



# Iowa Crop Progress & Condition

Upper Midwest Regional Field Office · 210 Walnut Street Ste 833 · Des Moines IA 50309 · (515) 776-3400 · (800) 772-0825  
Fax (855) 271-9802 · www.nass.usda.gov

Cooperating with the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship

For the week ending November 4, 2018  
Issued November 5, 2018

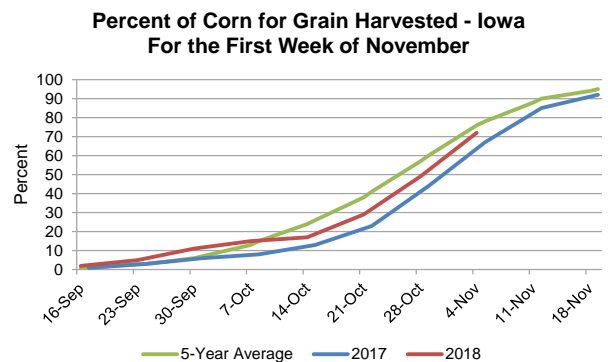
Media Contact: Greg Thessen

Iowa farmers had another good week for harvesting with **5.3 days suitable for fieldwork** during the week ending November 4, 2018, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service. Activities for the week included harvesting corn and soybeans, baling stalks, anhydrous and manure application, fall tillage, tile repair, and planting cover crops.

**Topsoil moisture** levels rated 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 71 percent adequate and 28 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** levels rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 71 percent adequate and 27 percent surplus.

Seventy-two percent of the State's **corn** for grain crop has been harvested, 3 days ahead of last year but 1 day behind the five-year average. Farmers in central Iowa have harvested 80 percent of their corn for grain while farmers in the southwest have 45 percent of their corn for grain remaining to be harvested. Moisture content of field corn being harvested averaged 17 percent. **Soybean** harvest was 88 percent complete, 2 days behind last year and 6 days behind the average.

Recent rains have left some feedlot cattle stressed with standing water and muddy conditions, while others reported livestock conditions as very good.



## Field Work and Crop Progress as of November 4, 2018

Item	Districts										State	Last Week	Last Year	5-yr Avg
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE					
Corn harvested for grain.....	(percent) 76	(percent) 79	(percent) 60	(percent) 71	(percent) 80	(percent) 76	(percent) 55	(percent) 66	(percent) 77	(percent) 72	(percent) 49	(percent) 64	(percent) 76	
Soybeans harvested.....	(percent) 95	(percent) 95	(percent) 88	(percent) 92	(percent) 93	(percent) 90	(percent) 70	(percent) 73	(percent) 81	(percent) 88	(percent) 71	(percent) 91	(percent) 94	

## Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Supplies as of November 4, 2018

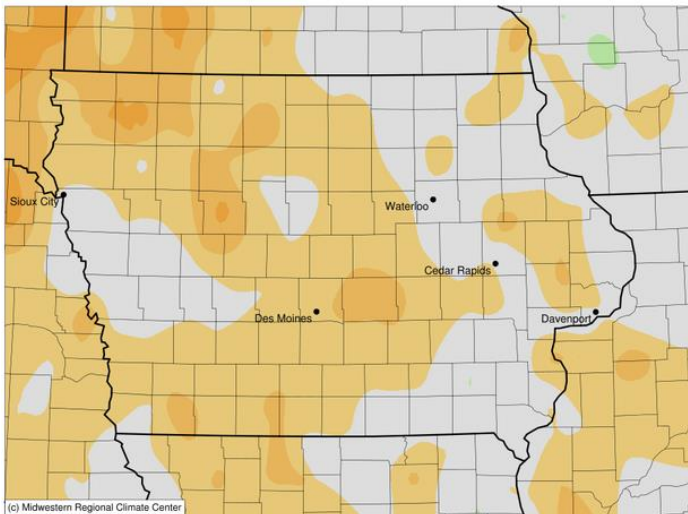
Item	Districts										State	Last Week	Last Year
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
Days suitable .....	(days) 5.3	(days) 5.8	(days) 5.4	(days) 4.8	(days) 5.4	(days) 5.2	(days) 5.7	(days) 4.9	(days) 5.3	(days) 5.3	(days) 5.8	(days) 5.7	
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	
Very short .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	
Short .....	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	4	1	0	8	
Adequate .....	75	85	84	84	57	55	57	71	67	71	79	83	
Surplus .....	25	15	16	16	42	45	43	28	29	28	21	6	
Subsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	
Very short .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	6	
Short .....	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	10	11	2	1	17	
Adequate .....	78	76	75	77	66	53	58	77	75	71	73	72	
Surplus .....	22	24	24	23	34	47	42	11	10	27	26	5	

# IOWA PRELIMINARY WEATHER SUMMARY

Provided by Justin Glisan, Ph.D., State Climatologist  
Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship

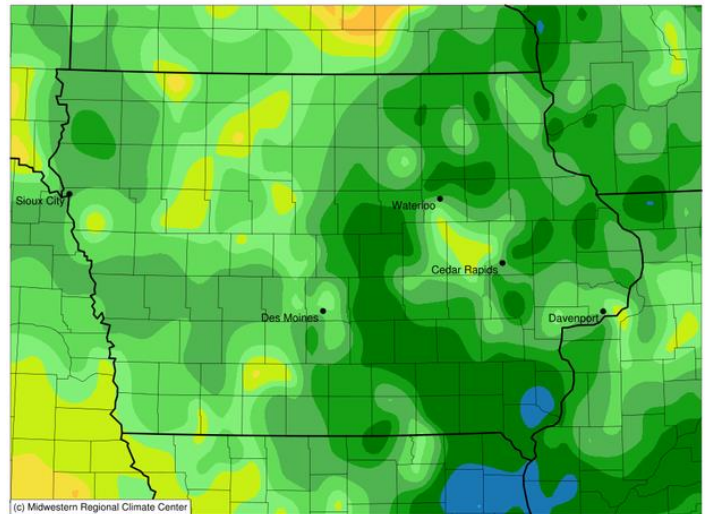
Much of Iowa had slightly warmer than average temperatures from the end of October into early November; temperatures were around two degrees warmer than normal. The reporting period saw above average rainfall mainly in eastern Iowa with many locations between 0.40-0.80 inches above normal. Light rain showers moved across eastern Iowa on Monday (29<sup>th</sup>) with only a handful of stations reporting measurable rainfall; Cedar Rapids (Linn County) reported 0.11 inches. Widespread and heavier rain fell on Tuesday (30<sup>th</sup>) as a cold front swept across Iowa. Afternoon thunderstorms quickly formed and moved into Illinois. Maquoketa (Jackson County) observed 1.67 inches, 1.58 inches above normal. Keokuk (Lee County) reported 0.50 inches as the front slowly moved southeast. Wednesday (31<sup>st</sup>) was a quiet day with high pressure controlling the pattern. Conditions were partly to mostly sunny with highs in the upper 50s. A low pressure system gradually moved into northwest Iowa late Thursday (1<sup>st</sup>) into Friday (2<sup>nd</sup>) bringing rain showers to portions of western Iowa. Showers redeveloped during late afternoon in southeastern Iowa. A second low pressure system slowly moved through the region Saturday (3<sup>rd</sup>) into Sunday (4<sup>th</sup>), bringing widespread, measurable rainfall to much of Iowa. Total accumulations over this period ranged from a few tenths of an inch to well over an inch; Anamosa (Jones County) reported 1.48 inches. Cloud cover kept daytime highs cooler than normal, ranging from the upper 40s to lower 50s and overnight lows warmer than average. Bloomfield (Davis County) reported the week's high of 71 degrees on the 29<sup>th</sup>, 12 degrees above average. The week's coldest overnight low of 25 degrees was recorded in multiple counties in northwestern Iowa on the 1<sup>st</sup>, on average six degrees cooler than normal.

**Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals**  
October 29, 2018 to November 04, 2018



Stations from the following networks used: WBAN, COOP, FAA, GHCN, ThreadEx, CoCoRaHS, WMO, ICAO, NWSLI, Midwest Regional Climate Center  
cli-MATE: MRCC Application Tools Environment  
Generated at: 11/5/2018 7:12:17 AM CST

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
October 29, 2018 to November 04, 2018



Stations from the following networks used: WBAN, COOP, FAA, GHCN, ThreadEx, CoCoRaHS, WMO, ICAO, NWSLI, Midwest Regional Climate Center  
cli-MATE: MRCC Application Tools Environment  
Generated at: 11/5/2018 7:03:48 AM CST

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