

Weekly Crop Progress and Condition Report

Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig commented on the Iowa Crop Progress and Condition Report released by the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.

The report is released weekly April through November. Additionally, the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship provides a weather summary each week during this time.

“Our hearts go out to the Iowans and communities that suffered damage caused by the severe weather over the weekend. As they begin a long process of recovering and rebuilding, the outpouring of support from fellow Iowans is a reminder of how truly special our state and its people are,” said Secretary Naig. “The widespread weekend rain will likely pause some planting progress, but with an active weather pattern continuing as we head into May, farmers will be eager to get back in the field when conditions are right.”

The weekly report is also available on the USDA’s website at nass.usda.gov.

Crop Report

Although the week began with dry weather, by Friday severe storm systems brought cooler temperatures and rain which allowed Iowa farmers 4.2 days suitable for fieldwork during the week ending April 28, 2024, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service.

The storms also brought tornadoes and hail to areas of the State. Corn, soybean, and oat planting advanced early in the week, but came to a halt for most as storms arrived.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 5 percent very short, 17 percent short, 68 percent adequate and 10 percent surplus. Recent rains led to just 22 percent short to very short for the state’s topsoil versus 37 percent as of April 21, 2024.

Subsoil moisture condition rated 14 percent very short, 27 percent short, 53 percent adequate and 6 per-

cent surplus.

Corn planted reached 39 percent complete, 4 days ahead of last year and 3 days ahead of the 5-year average. Two percent of the expected corn crop has emerged.

Twenty-five percent of the expected soybean crop has been planted, 4 days ahead of last year and 5 days ahead of the average.

Ninety percent of the expected oat crop has been planted, 5 days ahead of last year and 9 days ahead of the 5-year average.

Fifty-three percent of the oat crop has emerged, 8 days ahead of last year.

Pastures and hay ground continued to green up, but

warmer temperatures would aid in growth.

Reports were received of cattle being turned out onto pasture.

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Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE
Sun Valley Lake Rural Improvement Zone plans to submit a Notice of Intent to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to be covered under the NPDES General Permit No. 2 - Storm Water Discharge Associated with Industrial Activity for Construction Activities.
The storm water discharge will be from dredging and sediment spoil grading of an existing sediment pond located along an unnamed tributary along County Rd J20 between 300th Ave and 130th St in Ellston, IA, located in the NE ¼ S20, T70N, R28W, Ringgold County.
Storm water will sheet flow across the site and will be discharged to the following streams: site drainage to unnamed tributary to Sun Valley Lake to Sand Creek.
Comments may be submitted to the Storm Water Discharge Coordinator, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Services Division, 502 E 9th St, Des Moines IA 50319-0034. The public may review the Notice of Intent from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the above address after it has been received by the department.

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RAIDER EVENTS

Wednesday, May 1
6:00 A.M.: Weight Training @ Mt. Ayr High School Gym
6:00 A.M.: Sparks Practice @ Mt. Ayr High School Gym
9:00 A.M.: Mt. Ayr FFA Livestock/Horse Judging Contest @ TBD
9:00 A.M.: Varsity Girls Golf, Pride of Iowa Championships @ Bedford Golf Club Inc.
5:00 P.M.: Spraks Tryouts @ Mt. Ayr High School
6:00 P.M.: Young Guns Travel SB @ Mt. Ayr High School

Thursday, May 2
6:00 A.M.: Weight Training @ Mt. Ayr High School
4:30 P.M.: Varsity Boys/Girls Track & Field Mark Larsen Coed Invite @ Mt. Ayr High School Raider Stadium

Friday, May 3
6:00 A.M.: Weight Training @ Mt. Ayr High School
4:00 P.M.: Varsity Boys/Girls Golf vs Hamburg Charter and Shenandoah @ Mt. Ayr Golf & Country Club
4:15 P.M.: MS Boys/Girls Track & Field SWV MS Track Meet @ Southwest Valley Football Field

Saturday, May 4
9:00 A.M.: MS Boys State 7th Grade Championships @ Waukee Stadium
9:00 A.M.: MS Boys State 8th Grade 1A/2A Championships @ Waukee Stadium
9:00 A.M.: MS Girls State 1A/2A Championships @ Waukee Stadium

Sunday, May 5
Nothing Scheduled

Monday, May 6
6:00 A.M.: Weight Training @ Mt. Ayr High School
4:00 P.M.: Varsity Girls/Boys Golf, Quad @ Lenox Municipal Golf Course
4:30 P.M.: Varsity Boys/Girls Track & Field @ Central Decatur High School.

Tuesday, May 7
6:00 A.M.: Weight Training @ Mt. Ayr High School

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