



# Iowa Crop Progress & Condition

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Iowa farmers used the **6.6 days suitable for fieldwork** to harvest just over one-fifth of the State's corn crop during the week ending November 9, 2014, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service. This was the most days suitable statewide this crop season. Other activities for the week included fall tillage, manure and fertilizer application, corn stalk baling, and tiling fields.

**Topsoil moisture** levels rated 0 percent very short, 5 percent short, 86 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** levels rated 1 percent very short, 6 percent short, 83 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus. Southwest Iowa was wettest with over one-quarter of its topsoil and subsoil in surplus condition.

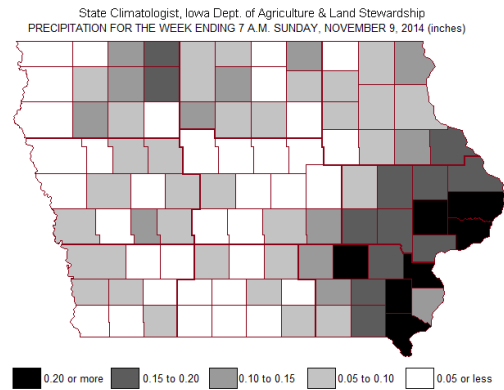
Eighty-two percent of Iowa's **corn** acreage was harvested, 2 days behind 2013 and 1 day behind the five-year average. Corn harvest advanced 21 percentage points from last week, the most harvested during this week in November since 1993. With every other district between 80 and 93 percent complete, corn harvest in southwest and south central Iowa lagged behind with only 69 and 67 percent complete, respectively. **Soybean** harvest reached 96 percent complete, 3 days behind last year but at the normal pace.

Grain movement from farm to elevator was rated 60 percent moderate to heavy. Off-farm grain storage availability was rated at 86 percent adequate to surplus. On-farm grain storage availability was 81 percent adequate to surplus.

Hay and roughage supplies were estimated at 97 percent adequate to surplus. Livestock conditions were reported as normal.

## IOWA PRELIMINARY WEATHER SUMMARY Provided by Harry Hillaker, State Climatologist Iowa Department of Agriculture & Land Stewardship

Iowa enjoyed an unseasonably dry week with a statewide average precipitation of 0.08 inches compared to a weekly normal of 0.53 inches. Light rain fell across most of Iowa from Monday (3<sup>rd</sup>) morning into Tuesday (4<sup>th</sup>) morning with showers and a few thunderstorms across the southeast one-half of the state on Wednesday (5<sup>th</sup>) night. Le Claire reported the most rain for the week with 0.35 inches while scattered locations across central and western Iowa saw no rain for the period. Temperatures were above normal in most areas from Sunday (2<sup>nd</sup>) through Wednesday (5<sup>th</sup>) and below normal for the remainder of the week. Temperature extremes varied from a Monday (3<sup>rd</sup>) afternoon high of 70 degrees at Donnellson to Friday (7<sup>th</sup>) morning lows of 19 degrees at Elkader, Lowden and Stanley. Temperatures for the week as a whole averaged from two degrees below normal in far southeast Iowa to five degrees above normal over the far northwest with a statewide average of 1.7 degrees above normal. Soil temperatures as of Sunday (9<sup>th</sup>) were averaging in the mid 40's statewide.



### Post-Harvest Conditions as of November 9, 2014

Item	None (percent)	Light (percent)	Moderate (percent)	Heavy (percent)
Grain movement .....	11	29	42	18

### Grain Storage Availability as of November 9, 2014

Item	Short (percent)	Adequate (percent)	Surplus (percent)
On-farm, grain storage .....	19	77	4
Off-farm, grain storage .....	14	80	6

### Hay/Roughage Supplies as November 9, 2014

Item	Very Short (percent)	Short (percent)	Adequate (percent)	Surplus (percent)
Hay/Roughage .....	0	3	82	15

### Field Work and Crop Progress as of November 9, 2014

Item	Districts										State	Last Week	Last Year	5-yr Avg
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE					
Corn harvested for grain .....	93	86	81	80	88	81	69	67	80	82	61	86	83	
Soybeans harvested.....	99	99	98	99	98	99	92	91	91	96	91	98	96	

### Days Suitable & Soil Moisture Conditions as of November 9, 2014

Item	Districts										State	Last Week	Last Year
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
Days suitable .....	6.6 (days)	6.6 (days)	6.4 (days)	6.9 (days)	6.6 (days)	6.1 (days)	6.7 (days)	6.8 (days)	6.7 (days)	6.6 (days)	6.4 (days)	4.7 (days)	
Topsoil moisture													
Very short .....	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	11	
Short .....	17	6	6	1	1	8	2	1	9	5	4	27	
Adequate .....	75	92	88	87	85	88	72	85	82	86	84	60	
Surplus .....	5	2	6	12	14	3	26	14	8	9	12	2	
Subsoil moisture													
Very short .....	5	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	1	1	23	
Short .....	15	3	15	1	1	8	0	1	14	6	5	37	
Adequate .....	74	95	80	83	85	86	71	77	80	83	83	39	
Surplus .....	6	2	4	16	13	4	29	22	4	10	11	1	

The weekly data normally received from MESONET at Iowa State University is unavailable after October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Data used to create the Percent Harvested charts below came from previous weeks' estimates in Iowa Crop Progress and Condition reports.

