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Dry conditions helped Iowa farmers as days suitable for fieldwork increased to 5.9 for the week ending April 13, 2025, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service. Fieldwork included tillage, seeding oats, and applying anhydrous, manure and dry fertilizer. There were also reports of corn and soybeans being planted.

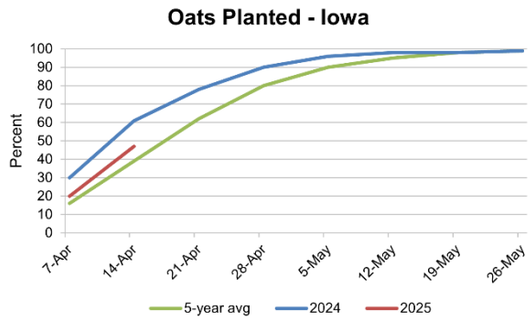
Topsoil moisture condition rated 7 percent very short, 24 percent short, 68 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 9 percent very short, 31 percent short, 59 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus.

Oats seeding reached 47 percent complete, 3 days behind last year but 3 days ahead of the 5-year average. Six percent of the expected oat acreage has emerged, 5 days behind last year but equal to the average.

No livestock issues were reported.

Crop Condition as of April 13, 2025

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range .	4	10	42	41	3



Crop Progress as of April 13, 2025

Item	Districts									State			
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Oats planted	63	41	44	44	39	53	41	54	40	47	20	61	39
Oats emerged	10	0	5	11	4	1	6	12	5	6	2	18	6

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of April 13, 2025

Item	Districts									State		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year
	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)
Days suitable	5.9	5.7	5.7	6.3	6.2	5.4	6.4	6.5	4.7	5.9	3.3	4.9
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture												
Very short	4	5	5	8	7	14	18	0	3	7	6	15
Short	38	20	30	27	18	19	20	15	24	24	22	37
Adequate	57	73	62	65	73	67	62	83	72	68	68	46
Surplus	1	2	3	0	2	0	0	2	1	1	4	2
Subsoil moisture												
Very short	7	5	6	11	12	14	17	1	4	9	10	24
Short	32	33	39	40	20	20	23	38	33	31	34	39
Adequate	60	59	53	49	66	66	60	58	62	59	55	36
Surplus	1	3	2	0	2	0	0	3	1	1	1	1

The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications.

IOWA PRELIMINARY WEATHER SUMMARY

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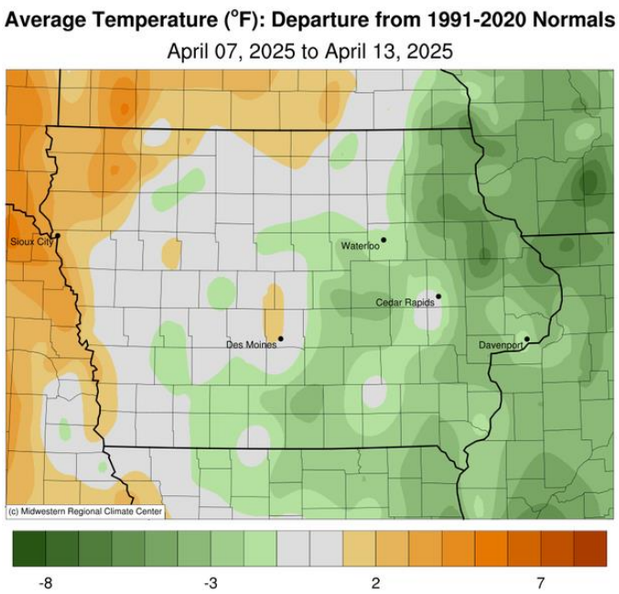
Reports from the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship and maps from the Midwestern Regional Climate Center reflect data collected from 7:00 A.M. Central Time April 7, 2025 through 7:00 A.M. Central Time on April 13, 2025.

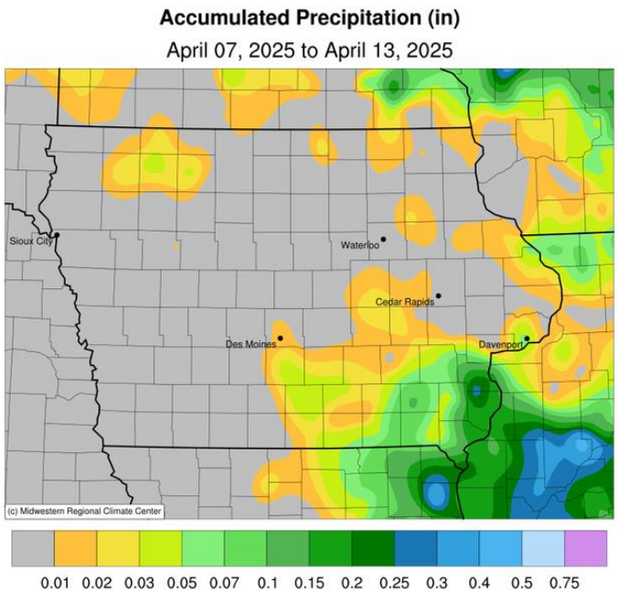
A drier pattern prevailed through the reporting period with most of Iowa's weather stations reporting no rainfall; southeastern Iowa observed the wettest conditions. Weekly temperatures varied from nearly four degrees above normal in northwest Iowa to a few degrees below average farther east; Iowa's average temperature was 45.2 degrees, 1.0 degree below normal.

Westerly winds persisted through Sunday (6th) afternoon as daytime temperatures settled in the mid to upper 50s across much of Iowa. Winds shifted to a northerly direction overnight as a weak cold front dropped southeast through the state. Monday (7th) morning lows remained in the upper 30s over southeastern Iowa while low 20s were recorded northwest with clear skies statewide. Daytime highs were unseasonably cold, holding in the upper 30s to mid 40s, with gusty winds and sunshine. Tuesday (8th) dawned frigid across portions of Iowa with low temperatures in the teens to low 20s; the statewide average low was 21 degrees, 13 degrees below normal. Winds swung around to the south through the day, helping boost temperatures into the mid to upper 50s in western Iowa; conditions were several degrees cooler in eastern Iowa where high-level haze was reported. Clouds increased over southern Iowa after midnight as a low pressures system skirted the Iowa-Missouri border. Very light rain was reported in southeastern Iowa with a handful of stations collecting a trace; a 0.01-inch measurement was taken in Donnellson (Lee County) and Yarmouth (Des Moines County) at 7:00 am on Wednesday (9th). Temperatures rose into the upper 60s and low 70s in western Iowa through the day as scattered showers formed on the backside of the disturbance in eastern Iowa. Rain totals were under a tenth of an inch for all stations reporting measurable amounts.

Cloudy skies developed into Thursday (10th) morning with patchy fog in eastern Iowa, where temperatures were in the mid 30s; lows across the state were in the upper 40s and low 50s. The atmosphere over southeastern Iowa became unsettled through the afternoon hours, allowing scattered thundershowers to pop up. These cells moved from northwest to southeast, producing some moderate rainfall accumulations; Salem (Henry County) observed 0.17 inch while Morning Sun (Louisa County) reported the week's highest total of 0.39 inch. High pressure built in across the Upper Midwest as clouds cleared western Iowa into Friday (11th). Hazy conditions and poor air quality were reported as temperatures rose into the upper 50s and low 60s from east to west. Cloudless skies persisted overnight and through Saturday (12th) with strong southerly winds and daytime temperatures from the low 60s in southeastern Iowa to upper 70s and a few low 80s over the state's western extent. Gusty winds held on into early Sunday (13th) morning with spotty clouds and readings in the 50s statewide.

The statewide weekly average precipitation was 0.02 inch while the normal is 0.79 inch. Little Sioux (Harrison County) reported the week's high temperature of 82 degrees on the 12th, 21 degrees above average. Elkader (Clayton County) reported the week's low temperature of 13 degrees on the 8th, 18 degrees below normal. Four-inch soil temperatures were in the upper 40s northeast to upper 50s southwest as of Sunday.





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

Additional soil moisture data are available at: https://nassgeo.csiss.gmu.edu/CropCASMA/