



Iowa Crop Progress & Condition

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Warm and dry weather allowed Iowa farmers to harvest nearly one-third of the State's soybean crop during the week ending October 11, 2015, according the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service. Statewide there were **6.8 days suitable for fieldwork**, the most days suitable for fieldwork this season. Fieldwork activities for the week included cutting hay, harvesting corn for grain, harvesting soybeans, and fall tillage. There were also reports of manure and fertilizer being spread, as well as some grain hauling.

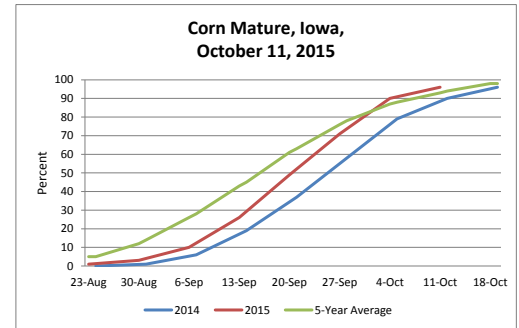
Topsoil moisture levels rated 1 percent very short, 12 percent short, 81 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** levels rated 1 percent very short, 8 percent short, 83 percent adequate and 8 percent surplus.

Ninety-six percent of the **corn** crop was mature, 8 days ahead of last year, and 4 days ahead of the 5-year average. Twenty-nine percent of the corn crop for grain has been harvested, 12 days ahead of last year, but 5 days behind average. Moisture content of all corn being harvested was at 19 percent, down 2 percentage points from the previous week. Corn condition rated 80 percent good to excellent. Ninety-five percent of **soybeans** were dropping leaves, 3 days ahead of normal. Sixty-five percent of the soybean crop has been harvested, 10 days ahead of last year.

The third cutting of **alfalfa hay** is nearly complete, 11 days behind the average. **Pasture condition** rated 62 percent good to excellent. Livestock conditions were described as good, with mild temperatures and little to no rain.

Crop conditions as of October 11, 2015

Item	Very Poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Corn, all.....	1	3	16	53	27
Pasture & Range....	1	8	29	50	12



Field Work and Crop Progress as of October 11, 2015

Item	Districts									State	Last Week	Last Year	5-yr Avg
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
Corn mature	91	97	99	96	97	97	88	97	99	96	90	88	93
Corn harvested for grain	23	33	31	20	30	31	21	29	52	29	13	9	38
Soybeans dropping leaves.....	99	100	99	95	98	98	81	85	96	95	86	94	93
Soybeans harvested.....	85	84	63	67	67	68	29	29	61	65	32	35	64

Days Suitable & Soil Moisture Condition as of October 11, 2015

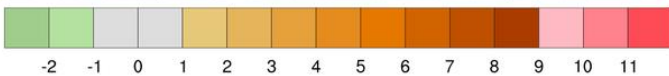
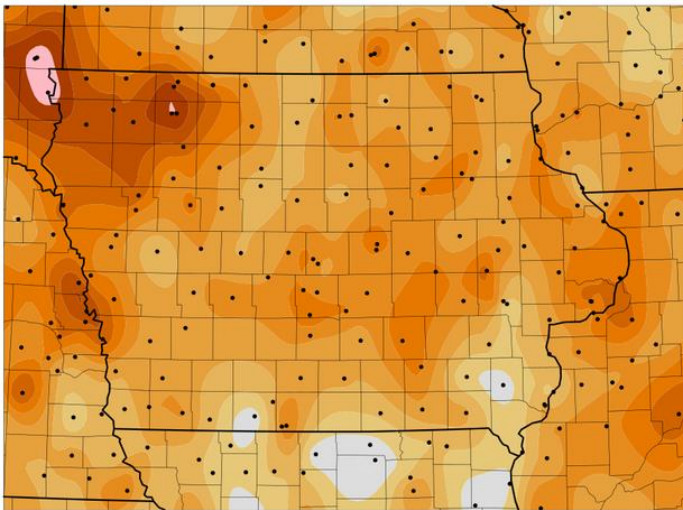
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Days suitable	6.9	6.9	6.5	6.7	6.6	6.9	6.7	6.9	6.8	6.8	5.7	4.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0	1	5	0	0	2	0	0	7	1	0	0
Short	12	11	23	6	9	11	7	11	23	12	6	4
Adequate	86	86	71	88	81	83	74	81	66	81	86	78
Surplus	2	2	1	6	10	4	19	8	4	6	8	18
Subsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0	1	3	0	0	2	0	0	6	1	1	1
Short	7	8	23	2	2	7	4	0	21	8	6	7
Adequate	88	90	72	86	84	85	81	87	70	83	83	80
Surplus	5	1	2	12	14	6	15	13	3	8	10	12

IOWA PRELIMINARY WEATHER SUMMARY

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

It was a dry and unseasonably warm week across Iowa. Only a handful of locations reported any rain. Castana (Monona Co.) and Schleswig (Crawford Co.) picked up 0.02 inches of rain Tuesday (6th) morning. A few thunderstorms were scattered across east central and southeast Iowa on Thursday (8th) afternoon but only Keokuk reported any measurable rain with 0.19 inches. The statewide average precipitation was just a trace while normal for the week is 0.60 inches. This was the driest week since mid-March. Temperatures were above normal throughout the week with the exception of a brief cool-down on Friday (9th) into Saturday (10th) morning. Elkader and Decorah recorded the week's lowest temperatures with Saturday morning readings of 33 degrees. Temperatures were well above seasonal norms from Tuesday through Thursday. However, the warmest weather arrived on Sunday (11th) when highs were in the eighties over most of Iowa. Sioux City and Omaha-Council Bluffs set daily record high temperatures with 91 degree readings. Temperatures for the week as a whole averaged from three degrees above normal over the far southeast to nine degrees above normal across the northwest with a statewide average of 6.6 degrees above normal. Soil temperatures as of Sunday (11th) were averaging in the upper fifties northeast to mid-sixties southwest.

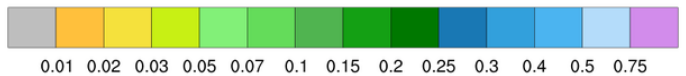
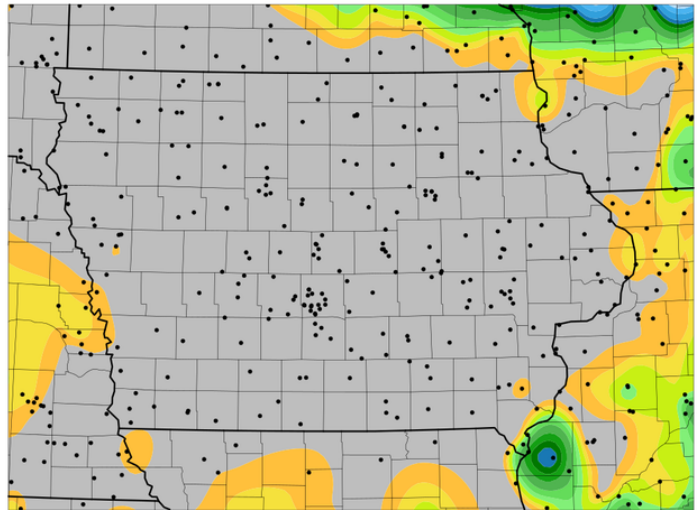
Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals
October 05, 2015 to October 11, 2015



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Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 05, 2015 to October 11, 2015



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