



Iowa Ag News – Crop Progress & Condition

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With only spotty precipitation, Iowa farmers had **6.3 days suitable for fieldwork** during the week ending August 31, 2025, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service. Field activities included cutting and baling hay.

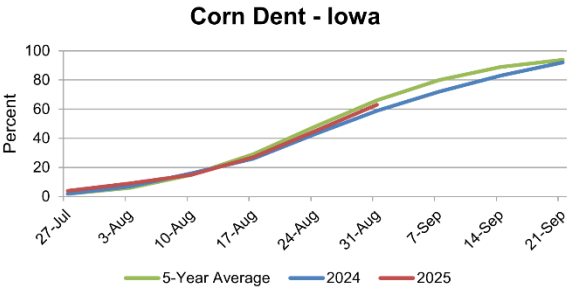
Topsoil moisture condition rated 1 percent very short, 9 percent short, 78 percent adequate and 12 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 1 percent very short, 7 percent short, 79 percent adequate and 13 percent surplus.

Corn in the dough stage or beyond reached 92 percent this week. Sixty-three percent of the corn crop reached the dent stage or beyond, 2 days ahead of last year, but 2 days behind the five-year average. Nine percent of corn has matured. Corn condition rated 1 percent very poor, 2 percent poor, 13 percent fair, 58 percent good and 26 percent excellent. **Soybeans** setting pods reached 95 percent. Soybeans coloring or beyond reached 19 percent, 1 day ahead of last year, but 1 day behind average. There were scattered reports of soybeans dropping leaves. Soybean condition rated 1 percent very poor, 3 percent poor, 19 percent fair, 58 percent good and 19 percent excellent. **Oat** harvest was virtually complete.

The third cutting of **alfalfa** hay reached 87 percent complete. **Pasture condition** rated 72 percent good to excellent.

Crop Condition as of August 31, 2025

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	1	2	13	58	26
Pasture and range ..	1	3	24	55	17
Soybeans	1	3	19	58	19



Crop Progress as of August 31, 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 dough	94	99	91	87	87	93	93	96	95	92	88	93	95
Corn dented	75	70	59	46	53	70	59	60	76	63	45	59	66
Corn mature	7	3	9	3	14	16	17	16	11	9	3	9	10
Hay, alfalfa, 3rd cutting	83	74	92	86	91	87	88	88	78	87	78	87	84
Soybeans setting pods	97	99	93	94	90	94	97	94	93	95	90	94	96
Soybeans coloring	22	9	15	19	31	12	19	25	10	19	8	16	23

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of August 31, 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	6.1	6.1	6.2	6.3	6.6	5.9	6.3	6.3	6.8	6.3	5.6	5.3
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture												
Very short	0	0	0	2	0	0	4	0	3	1	1	2
Short	3	2	6	9	5	4	26	11	34	9	5	20
Adequate	77	69	86	79	84	88	68	80	62	78	74	76
Surplus	20	29	8	10	11	8	2	9	1	12	20	2
Subsoil moisture												
Very short	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	2	1	1	3
Short	2	1	4	9	7	2	27	4	16	7	5	19
Adequate	79	57	88	82	84	92	64	86	81	79	77	75
Surplus	19	42	8	8	9	6	4	10	1	13	17	3

The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications.

IOWA PRELIMINARY WEATHER SUMMARY

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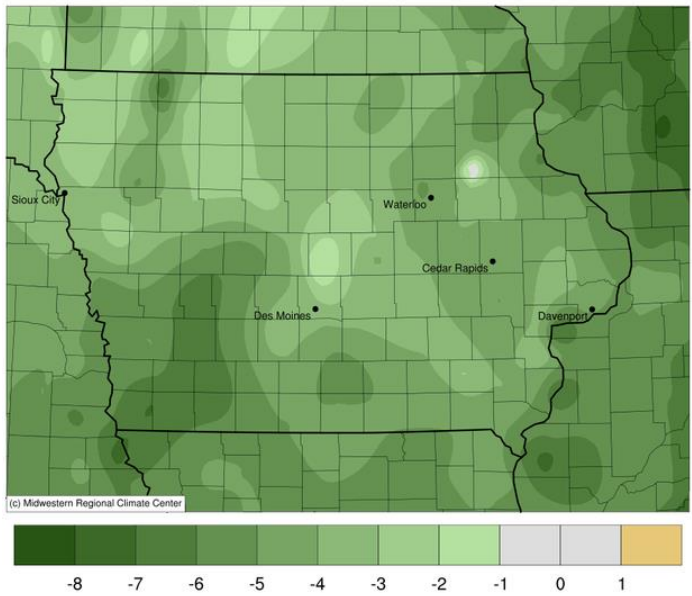
Iowa experienced cooler and drier weather during the last week of August and of meteorological summer. Small pockets of eastern, central and northwestern Iowa observed slightly above-average rainfall. The coolest conditions occurred in southwest Iowa, where temperatures were six to eight degrees below the climatological average. The statewide average temperature was 65.0 degrees, 6.2 degrees below normal.

Sunday (24th) afternoon remained mostly sunny with gusty northwesterly winds and daytime temperatures in the upper 60s to low 70s. Winds diminished into Monday (25th) morning, shifting to a more westerly direction as lows dropped into the 40s across much of the state. Afternoon conditions were similar to the previous day, with slightly more cloud cover. Starry skies persisted overnight into Tuesday (26th) as winds became light and variable, with morning lows in the 40s. Clouds increased across portions of the state through the afternoon and evening hours, becoming more widespread after sunset. Light rain showers developed during the early morning hours of Wednesday (27th) and continued from north-central to eastern Iowa throughout the day. Much of the state’s northeastern half received measurable rainfall, though all but three stations recorded less than 0.50 inch. Swea City (Kossuth County) collected 0.57 inch, while Lansing (Allamakee County) registered 0.93 inch. Daytime temperatures approached 80 degrees in western Iowa, while conditions were 10 to 15 degrees cooler under cloud cover farther east.

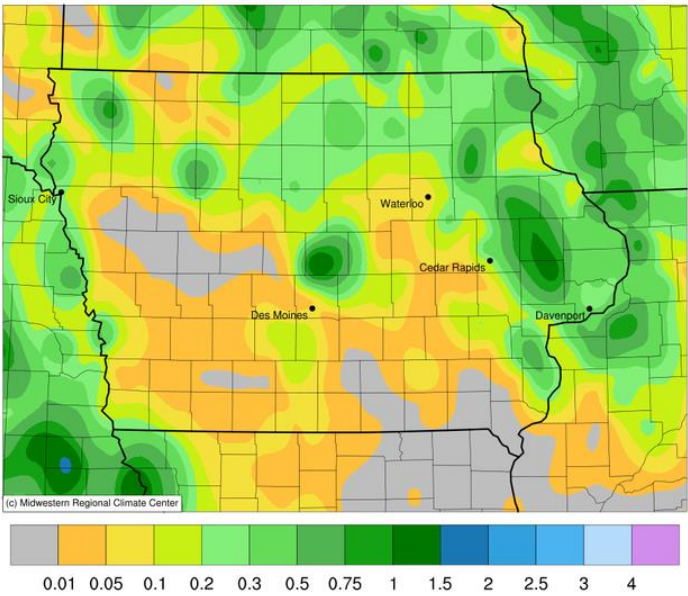
Thursday (28th) dawned with morning lows in the 50s accompanied by patchy fog and clouds. Very isolated showers developed in eastern Iowa, again producing light totals at stations reporting rainfall; Oelwein Municipal Airport (Fayette County) observed 0.20 inch, while 0.62 inch was measured in Lowden (Cedar County). Afternoon temperatures were pleasant, ranging from the upper 70s in northern Iowa to the low 80s in the south. Foggy conditions were reported in eastern Iowa early on Friday (29th), with light easterly winds and temperatures in the upper 50s. A nearly stationary surface boundary draped northwest to southeast aided shower formation through the afternoon and evening hours, with some cells producing persistent rainfall over the same locations. Four stations reported an inch or more, including 4.07 inches in Hopkinton (Delaware County). Additional showers and thunderstorms developed along a narrow line on the existing boundary on Saturday (30th) from central to northwestern Iowa. Several stations reported higher totals, ranging from 0.74 inch in Westfield (Plymouth County) to 2.06 inches in Ames (Story County). A more concentrated shield of rain entered southwest Iowa on Sunday (31st) morning, producing widespread totals of 0.10 to 0.20 inch.

Weekly precipitation totals ranged from no accumulation at western and southern stations to 4.19 inches in Hopkinton. The statewide weekly average precipitation was 0.19 inch, while the climatological normal is 0.88 inch. Iowa Falls (Hardin County) reported the week’s highest temperature of 88 degrees on the 29th, nine degrees above normal. Several stations reported the week’s lowest temperature of 40 degrees on the 25th and 26th, which was on average 17 degrees below normal.

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals
August 25, 2025 to August 31, 2025



Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 25, 2025 to August 31, 2025



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

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