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Farmers had 4.8 **days suitable for fieldwork** to during the week ending July 6, 2025, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service.

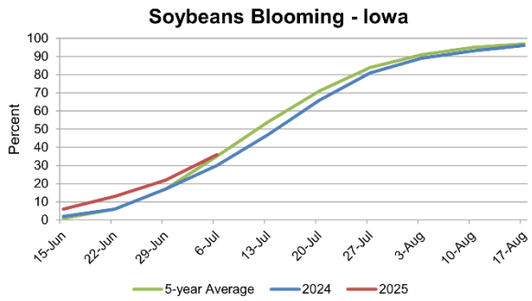
Topsoil moisture condition rated 1 percent very short, 10 percent short, 73 percent adequate and 16 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 3 percent very short, 14 percent short, 73 percent adequate and 10 percent surplus.

Corn silking reached 15 percent, matching last year, but 2 days ahead of the five-year average. A few reports of corn reaching the dough stage were received. Corn condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 percent poor, 12 percent fair, 62 percent good and 24 percent excellent. **Soybeans** blooming reached 36 percent, 3 days ahead of last year and 1 day ahead of average. Nine percent of soybeans were setting pods. Soybean condition rated 1 percent very poor, 2 percent poor, 18 percent fair, 60 percent good and 19 percent excellent. Iowa's **oat crop** reached 94 percent headed and 55 percent turning color. Oats harvested for grain reached 9 percent complete. Oat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 percent poor, 11 percent fair, 71 percent good and 17 percent excellent.

The State's second cutting of **alfalfa** hay reached 53 percent complete and a few producers have started on the third cutting. **Hay condition** rated 84 percent good to excellent. **Pasture condition** rated 71 percent good to excellent. Livestock conditions were generally good despite the heat and high humidity.

Crop Condition as of July 6, 2025

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	0	2	12	62	24
Hay, all	0	2	14	63	21
Oats	0	1	11	71	17
Pasture and range	1	3	25	59	12
Soybeans	1	2	18	60	19



Crop Progress as of July 6, 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 silking	13	17	8	4	25	29	7	7	22	15	3	15	10
Hay, alfalfa, 2nd cutting	50	27	46	57	63	58	61	60	42	53	30	32	37
Oats headed	96	94	92	95	98	97	97	96	85	94	90	95	95
Oats coloring	32	63	43	48	60	82	62	66	65	55	39	60	50
Oats harvested for grain	2	6	5	6	22	27	7	2	20	9	4	7	3
Soybeans blooming	42	31	17	24	56	61	19	18	47	36	22	30	35
Soybeans setting pods	6	1	0	2	17	33	5	2	15	9	4	4	4

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of July 6, 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	4.7	3.8	4.4	4.2	4.8	5.7	5.1	5.3	5.8	4.8	2.7	3.5
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture												
Very short	0	0	0	3	0	1	3	0	1	1	1	0
Short	7	1	1	9	3	10	36	0	33	10	9	4
Adequate	75	66	80	71	83	83	59	84	61	73	69	77
Surplus	18	33	19	17	14	6	2	16	5	16	21	19
Subsoil moisture												
Very short	1	0	1	11	1	3	4	0	0	3	2	0
Short	12	1	5	22	5	12	38	7	39	14	15	6
Adequate	76	65	87	59	85	83	58	84	59	73	70	77
Surplus	11	34	7	8	9	2	0	9	2	10	13	17

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IOWA PRELIMINARY WEATHER SUMMARY

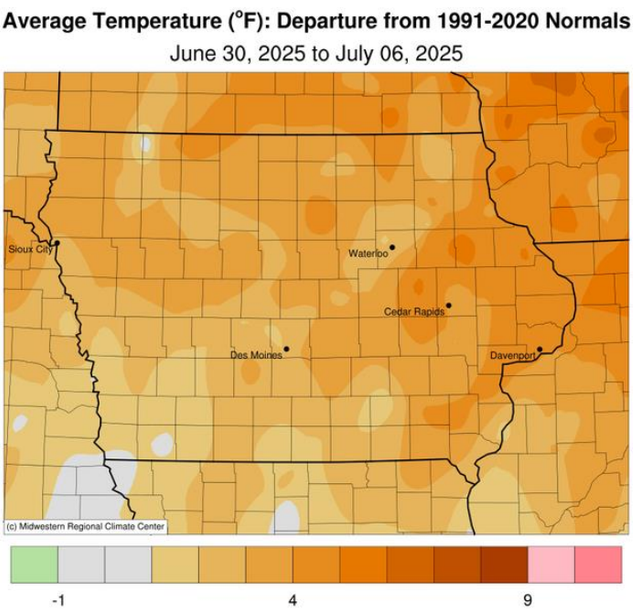
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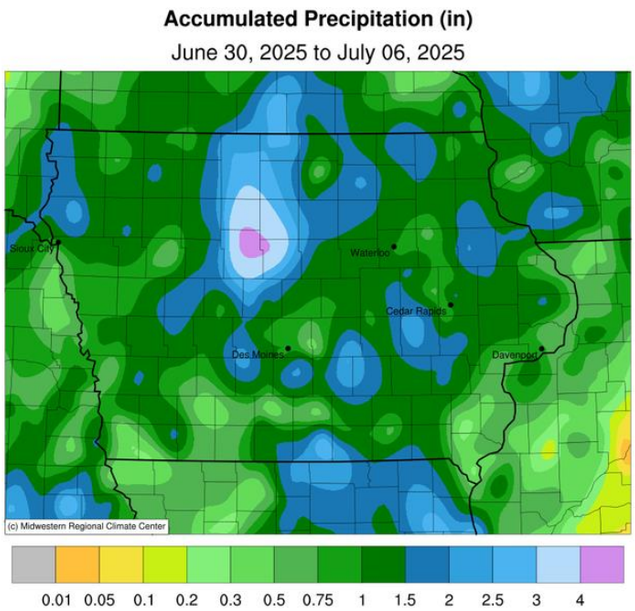
Unseasonably warm and wet conditions continued into the first week of July with many stations observing positive departures in the 0.50-1.00 inch range; portions of southeast and southwest Iowa were slightly below normal. The warmest conditions were found in eastern Iowa with the statewide average temperature at 76.4 degrees, 3.2 degrees above normal.

Morning thunderstorms across western and southern Iowa dissipated by Sunday (29th) afternoon, which was mostly sunny with light winds and temperatures in the low to mid 80s. Thunderstorms refired along a cold front in northeastern Iowa and held together into the early hours of Monday (30th) before falling apart. Skies continued to clear with morning lows in the upper 60s and low 70s and patchy fog in western Iowa. Rain amounts were highest in southern and northeast Iowa where many stations collected more than an inch; Elkader (Clayton County) reported 1.14 inches while Promise City (Wayne County) observed 2.61 inches. With a dome of high pressure centered over the Upper Midwest, daytime temperatures on Tuesday (1st) held in the low to mid 80s with lower humidity and light northwesterly winds. Nighttime skies remained clear with a small pocket of showers pushing into southwestern Iowa by daybreak. As of 7:00 am on Wednesday (2nd) only a handful of stations reported a trace or more with 0.28 inch in Leon (Decatur County). Morning lows varied from the mid 60s to low 70s though conditions warmed into the mid 80s, helped along by sunshine and southerly flow. Isolated thunderstorms popped in northeastern Iowa as the sun set, with two cells becoming severe warned for hail and gusty winds. A few more cells moved into northwestern Iowa several hours later but dissipated in the early morning. Rain totals covering the previous 24 hours were more prevalent northeast and southwest with 0.38 inch in Lime Springs (Howard County) and between 0.45 to 0.60 inches in Council Bluffs (Pottawattamie County).

Thursday (3rd) was unseasonably warm with partly cloudy skies and southerly winds boosting temperatures in the upper 80s and low 90s. Instability in eastern Iowa helped thunderstorms bubble into the late evening hours, some of which produced localized tree and outbuilding damage in Grundy and Jones counties. Stations from east-central to northeast Iowa reported a few tenths of an inch though several stations measured totals nearing an inch; Garwin (Tama County) had 0.65 inch with a 0.86-inch total in Independence (Buchanan County). Friday (4th) dawned pleasantly with temperatures in the low 70s under cloudless skies. Conditions were ideal for Independence Day fireworks after a muggy afternoon of highs in the upper 80s. Cloud cover gradually increased over western Iowa into Saturday (5th) as a cold front pushed east through Iowa. Several waves pushed across central to eastern Iowa as the day progressed, leading to several pockets of higher-end rain totals, particularly south-central to north-central Iowa. Event totals were at or above one inch for more than 200 stations and more than double for 40 stations. The highest totals were found in east-central to north-central Iowa; Fort Dodge (Webster County) registered 4.76 inches with 5.19 inches in Pella (Marion County) and statewide average at 1.15 inches. Winds swung to the north behind the front as clouds cleared west to east. Morning temperatures on Sunday (6th) varied from mid 60s northwest to low 70s southeast.

Weekly precipitation totals ranged from 0.22 inch in Salem (Henry County) to 5.19 inches in Pella. The statewide weekly average precipitation was 1.36 inches; the normal is 1.08 inches. Ames (Story County) reported the week's high temperature of 95 degrees on the 3rd, 11 degrees above normal. Several stations reported the week's low temperature of 57 degrees on the 1st, on average six degrees below normal.





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/