



# Iowa Ag News – Crop Progress & Condition

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Warm, and continued dry conditions allowed Iowa farmers 6.5 **days suitable for fieldwork** during the week ending September 14, 2025, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service. Field activities included finishing up the third cutting of hay, harvesting corn silage and preparing for row crop harvest.

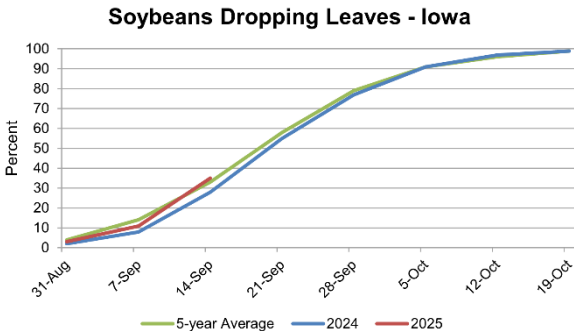
**Topsoil moisture** condition rated 4 percent very short, 22 percent short, 65 percent adequate and 9 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 2 percent very short, 18 percent short, 71 percent adequate and 9 percent surplus.

Ninety percent of **corn** was dented or beyond, 5 days ahead of last year and 1 day ahead of the five-year average. Forty-eight percent of corn has matured, 4 days ahead of last year and 3 days ahead of average. Corn condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 16 percent fair, 59 percent good and 20 percent excellent. **Soybeans** coloring advanced to 73 percent, 2 days ahead of last year and 1 day ahead of average. Thirty-five percent of soybeans were dropping leaves. Soybean condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 20 percent fair, 57 percent good and 18 percent excellent.

The third cutting of **alfalfa** hay reached 96 percent complete. **Pasture condition** rated 63 percent good to excellent.

## Crop Condition as of September 14, 2025

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn .....	1	4	16	59	20
Pasture and range ..	1	6	30	53	10
Soybeans .....	1	4	20	57	18



## Crop Progress as of September 14, 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)
Corn dented .....	96	95	84	86	91	91	84	87	90	90	80	83	89
Corn mature .....	41	41	33	40	58	68	56	59	53	48	26	38	41
Hay, alfalfa, 3rd cutting .....	97	98	99	97	96	98	94	94	91	96	93	96	95
Soybeans coloring .....	79	74	68	73	68	77	74	68	67	73	44	68	72
Soybeans dropping leaves ...	39	22	24	40	34	39	44	40	32	35	11	28	33

## Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of September 14, 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 .....	6.1	6.4	6.3	6.3	7.0	6.7	6.5	7.0	6.7	6.5	6.0	6.7
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture												
Very short .....	0	0	0	4	3	4	4	9	18	4	2	6
Short .....	9	5	14	12	32	34	34	46	44	22	13	38
Adequate .....	73	70	84	72	61	61	58	45	38	65	75	55
Surplus .....	18	25	2	12	4	1	4	0	0	9	10	1
Subsoil moisture												
Very short .....	0	1	0	3	2	2	3	0	9	2	1	6
Short .....	9	4	10	11	25	22	32	27	36	18	9	32
Adequate .....	74	69	85	78	68	75	60	73	55	71	79	61
Surplus .....	17	26	5	8	5	1	5	0	0	9	11	1

The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at [www.nass.usda.gov/Publications](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications).

IOWA PRELIMINARY WEATHER SUMMARY

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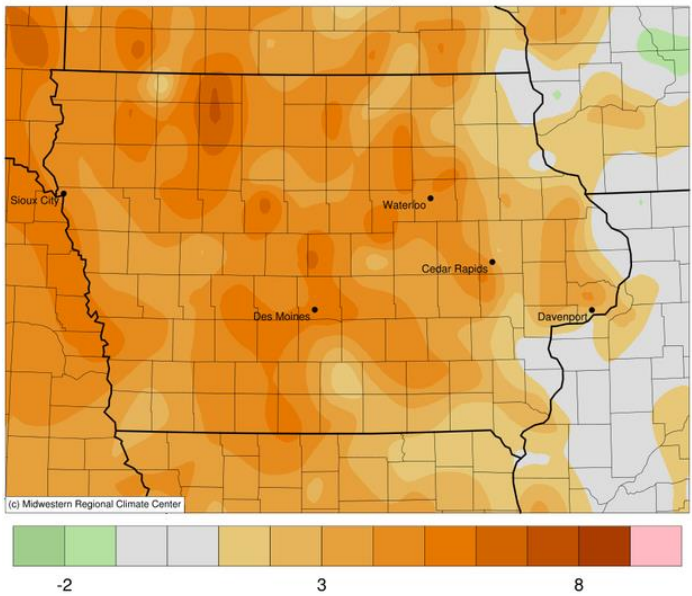
Temperatures were well above average throughout the reporting period, with positive departures on the order of three to six degrees. The statewide average temperature was 69.1 degrees, 4.0 degrees above normal. Unseasonable dryness also continued into the middle of September, with numerous stations reporting no rainfall from central to southeastern Iowa.

Sunday (7<sup>th</sup>) afternoon was pleasant, with variable winds, mostly sunny skies and temperatures ranging from the mid 60s to the low 70s. Winds shifted to a southerly direction into Monday (8<sup>th</sup>), with morning lows in the upper 40s and low 50s. Daytime temperatures held in the 70s with partly cloudy skies in western Iowa. Scattered showers moved into southwestern Iowa by daybreak on Tuesday (9<sup>th</sup>), expanding into northern Iowa through the day. Rainfall totals were generally light, though a few stations reported higher amounts; 0.61 inch was observed in Rock Rapids (Lyon County), while Persia (Harrison County) collected 0.80 inch. Afternoon conditions were cloudy in northern Iowa with highs in the low 70s, while farther south, temperatures were several degrees warmer. Showers continued into the early morning of Wednesday (10<sup>th</sup>) in northern Iowa, with many locations observing at least 0.50 inch. The highest totals were in north-central to northeast Iowa, ranging from 0.81 inch in Stanley (Buchanan County) to 0.96 inch in Osage (Mitchell County). Daytime conditions were sunny, with temperatures rising into the low 80s under light and variable winds.

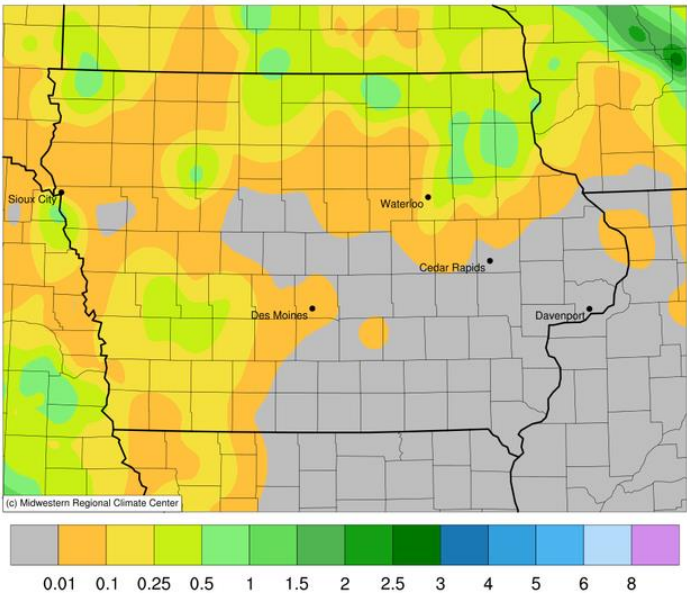
Thursday (11<sup>th</sup>) began a stretch of increasingly warm days, with temperatures rising into the upper 70s in the north to the mid 80s in the south. Skies remained clear into Friday (12<sup>th</sup>), with southerly winds and highs in the 90s across southeastern Iowa. Scattered showers developed in western Iowa and moved east through the day, leaving very light totals at several stations; Swisher (Johnson County) registered 0.01 inch, while Le Mars collected 0.07 inch. Saturday (13<sup>th</sup>) morning was unseasonably warm, with lows in the mid to upper 60s at most locations under clear skies. Afternoon conditions were hot, with highs in the mid to upper 90s; the statewide average temperature was 93 degrees, 17 degrees above normal. Patchy fog was reported in eastern Iowa around sunrise on Sunday (14<sup>th</sup>), with light east to southeasterly winds and temperatures in the mid to upper 60s.

The weekly precipitation totals ranged from no accumulation at many Iowa stations to 1.22 inches in Elma (Howard County). The statewide weekly average precipitation was 0.10 inch, while the climatological normal is 0.85 inch. Davenport (Scott County) reported the week’s highest temperature of 99 degrees on the 13<sup>th</sup>, 22 degrees above normal. Several stations reported the week’s lowest temperature of 35 degrees on the 8<sup>th</sup>, on average 16 degrees below normal.

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals  
September 08, 2025 to September 14, 2025



Accumulated Precipitation (in)  
September 08, 2025 to September 14, 2025



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/>