

Northwest of Storm Lake

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Past Weeks Rainfall	.25 to 1.5 inches
Soil Moisture	most areas have seen rain recently
Temperature	Average
Crop Progress	Crops are behind schedule depending on planting date

Corn



Crop Stage	Corn is in the dent stage. Most about half milk line
Yield Potential	Reduced potential on late planted, good potential on most

Corn Market

Current Prices 3.50

Soybeans



Crop Stage	Full seed, mostly all green leaves, but few early fields are starting to yellow.
Yield Potential	Average

Soybean Market

Current Prices 7.85

Fall Prices	3.30	Fall Prices	7.81
Past Weeks Trend	8 cents lower last week	Past Weeks Trend	11 cents lower last week

Comments:

We are seeing the first signs of fall with cooler nights, shorter days, and crops just starting to change color. Weather patterns in this area have generally turned wetter and warmer recently which is beneficial to crops at this point. We were on the dry side, so rain was welcome. However, it would have been more valuable a few weeks ago. The two week outlook shows a continuation of above average rainfall and temps. We hope the rainfall amounts continue to be moderate as we move toward harvest.

Corn that was planted by mid-May is still 16 to 20 days from full maturity, which isn't too far off normal. The June planted corn won't reach maturity until early October, so it will be more susceptible to frost damage. When corn reaches maturity it's still 30% moisture, we like to see it under 20% to harvest if possible. We will need good drying conditions in October to avoid expensive drying bills this fall. There is a wide range of yield prospects this year (just within this NW Region). The best corn seems to be toward the south part of this region on well-drained farms. This area didn't have as much trouble during planting season also.

Soybeans are also progressing toward maturity. The planting date doesn't change the maturity date of soybeans as much as it does on corn. Some of the early varieties are just starting to turn yellow, so those farms should be ready to harvest by the last week or so of September which is about normal. Wet weather could push the start date later. There seems to be fewer pods this year generally.

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