



# Iowa Ag News – Crop Progress & Condition

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Precipitation, heaviest in the western third of the State, limited producers to **4.7 days suitable for fieldwork** during the week ending August 10, 2025, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service. Some fields started to dry out while low spots still had ponding. Field activities included harvesting oats and hay as conditions allowed.

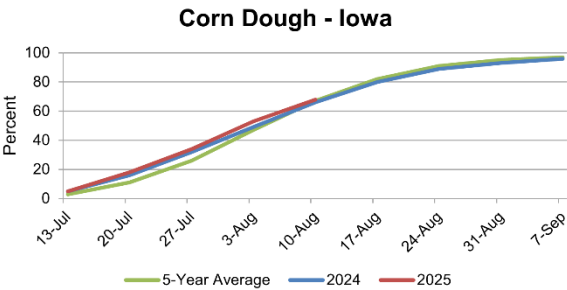
**Topsoil moisture** condition rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 68 percent adequate and 30 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 71 percent adequate and 26 percent surplus.

Ninety-six percent of Iowa’s **corn** has reached the silking stage. Corn in the dough stage was 68 percent, 1 day ahead of both last year’s pace and the 5-year average. Fifteen percent of the corn crop was dented. Corn condition rated 1 percent very poor, 2 percent poor, 11 percent fair, 57 percent good and 29 percent excellent. **Soybeans** blooming reached 93 percent. Seventy-five percent of soybeans were setting pods, 2 days ahead of last year, but 3 days behind normal. Soybean condition rated 1 percent very poor, 2 percent poor, 16 percent fair, 60 percent good and 21 percent excellent. Eighty-three percent of the **oat** crop has been harvested for grain, 1 week behind last year and 5 days behind average.

The second cutting of **alfalfa** hay neared completion while 50 percent of the third cutting has been completed. **Hay condition** rated 85 percent good to excellent. **Pasture condition** rated 81 percent good to excellent. Overall, livestock were reported to be in good condition.

## Crop Condition as of August 10, 2025

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn .....	1	2	11	57	29
Hay, all .....	0	1	14	62	23
Pasture and range ..	1	2	16	63	18
Soybeans .....	1	2	16	60	21



## Crop Progress as of August 10, 2025

Item	Districts									State			
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn silking .....	99	99	97	94	95	94	94	98	96	96	92	95	97
Corn dough .....	70	69	61	66	63	76	78	74	64	68	53	66	67
Corn dented .....	22	10	11	3	12	25	21	9	24	15	9	16	15
Hay, alfalfa, 2nd cutting .....	98	95	98	96	97	97	99	97	95	97	93	96	97
Hay, alfalfa, 3rd cutting .....	51	22	49	48	55	52	61	57	36	50	39	42	43
Oats harvested for grain .....	77	85	81	80	71	87	83	96	91	83	64	92	89
Soybeans blooming .....	99	92	89	93	97	96	90	83	93	93	89	93	95
Soybeans setting pods .....	85	65	59	73	76	79	82	69	75	75	65	72	79

## Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of August 10, 2025

Item	Districts									State		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year
	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)
Days suitable .....	4.0	4.9	6.0	3.7	4.3	5.2	5.0	4.0	5.2	4.7	3.8	6.4
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture												
Very short .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Short .....	1	1	2	1	1	0	8	0	6	2	4	20
Adequate .....	65	51	75	77	63	65	80	58	79	68	64	72
Surplus .....	34	48	23	22	36	35	12	42	15	30	31	5
Subsoil moisture												
Very short .....	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	3
Short .....	1	1	2	9	0	0	12	0	7	3	6	16
Adequate .....	71	50	73	79	64	69	74	80	78	71	66	77
Surplus .....	28	49	25	11	36	31	11	20	15	26	27	4

The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at [www.nass.usda.gov/Publications](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications).

IOWA PRELIMINARY WEATHER SUMMARY

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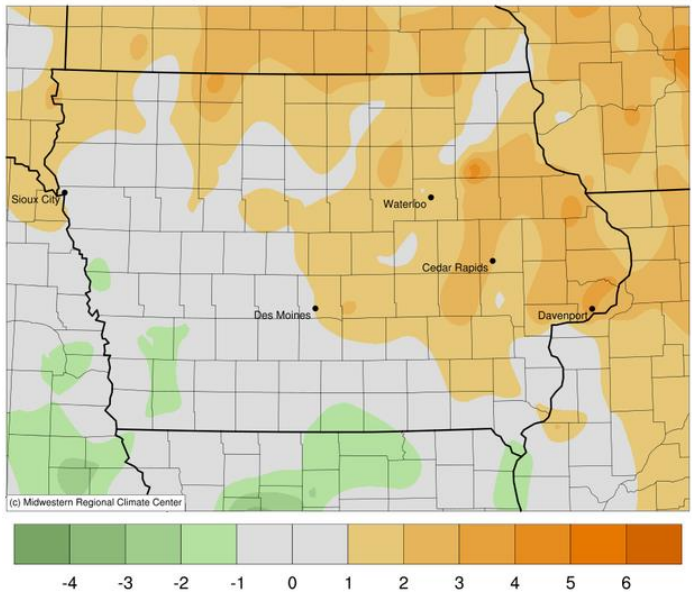
August’s first full week was unseasonably wet across western Iowa with drier conditions southeast; a wet reporting period along with the 2<sup>nd</sup> wettest July on record aided in the removal of all remaining drought from Iowa. Weekly temperatures varied from above to near average northeast to southwest, respectively, with a statewide average of 73.9 degrees, 1.8 degrees above normal.

Sunday (3<sup>rd</sup>) afternoon temperatures were pleasant, holding in the low to mid 70s with mostly sunny skies and southeasterly winds. The flow shifted easterly into early Monday (4<sup>th</sup>) with some patchy fog reported at east-central stations and morning temperatures in the low to mid 60s. Scattered showers in western Iowa brought some stations a few tenths of an inch with Mondamin (Harrison County) collecting 0.44 inch. Daytime conditions remained partly cloudy with temperatures warming into the upper 70s with some lingering Canadian wildfire smoke. Overnight lows dipped into the upper 50s and low 60s with easterly winds persisting at sunrise on Tuesday (5<sup>th</sup>). High temperatures into the afternoon hours rose into the upper 70s and low 80s as southerly winds shifted in advance of a complex of thunderstorms moving through South Dakota and Minnesota. The line entered northern Iowa after midnight on Wednesday (6<sup>th</sup>) and continued south before dissipating in south-central Iowa during the late morning. Northwestern Iowa stations reported widespread one-inch totals with 2.00 inches in Lake Park (Dickinson County) and 2.20 inches at Odebolt (Sac County). Skies remained mostly sunny through the daylight hours with temperatures returning to the upper 70s to mid 80s. Overnight lows into Thursday (7<sup>th</sup>) held in the upper 60s to low 70s as sluggish thunderstorms formed over south-central Iowa, bringing rainfall to the opening ceremony of the 166<sup>th</sup> Iowa State Fair in Des Moines (Polk County). Nearly 15 stations observed totals over two inches with 2.04 inches in Earlham (Madison County), 3.22 inches at Williamson (Lucas County) and 4.01 inches in Osceola (Clarke County); totals farther north and west were in the 0.50- to 1.00-inch range.

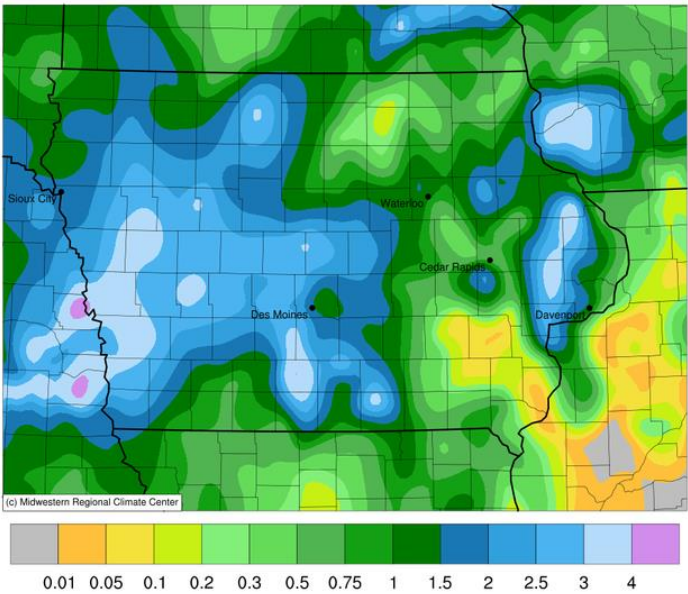
Afternoon conditions stabilized with a persisting southerly wind and cloud cover in western and northern Iowa. Friday (8<sup>th</sup>) dawned warm and muggy with temperatures in the low 70s and clear skies. Daytime conditions quickly warmed into the upper 80s and low 90s with dewpoints in the mid to upper 70s. Ample atmospheric moisture and instability helped fire stronger thunderstorms across northwestern Iowa towards the nighttime hours in advance of a strong cold front. Several cells became severe warned with strong gusts in the 60-70 mph range in west-central Iowa. Flash flooding also occurred due to slow-moving thunderstorms producing heavy rain. The line lost strength as it advanced into central and eastern Iowa through Saturday (9<sup>th</sup>) morning and early afternoon. After a quiet late afternoon and evening, strong thunderstorms redeveloped into Sunday (10<sup>th</sup>) morning ahead of a low pressure system over southwest Iowa, spreading across the state. Thirty-six-hour rain totals showed nearly 50 stations in pockets of western, central and eastern Iowa registering at least 2.00 inches with the heaviest totals from 3.23 inches in Muscatine (Muscatine County) to 4.77 inches in Pacific Junction (Mills County). More than 130 stations observed at least one inch with a statewide average of 0.86 inch. Morning temperatures in southeast Iowa were in the mid to upper 70s at some stations.

Weekly precipitation totals ranged from 0.01 inch at Ainsworth (Washington County) to 6.64 inches in Pacific Junction. The statewide weekly average precipitation was 1.60 inches; the normal is 1.01 inches. Several stations reported the week’s high temperature of 93 degrees on the 8<sup>th</sup>, on average nine degrees above normal. Elkader (Clayton County) reported the week’s low temperature of 52 degrees on the 6<sup>th</sup>, seven degrees below normal.

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals  
August 04, 2025 to August 10, 2025



Accumulated Precipitation (in)  
August 04, 2025 to August 10, 2025



Temperature and Precipitation Maps, courtesy of the Midwest Regional Climate Center, are available at: <https://mrcc.purdue.edu/CLIMATE/>

Additional soil moisture data are available at: <https://nassgeo.csiss.gmu.edu/CropCASMA/>