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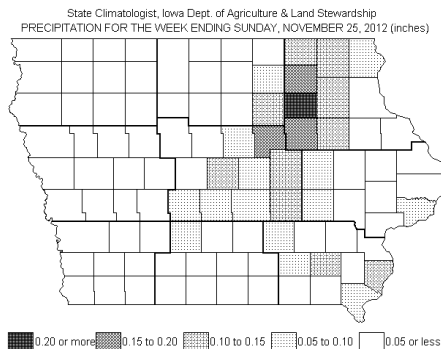
Iowa's soil moisture continues to be a concern as the state experienced another dry week. Farmers have been eager to finish applying fertilizer to their soil before hard freezing temperatures occur according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Iowa Field Office. Other field activities included fall tillage and tile installation.

There were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork statewide during the past week. Topsoil moisture levels declined to 29 percent very short, 43 percent short, 28 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture is rated at 63 percent very short, 31 percent short, 6 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Grain movement continues to slow, with just 17 percent of the State seeing moderate to heavy grain movement from farm to elevator. Ninety-nine percent of the State reports adequate or surplus off-farm storage capacity and 98 percent of the State reports adequate or surplus on-farm storage capacity.

Hay supplies are still considered short across 41 percent of Iowa with 37 percent of the hay supply considered in good condition. Livestock conditions are normal. Few health problems have been reported.

IOWA PRELIMINARY WEATHER SUMMARY
Provided by Harry Hillaker, State Climatologist
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The past reporting week began with unseasonably warm weather from Monday (19th) through Thanksgiving Day (22nd). Several locations set daily record high temperatures on Wednesday afternoon with Bedford, Logan, Red Oak, Shenandoah and Sioux City all reaching 72 degrees. A strong cold front moved through the state on Thursday and brought much lower temperatures for the remainder of the week with daytime highs only in the 20s in some areas on Friday and Saturday. Sibley reported the lowest temperature of the week with a Saturday morning low of 7 degrees. Despite the turn to colder weather, temperatures for the week as a whole averaged 5.9 degrees above normal. Light rain fell over much of the southeast two-thirds of Iowa on Monday (19th) morning. There were scattered showers and a few thunderstorms over extreme eastern Iowa on Thursday afternoon while snow flurries were seen over parts of northern Iowa on Friday morning. Rain totals for the week varied from none over much of western Iowa to a maximum of 0.36 inch at Tripoli. The statewide average precipitation was only 0.03 inch while normal for the week is 0.43 inch.



Hay/Roughage Availability as of November 25, 2012

Item	Short (Percent)	Adequate (Percent)	Surplus (Percent)
Hay/Roughage	41	56	3

Hay/Roughage Quality as of November 25, 2012

Item	Poor (Percent)	Fair (Percent)	Good (Percent)
Hay/Roughage	20	43	37

Post-Harvest Conditions as of November 25, 2012

Item	None (Percent)	Light (Percent)	Moderate (Percent)	Heavy (Percent)
Grain movement	52	31	14	3

Grain Storage Availability as of November 25, 2012

Item	Short (Percent)	Adequate (Percent)	Surplus (Percent)
On-farm, grain storage	2	78	20
Off-farm, grain storage	1	73	26

Days Suitable & Soil Moisture Condition as of November 25, 2012

Item	Districts										State	Last Week	Last Year
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
Days suitable	(Days) 7.0	(Days) 6.8	(Days) 6.6	(Days) 6.8	(Days) 6.6	(Days) 6.5	(Days) 6.7	(Days) 6.8	(Days) 6.2	(Days) 6.7	(Days) 6.3	(Days) 6.1	
	(Percent)	(Percent)	(Percent)	(Percent)	(Percent)	(Percent)	(Percent)	(Percent)	(Percent)	(Percent)	(Percent)	(Percent)	
Topsoil moisture													
Very short	57	36	22	40	19	5	24	36	15	29	28	31	
Short	29	38	43	43	58	53	60	29	35	43	38	33	
Adequate	14	26	35	17	23	42	16	35	50	28	33	35	
Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	
Subsoil moisture													
Very short	81	73	48	72	69	53	68	68	31	63	60	34	
Short	15	23	36	27	30	41	27	27	58	31	34	38	
Adequate	4	4	16	1	1	6	5	5	11	6	6	28	
Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

**This is the final weekly Crops and Weather report for this year.
The monthly reports will begin in January 2013, covering December 2012.
Thanks to everyone who reported this year and made this publication possible.**

Weather Summary For National Agricultural Statistics Service, Iowa Field Office.
For the week ending: 7:00 am Sunday, November 25, 2012, Prepared by AWIS, Inc.

Station	Current Week						Since April 1			
	Temperature				Precipitation		Precipitation		GDD Base 50F	
	High	Low	Avg.	DFN	Total	DFN	Total	DFN	Total	DFN
North West District										
Estherville	70	10	41	14	0.00	-0.25	16.67	-6.99	3,183	706
Sioux Center	70	12	40	10	0.00	-0.22	17.04	-6.01	3,655	619
Spencer	70	8	41	13	0.00	-0.21	22.15	-2.32	3,382	707
Spirit Lake	67	19	39	11	0.00	-0.25	18.52	-4.75	3,219	567
North Central District										
Britt	70	11	40	9	0.00	-0.35	18.77	-7.06	3,038	494
Dakota City	70	12	41	10	0.00	-0.28	19.41	-6.94	3,320	521
Mason City	71	8	41	12	0.00	-0.35	15.10	-12.40	3,207	594
Osage	69	10	39	9	0.00	-0.35	19.48	-8.85	3,038	528
North East District										
Decorah	65	16	41	10	0.14	-0.21	20.99	-6.07	3,290	557
Dubuque	62	14	40	8	0.00	-0.63	16.53	-13.94	3,138	472
Elkader	64	14	39	8	0.02	-0.42	22.23	-5.00	2,703	65
Fayette	63	15	39	8	0.13	-0.29	21.87	-6.53	3,037	655
Waterloo	68	12	41	10	0.13	-0.28	18.58	-9.35	3,455	609
West Central District										
Carroll	69	12	42	11	0.00	-0.32	20.03	-7.85	3,415	503
Castana	71	16	42	9	0.00	-0.25	20.14	-5.02	3,484	263
Guthrie Center	69	12	42	9	0.02	-0.33	19.61	-8.38	3,425	446
Harlan	70	14	41	8	0.00	-0.35	21.26	-6.47	3,368	520
Jefferson	71	13	42	11	0.00	-0.32	17.61	-10.27	3,350	397
Logan	72	14	41	8	0.00	-0.28	18.63	-7.48	3,523	404
Rockwell City	69	13	41	10	0.00	-0.28	19.54	-7.30	3,319	479
Sac City	69	11	41	10	0.00	-0.28	19.10	-7.37	3,160	469
Sioux City	72	13	42	10	0.00	-0.21	18.98	-2.69	3,716	720
Central District										
Boone	70	14	41	9	0.03	-0.34	19.76	-8.83	3,329	390
Des Moines	71	18	46	12	0.04	-0.34	20.42	-6.68	4,280	1,013
Grundy Center	69	13	40	9	0.18	-0.18	18.31	-9.23	3,253	558
Marshalltown	70	12	43	11	0.12	-0.24	13.39	-15.16	3,542	695
Newton	70	15	40	7	0.03	-0.39	19.25	-8.77	3,455	248
Perry	71	14	42	10	0.10	-0.19	21.59	-5.27	3,438	567
Toledo	68	12	39	7	0.14	-0.28	17.89	-10.96	3,162	471
East Central District										
Cedar Rapids	64	11	39	6	0.00	-0.47	19.05	-8.39	3,359	349
Davenport	63	14	44	8	0.02	-0.47	23.73	-3.52	3,505	78
Iowa City	65	16	42	6	0.00	-0.48	21.57	-8.51	3,728	202
Lowden	63	11	39	6	0.00	-0.60	21.04	-9.71	3,214	415
Maquoketa	63	14	38	6	0.00	-0.55	16.79	-11.39	2,956	209
Muscatine	63	16	40	4	0.00	-0.54	23.91	-4.82	3,467	100
South West District										
Atlantic	70	11	42	10	0.02	-0.26	18.33	-7.92	3,457	444
Clarinda	71	15	44	10	0.00	-0.42	25.46	-5.38	3,566	545
Glenwood	71	18	43	9	0.00	-0.35	18.38	-9.34	3,605	265
Red Oak	72	16	44	9	0.00	-0.38	31.62	1.67	3,763	596
Sidney	71	19	45	10	0.00	-0.35	18.31	-10.62	3,886	493
South Central District										
Allerton	67	15	42	7	0.00	-0.45	22.84	-7.22	3,600	531
Beaconsfield	70	15	43	9	0.00	-0.42	22.43	-6.40	3,542	481
Chariton	68	13	42	8	0.01	-0.47	25.17	-5.47	3,608	681
Indianola	71	13	43	9	0.00	-0.42	16.87	-11.40	3,607	701
Leon	69	16	43	9	0.00	-0.42	23.68	-6.15	3,416	476
South East District										
Bloomfield	66	18	42	5	0.00	-0.49	19.87	-10.54	3,730	525
Burlington	64	18	43	7	0.09	-0.44	19.70	-8.74	3,862	396
Ottumwa	68	17	45	9	0.09	-0.40	21.38	-6.80	3,755	351
Washington	67	15	40	4	0.00	-0.46	26.19	-1.26	3,522	260

Precipitation (rain, melted snow or ice) in inches. Precipitation Days = Days with precipitation of 0.01 inch or more. Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit. Copyright 2012: AWIS, Inc. All Rights Reserved.