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Iowa Crop Progress & Condition

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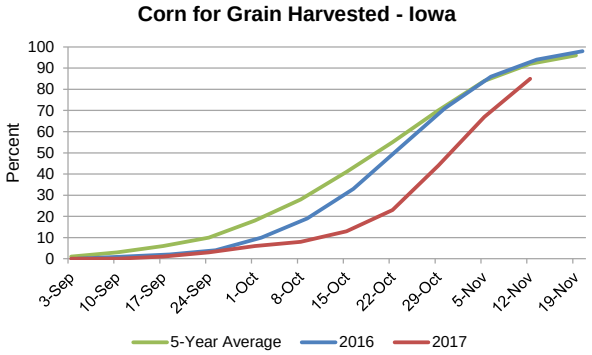
Limited precipitation during the week ending November 12, 2017, allowed an average of 6.0 **days suitable for fieldwork** statewide, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service. Harvest has begun to wind down as many Iowa farmers were able to work in their fields throughout the week. Additional fieldwork activities this past week included baling corn stalks, tillage, applying fertilizers and manure, tiling, seeding CRP and hauling grain.

Topsoil moisture levels rated 3 percent very short, 10 percent short, 83 percent adequate and 4 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** levels rated 6 percent very short, 17 percent short, 74 percent adequate and 3 percent surplus.

Eighty-five percent of the **corn** for grain crop has been harvested, one week behind last year and the 5-year average. Moisture content of corn being harvested for grain averaged 17 percent. Only northwest and north central Iowa have 90 percent or more of their corn for grain crop harvested. Ninety-seven percent of the **soybean** crop has been harvested, equal to last year but 5 days behind average.



Livestock conditions were reported as normal with no concerns. There were also reports of cattle grazing in recently harvested fields with little hay being fed.

Field Work and Crop Progress as of November 12, 2017

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)
Corn harvested for grain	92	90	75	84	88	85	73	75	87	85	67	93	92
Soybeans harvested	99	99	95	98	98	98	92	91	92	97	92	97	98

Days Suitable and Soil Moisture Condition as of November 12, 2017

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 suitable	6.8	6.0	4.9	6.4	6.1	5.2	6.0	6.4	5.4	6.0	5.7	6.7
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture												
Very short	1	1	6	1	1	0	2	16	7	3	3	2
Short	3	9	11	9	15	6	11	26	12	10	8	10
Adequate	92	88	80	84	80	84	86	57	78	83	83	83
Surplus	4	2	3	6	4	10	1	1	3	4	6	5
Subsoil moisture												
Very short	0	2	2	1	6	9	1	30	22	6	6	2
Short	7	9	29	8	21	13	12	37	35	17	17	6
Adequate	88	86	67	87	71	73	86	33	42	74	72	82
Surplus	5	3	2	4	2	5	1	0	1	3	5	10

IOWA PRELIMINARY WEATHER SUMMARY

Provided by Harry J. Hillaker, State Climatologist
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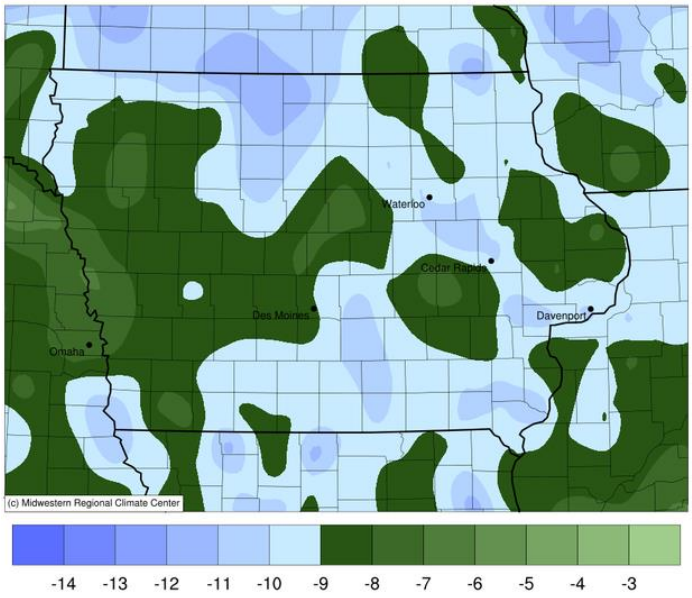
It was an unseasonably cold and mostly dry week across Iowa. Temperatures were well below normal throughout the week with some moderation finally arriving over the weekend. Daytime high temperatures were only in the low to mid-twenties over parts of northern Iowa on both Thursday (9th) and Friday (10th) while only small portions of southeast Iowa (Sunday, 5th) and extreme western Iowa (Wednesday, 8th) reached fifty degrees during the week. Temperature extremes varied from highs of 54 degrees at Centerville, Iowa City and Washington on Sunday (5th) while Swea City recorded a Friday (10th) morning low of 6 degrees. Temperatures for the week as a whole averaged 8.7 degrees below normal. The only measureable precipitation for the week came Saturday (11th) night into Sunday (12th) morning over the southeast two-thirds of the state, including a short-lived dusting of snow over extreme eastern areas on Sunday morning. Precipitation totals varied from none over much of the northwest one-third of Iowa to 0.65 inches just southwest of Iowa City. The statewide average precipitation was 0.14 inches while normal for the week is 0.50 inches.

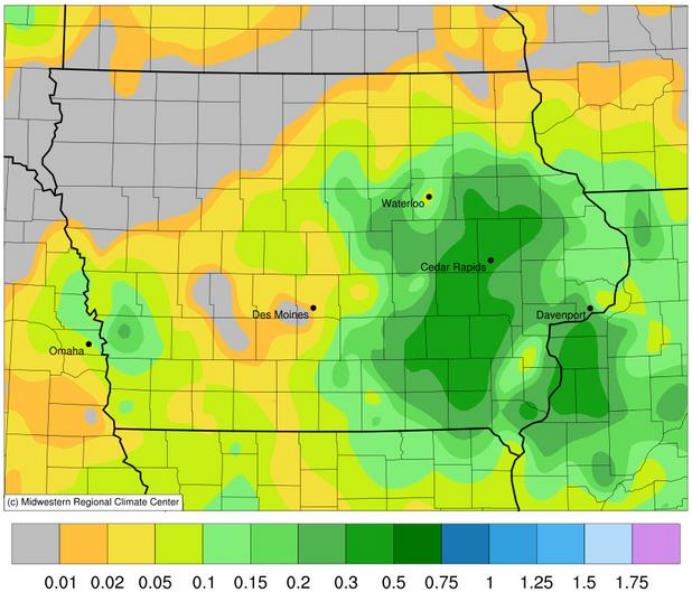
Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals

November 06, 2017 to November 12, 2017



Accumulated Precipitation (in)

November 06, 2017 to November 12, 2017



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