

This is Melissa Couch, Agricultural Statistician for the USDA NASS Iowa Field Office with the weekly crop progress and condition report for the week ending April 21, 2024.

Although the week began with above normal temperatures, multiple storm systems brought cooler temperatures and much-needed rain which only allowed Iowa farmers 3.0 **days suitable for fieldwork** during the week ending April 21, 2024, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service. Corn, soybean, and oat planting continued this week when field conditions allowed.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 10 percent very short, 27 percent short, 60 percent adequate and 3 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 19 percent very short, 36 percent short, 43 percent adequate and 2 percent surplus.

Corn planted reached 13 percent complete, 3 days ahead of last year and the 5-year average. Eight percent of the expected **soybean** crop has been planted, 4 days ahead of last year and 6 days ahead of the average. Seventy-eight percent of the expected **oat** crop has been planted, 1 week ahead of last year and 8 days ahead of the 5-year average. Thirty-four percent of the **oat** crop has emerged, 10 days ahead of last year.

Pastures and hay ground continue to green up due to much-needed rain. No reports of cattle turned out onto pasture yet.

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