

Northwest of Storm Lake

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Past Weeks Rainfall	0 to .3 inches
Soil Moisture	Could use a rain in some areas
Temperature	Below average
Crop Progress	Crops are behind schedule depending on planting date

Corn



Soybeans



Crop Stage	Early planted corn is at early dent stage. Late planted is still in dough stage.
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Crop Stage	Most beans are at beginning seed (filling pods)
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Yield Potential	Reduced potential on late planted, good potential on most
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Yield Potential	Average
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Corn Market

Soybean Market

Current Prices	3.70	Current Prices	7.99
Fall Prices	3.51	Fall Prices	7.98
Past Weeks Trend	4 cents higher so far (this week)	Past Weeks Trend	21 cents higher so far (this week)

Comments:

Weather has been nice most of August but also fairly dry. Temps were on the cool side which is good and bad. It helped reduce stress in dry areas and extends the grain fill period, however slowing down development isn't all positive especially this year. Crops are behind in maturity, so an early (or even normal) frost date would be harmful to the late planted crops. The earlier planted crops should reach maturity by late September which is typically when we have our first frost. There are millions of acres nationally behind schedule and vulnerable to an early frost, this will be watched closely by the grain trade over the next month.

Corn that was planted by mid-May is just starting to dent. This is well behind last year crop, but not too far behind average. Corn is still adding dry weight (yield) at this stage, so weather will still impact yield good or bad. The somewhat cool weather is good during this stage for yield but will slow things down. We could have wet corn this fall if we don't have good drying weather in late September and October. Most corn is still 3 to 4 weeks from full maturity (black layer). The corn planted in June especially needs some warmer weather.

Soybeans could benefit from a little more rain in September, but they don't appear to be stressed at this time. The number of pods are generally down from the last two years, but we could get large beans to help compensate for that. It's hard to guess how soybeans will yield until harvest. They occasionally surprise us good or bad.

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