



# Iowa Crop Progress & Condition

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Warmer and drier weather allowed Iowa farmers 5.4 **days suitable for fieldwork** for the week ending October 2, 2016, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service. While harvest was starting to gain momentum there were many reports of muddy conditions and standing water in some fields. Fieldwork activities for the week included cutting hay, harvesting corn and soybeans, and fall tillage.

**Topsoil moisture** levels rated 1 percent very short, 3 percent short, 79 percent adequate and 17 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** levels rated 1 percent very short, 4 percent short, 76 percent adequate and 19 percent surplus.

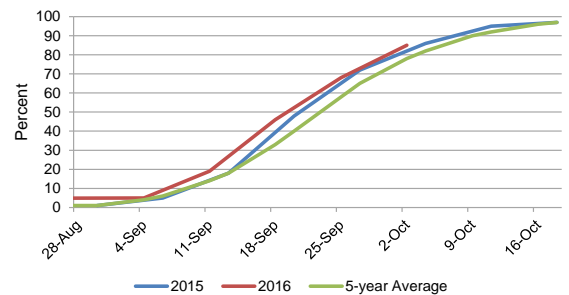
Eighty-eight percent of the **corn** crop was mature or beyond, 2 days ahead of last year, and 4 days ahead of the five-year average. Ten percent of the corn crop for grain has been harvested, 1 day behind last year and 9 days behind average. Corn condition rated 81 percent good to excellent. Ninety-six percent of soybeans were turning color or beyond, equal to both last year and the average. Eighty-five percent of soybeans were dropping leaves or beyond, 4 days ahead of average. Twenty-one percent of the soybean crop has been harvested, 1 day behind last year's pace. Soybean condition rated 81 percent good to excellent.

The third cutting of **alfalfa hay** is almost complete at 98 percent. **Pasture condition** rated 64 percent good to excellent. Livestock were reported to be in good condition except for areas with flooded pastures.

## Crop Conditions as of October 2, 2016

Item	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Corn .....	1	3	15	56	25
Soybeans .....	1	3	15	57	24
Pasture and range.....	2	6	28	53	11

Percent of Soybeans Dropping Leaves  
Iowa: As of October 2, 2016



## Field Work and Crop Progress as of October 2, 2016

Item	Districts										State	Last week	Last year	5-yr avg
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE					
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn mature .....	76	86	88	87	95	98	89	90	92	88	72	85	82	
Corn harvested for grain.....	6	5	7	7	13	16	10	14	24	10	4	11	19	
Soybeans coloring.....	97	99	100	98	98	97	87	92	92	96	93	96	96	
Soybeans dropping leaves .....	84	92	96	88	90	95	63	65	84	85	68	82	78	
Soybeans harvested .....	24	19	15	25	24	33	10	6	19	21	4	25	26	

## Days Suitable & Soil Moisture Condition as of October 2, 2016

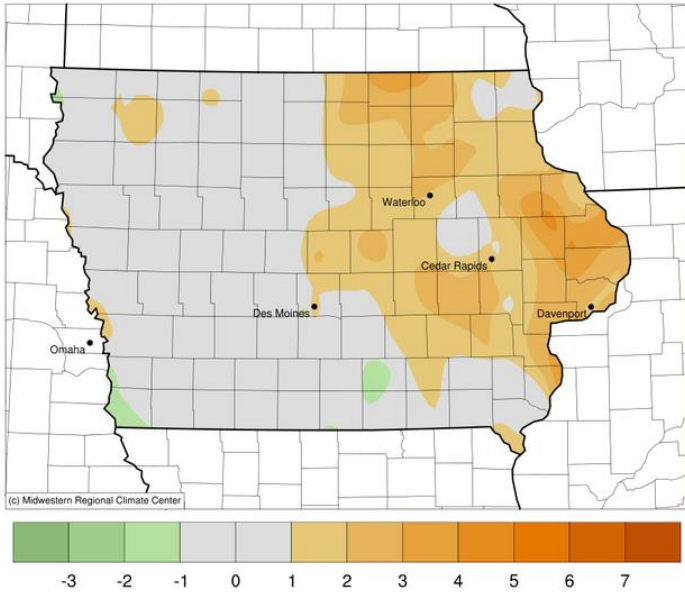
Item	Districts										State	Last week	Last year
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)
Days suitable .....	6.1	4.2	4.1	5.8	5.0	5.9	5.9	6.1	6.6	5.4	3.6	5.7	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	
Topsoil moisture													
Very short .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	1	1	0	
Short .....	7	0	1	0	1	3	1	5	17	3	2	6	
Adequate .....	76	77	65	88	81	79	91	88	69	79	67	86	
Surplus .....	17	23	34	12	18	18	8	7	1	17	30	8	
Subsoil moisture													
Very short .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	10	1	1	1	
Short .....	4	0	1	4	2	1	1	6	19	4	4	6	
Adequate .....	75	67	64	84	84	67	95	85	70	76	73	83	
Surplus .....	21	33	35	12	14	32	4	5	1	19	22	10	

## IOWA PRELIMINARY WEATHER SUMMARY

Provided by Harry J. Hillaker, State Climatologist  
Iowa Department of Agriculture & Land Stewardship

The past week was the driest in Iowa in seven months with a statewide average of only 0.01 inches compared to a weekly normal of 0.71 inches. Most of the western two-thirds of the state saw no measurable rain while the largest amount reported was just 0.15 inches which fell south of Goose Lake in Clinton County. The bulk of what little rain fell occurred on Friday into Saturday. Temperatures were mostly near to slightly above normal. Temperature extremes varied from morning lows of 38 degrees at the Spencer Airport and Sheldon on Thursday (29<sup>th</sup>) morning and again at the Spencer Airport on Friday (30<sup>th</sup>) morning to highs of 78 degrees at Shenandoah, Lamoni and Bedford on Tuesday (27<sup>th</sup>) afternoon and at Hampton and Pocahontas on Sunday (2<sup>nd</sup>). Temperatures for the week as a whole averaged 1.9 degrees above normal.

**Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals**  
September 26, 2016 to October 02, 2016



**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
September 26, 2016 to October 02, 2016

