



# Iowa Crop Progress & Condition

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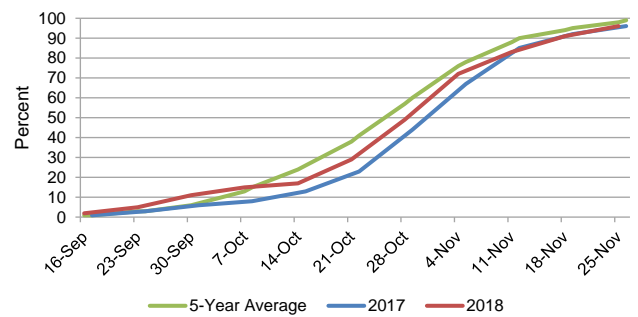
Iowa farmers had 4.4 **days suitable for fieldwork** during the week ending November 25, 2018, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service. Activities for the week included harvesting corn and soybeans, baling stalks, applying manure, and moving grain. Early in the week farmers were doing fall tillage, tile repair, and anhydrous application, but those activities halted as declining temperatures, rain and snow arrived.

**Topsoil moisture** levels rated 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 81 percent adequate and 18 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** levels rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 79 percent adequate and 19 percent surplus.

Ninety-six percent of the State's **corn** for grain crop has been harvested, 4 days behind the five-year average. Farmers in northwest, north central, and central Iowa have harvested 98 percent of their corn for grain while farmers in the southwest have 13 percent of their corn for grain remaining to be harvested. Moisture content of field corn being harvested averaged 16 percent. **Soybean** harvest was 98 percent complete, 9 days behind last year and 12 days behind the average.

Feedlots and pastures were messy with warming temperatures followed by rain and snow late in the week. Livestock conditions varied by area with some reports of no issues while others had trouble getting water, feed, and bedding to livestock.

Percent of Corn for Grain Harvested - Iowa  
For the Fourth Week of November



This is the final weekly *Iowa Crop Progress and Condition* of the season. The USDA's National Agriculture Statistics Service would like to thank the many farmers and FSA, NRCS, Extension and agribusiness personnel who provided the information for this report each week.

The new season of *Iowa Crop Progress and Condition* is scheduled to begin April 1, 2019.

## Field Work and Crop Progress as of November 25, 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) 98	(percent) 98	(percent) 95	(percent) 96	(percent) 98	(percent) 97	(percent) 87	(percent) 90	(percent) 95	(percent) 96	(percent) 91	(percent) 95	(percent) 97	

## Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Supplies as of November 25, 2018

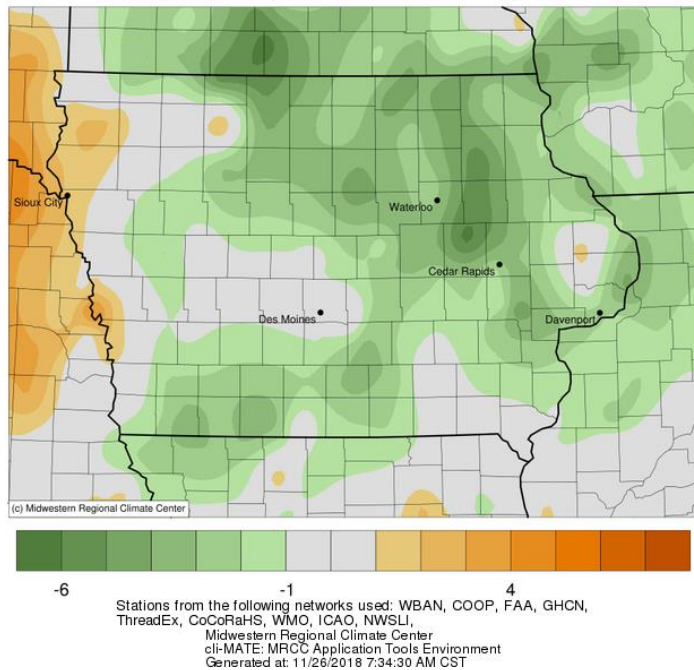
Item	Districts										State	Last Week	Last Year
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
Days suitable .....	(days) 5.0	(days) 5.0	(days) 4.1	(days) 4.9	(days) 4.2	(days) 4.0	(days) 4.3	(days) 3.7	(days) 3.2	(days) 4.4	(days) 4.8	(days) 6.6	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	
Topsoil moisture													
Very short .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	
Short .....	0	0	1	0	1	6	0	0	4	1	1	14	
Adequate .....	89	91	88	89	77	72	54	75	73	81	81	80	
Surplus .....	11	9	11	11	22	22	46	25	23	18	18	2	
Subsoil moisture													
Very short .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	7	
Short .....	0	0	2	0	0	6	1	12	10	2	2	19	
Adequate .....	84	82	82	84	76	71	59	73	79	79	78	72	
Surplus .....	16	18	16	16	24	23	40	14	9	19	20	2	

# IOWA PRELIMINARY WEATHER SUMMARY

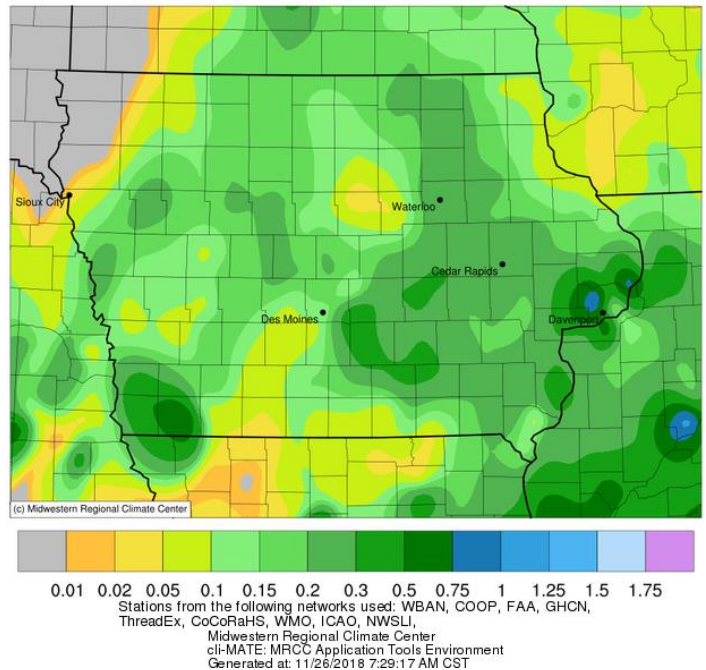
Provided by Justin Glisan, Ph.D., State Climatologist  
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Thanksgiving week was cooler than average for most of Iowa with some locations experiencing seasonal temperatures. Northeastern Iowa was up to six degrees below normal while parts of extreme western Iowa were a few degrees above average. Most of Iowa also experienced unseasonably dry conditions; widespread measurable precipitation did not fall until after Thanksgiving. Monday (19<sup>th</sup>) was cold across much of Iowa with average highs up to 20 degrees below average. Winds gradually shifted to a southerly direction Tuesday (20<sup>th</sup>) into Wednesday (21<sup>st</sup>), warming temperatures into the upper 40s and low 50s in the south; northern Iowa observed low to mid 30s. Thanksgiving Day (22<sup>nd</sup>) started with foggy conditions across much of Iowa. Sunny conditions then prevailed across the state with highs reaching into the mid-50s in southwestern Iowa. Rain showers moved into Iowa early Friday (23<sup>rd</sup>) bringing measurable accumulations statewide. Higher amounts were reported across eastern Iowa with Muscatine (Muscatine County) observing 0.35 inches, 0.27 inches above average. Saturday (24<sup>th</sup>) was pleasant with highs reaching into the middle 50s. After partly sunny conditions for much of the day, increasing clouds signaled the next major weather system. A strong low pressure moved into Iowa late Saturday into Sunday (25<sup>th</sup>) with a wintry mix and snow. The system brought winds up to 40 mph and moderate to heavy snowfall across southern Iowa as of the end of the reporting period at 7:00 a.m.; blizzard conditions and snow accumulations of up to 17 inches were reported in Iowa's southeastern quadrant after the observation cut-off. Sioux City (Woodbury County) observed the week's high of 62 degrees on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, 20 degrees above average. Fayette (Fayette County) and Tripoli (Bremer County) reported a low of -3 degrees on the 19<sup>th</sup>, 27 degrees below average. Davenport (Scott County) reported the highest rainfall total of the week at 1.83 inches.

**Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals**  
November 19, 2018 to November 25, 2018



**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
November 19, 2018 to November 25, 2018



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