

Northwest of Storm Lake

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Past Weeks Rainfall	0 to 1.5 inch
Soil Moisture	Most areas need rain
Temperature	Warmer than average
Crop Progress	Crops are growing quickly

Corn

Soybeans



Crop Stage	Pollination will start soon
Yield Potential	Average

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Corn Market

Soybean Market

Current Prices	\$3.07
Fall Prices	\$3.07
Past Weeks Trend	9 cents higher last week

Current Prices	\$8.47
Fall Prices	\$8.20
Past Weeks Trend	27 cents higher last week

Comments:

Weather has been hot and mostly dry over the past few weeks. Rainfall was very spotty during that time. The northern section of our territory like Lyon, Osceola, and Dickinson counties had more rain than areas to the south or east. Parts of Western Iowa are rated as "Abnormally Dry" on the U.S. Drought Monitor. The high plains of Western Kansas and Colorado are in Severe or Extreme Drought. The extended two week outlook remains hot but may have improving chances for rainfall after 10 days (weather models continue to evolve).

Some corn is very near pollination, and most will start in the next week. This will determine the number of kernels that can develop, so it's not good timing for a blast of hot, dry weather. On the positive side, corn conditions are currently good on nearly all farms. Some farms are starting to show signs of stress. Overall there is still very good potential in this year's corn crop. We are hoping for a rain soon and cooler temperatures.

Soybean growth has been slow and steady this season. They are in generally good shape. The recent heat and dry weather is causing stress and slowing growth. Beans are flowering now and soon will start making pods. They continue adding new growth, flowers, and make pods all at the same time for or at least a month (into late August), so they are fairly resilient to short term stress. If soybeans get favorable weather later this summer they can add significant yield.

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