

This is Michaela Kasparcova, Agricultural Statistician for the USDA NASS Iowa Field Office with the weekly crop progress and condition report for the week ending July 14, 2024.

Most of the State received below normal rainfall and experienced mild temperatures. These conditions allowed Iowa farmers **5.1 days suitable for fieldwork** during the week ending July 14, 2024, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service. Field activities included harvesting oats for grain, cutting and baling hay, and applying fungicides.

**Topsoil moisture** condition rated 0 percent very short, 6 percent short, 84 percent adequate and 10 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 1 percent very short, 8 percent short, 82 percent adequate and 9 percent surplus.

**Corn** silking or beyond reached 44 percent, 1 day ahead of last year and 3 days ahead of the five-year average. Corn crop in the dough stage reached 6 percent, 5 days ahead of the average. Corn condition rated 74 percent good to excellent. **Soybean** crop blooming reached 50 percent, 3 days behind last year. Soybeans setting pods reached 12 percent, 1 day behind last year but equal to the five-year average. Soybean condition rated 72 percent good to excellent. **Oats** turning color reached 82 percent, 5 days ahead of the average. Oat harvest for grain jumped to 26 percent complete, 1 week ahead of the average. Oat condition was 77 percent good to excellent.

The State's second cutting of **alfalfa hay** reached 57 percent complete, 5 days behind last year but 2 days ahead of the average. **Hay condition** rated 78 percent good to excellent. **Pasture condition** rated 71 percent good to excellent. Some pastures remain flooded and where floodwaters have receded some pastures are covered in silt.

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