoil moisture condition rated 14 percent very short, 29 percent short, 56 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 20 percent very short, 30 percent short, 49 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus.

Corn in the dent stage or beyond was 97 percent, 1 week ahead of the 5-year average. Sixty-three percent of Iowa's corn crop was mature or beyond, 2 days behind last year but 1 day ahead of the average. Harvest of the State's corn crop was 5 percent complete, 5 days behind last year and 1 day behind the 5-year average. Corn condition remained 64 percent good to excellent. Ninety percent of **soybeans** were coloring or beyond, 3 days behind last year. Soybeans dropping leaves or beyond were at 61 percent, 3 days behind last year and 1 day behind the 5-year average. Soybean harvest reached 7 percent, 4 days behind last year and 3 days behind the average. Soybean condition rated 62 percent good to excellent.

Ninety-eight percent of the State's third cutting of **alfalfa hay** was complete. **Pasture condition** rated 34 percent good to excellent.

Crop Condition as of September 25, 2022

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	2	7	27	54	10
Pasture and range	15	20	31	30	4
Soybeans	2	7	29	52	10



Crop Progress as of September 25, 2022

Item	Districts									State			
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year avg
	(percent)												
Corn dented	99	97	92	98	98	96	99	97	96	97	93	96	94
Corn mature	69	44	37	65	66	85	79	60	73	63	42	69	61
Corn harvested for grain	7	1	2	6	6	4	9	4	7	5	2	8	6
Hay, alfalfa, 3rd cutting	100	98	97	99	99	100	99	99	95	98	94	98	96
Soybeans coloring	97	97	88	93	93	91	89	70	76	90	75	94	89
Soybeans dropping leaves	71	72	56	68	60	60	55	35	43	61	30	74	65
Soybeans harvested	14	3	3	10	7	3	6	0	3	7	0	16	11

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of September 25, 2022

Item	Districts									State		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year
	(days)											
Days suitable	6.3	5.7	5.9	5.2	5.4	6.5	4.6	4.7	4.5	5.5	5.8	6.1
	(percent)											
Topsoil moisture												
Very short	26	2	4	23	11	1	5	31	25	14	14	12
Short	45	20	18	28	39	24	33	14	29	29	28	34
Adequate	29	78	77	48	47	75	62	53	44	56	57	53
Surplus	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	2	2	1	1	1
Subsoil moisture												
Very short	33	4	3	33	20	4	15	34	40	20	19	17
Short	44	22	19	29	41	24	32	21	35	30	31	39
Adequate	23	74	77	38	36	72	53	45	25	49	49	44
Surplus	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	0

IOWA PRELIMINARY WEATHER SUMMARY
Provided by Justin Glisan, Ph.D., State Climatologist
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Reports from the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship and maps from the Midwestern Regional Climate Center reflect data collected from 7:00 A.M. Central Time on September 19, 2022, through 7:00 A.M. Central Time on September 25, 2022.

Fall officially started during the reporting period with the first half of the week experiencing unseasonably hot temperatures; the statewide average temperature was 64.6 degrees, 6.0 degrees above normal. Conditions moderated towards the end of the week as a large-scale low pressure center traversed Iowa bringing generally light rainfall statewide.

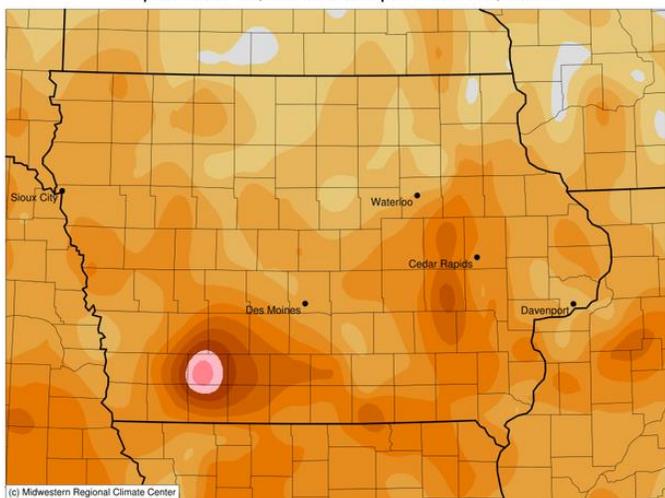
Spotty showers and thunderstorms formed during late Sunday (18th) afternoon with several cells becoming severe prior to and after sunset. Several reports of 2.5-inch hail were found between Iowa City (Johnson County) and Davenport (Scott County); hail over an inch in diameter was also found in Lee County. Several stations within these swaths also measured rainfall totals from 0.50 inch to 2.00 inches at Oskaloosa (Mahaska County). Winds were out of the northeast on Monday (19th) morning as foggy conditions developed over portions of northern Iowa with lows varying from the upper 60s south to low 50s north. A southerly shifting wind helped boost afternoon highs into the mid to upper 80s in western Iowa as cloud cover in eastern Iowa held temperatures up to ten degrees cooler. Skies remained generally cloudless on Tuesday (20th) as a strong area of high pressure built in through the day. Daytime highs were exceedingly above average, hovering in the mid to upper 90s, with readings in the low 100s at several stations. Numerous records for the day were tied or broken with a statewide average high of 94 degrees, 19 degrees above normal. Temperatures dove overnight as a cold front swept southeast through Iowa with lows behind the front in the upper 50s and low 60s; low 70s were observed in southeast Iowa with spotty showers popping. Rain totals reported on Wednesday (21st) morning were highest in the southeast counties where a few tenths were observed at multiple stations, though Mount Pleasant (Henry County) measured 0.71 inch from multiple rounds of showers. Additional showers formed over southern Iowa from the afternoon into the evening hours with temperatures holding in the upper 60s and low 70s.

Clouds cleared north to south overnight into Thursday (22nd) with morning lows dropping into the upper 30s and low 40s where stars were visible. Rain totals for the previous 24 hours were mostly under 0.10 inch with a few stations in Lee County reporting the highest totals; Donnellson registered 0.20 inch while 0.62 inch was observed at West Point. Afternoon conditions were mostly sunny and pleasant as high temperatures settled in the low to mid 60s. Clouds increased in western Iowa as widespread showers spread north to south. Wet and chilly weather persisted through Friday (23rd) with steady rain and patchy drizzle as daytime highs remained in the 50s. Showers pushed out of southeastern Iowa into the early hours of Saturday (24th). Event rain totals were in the range of 0.10 to 0.25 inch at many stations with locally heavier totals in north-central Iowa; Emmetsburg (Palo Alto) and Swea City (Kossuth County) both observed 0.46 inch. Fog burned off through the morning with afternoon temperatures from the mid 80s southwest to low 70s northeast. Clear skies continued into Sunday (25th) with morning lows in the lower 50s.

Weekly precipitation totals ranged from trace amounts at several stations to 2.64 inches at Keokuk Lock and Dam (Lee County). The statewide weekly average rainfall was 0.25 inch while the normal is 0.76 inch. Little Sioux (Harrison County) reported the week's high temperature of 102 degrees on the 20th, 26 degrees above normal. Knoxville (Marion County) and Sibley (Osceola County) reported the week's low temperature of 38 degrees on the 22nd, on average 11 degrees below normal.

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals

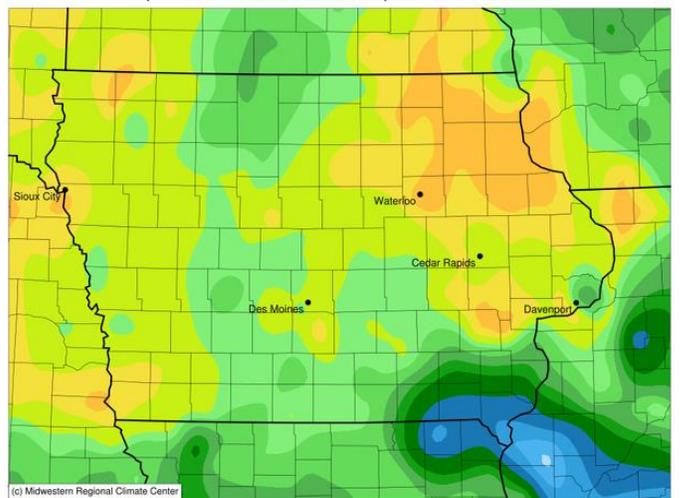
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Accumulated Precipitation (in)

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