

Spring rainfall improves drought conditions

Drought conditions have improved across the state despite below-normal rainfall in April, according to the latest Water Summary Update.

After a wetter-than-normal March, April saw below-average precipitation across all regions of the state. However, recent spring rains have helped alleviate drought and abnormally dry conditions across Iowa. April's average statewide precipitation was 3.33 inches, or 0.34 inches below normal. The state also experienced warmer weather, with statewide temperatures averaging 50 degrees, or 1.4 degrees warmer than normal.

At the end of April, Iowa's Drought Plan dry conditions improved or remained the same in all drought regions except the southeast, which only degraded slightly. A drought watch issued in March for the northeast region has been removed as severe drought has significantly decreased. Conditions remain stable in the other drought regions, with the entire state carrying a normal drought designation.

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor (USDM), just over half of Iowa continues to experience abnormally dry conditions or drought conditions.

The May precipitation outlook from the National Weather Service's Climate Prediction Center indicates a chance of below-average precipitation across the northeast and eastern half of the state, and an equal chance for above, below, or near-average precipitation for the rest of the state. Reduced rainfall in May could raise concerns about deteriorating conditions.

"Drought and dry conditions improved across the state due to spring rain in March and April, but most notably in northeast, west, and central Iowa. The drought watch issued in March for northeast Iowa has been removed. The National Weather Service precipitation outlooks predict an equal chance for the entire state for above, below, or normal precipitation for much of the state through July," said Jessica Reese McIntyre, DNR Environmental Specialist.

For a thorough review of Iowa's water resource trends, visit www.iowadnr.gov/water-summaryupdate

News from the Taylor County Courthouse

RECORDER'S OFFICE April 30

Renay M. Cabbage to Renay M. Cabbage, trustee of the Renay M. Cabbage Family Trust, 26-69-35, quit claim deed.

Red Cherry Properties LLC to Terasa Dessie Marie Debar, Clearfield, quit claim deed.

May 2

William Gene Shuler, John Myron Shuler, and Catherine Shuler Conner, co-trustees of the Henry W. Shuler and Carol J. Shuler Revocable Trust to John Myron Shuler, 8-70-34, trustee warranty deed.

John Myron Shuler a/k/a John Shuler and Dawn Shuler to John and Dawn Shuler, 8-70-34, 5-70-34, quit claim deed.

May 5

Paul E. Ackley to Paul E. Ackley, trustee of the Paul E. Ackley Revocable Trust, 13-67-33, quit claim deed.

In the matter of the Estate of Loy Marie Combs a/k/a Mickey Combs, deceased, to Tabitha Sue Wilson and Brooks Donald Wilson, 5-68-33; 6-68-33; 8-68-33, court officer deed

May 7

Joel J. Hardee a/k/a Joel Joseph Hardee or Joel Hardee and Tecia M. Hardee a/k/a Tecia Hardee to Joel J. Hardee and Tecia M. Hardee as trustees of the Joel and Tecia Hardee Family Trust, 23-68-34; 2-67-35; 3-67-35; 9-67-35; 34-68-35; 35-68-35, quit claim deed.

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Taylor County Dispatch Logs

Wednesday, April 30

8:39 a.m. caller asking if anyone has reported fuel being stolen out of barrels
10:24 a.m. page Lenox ambulance
10:37 a.m. caller stating no helicopter is needed

11:55 a.m. Century Link emergency call service
2:03 p.m. controlled burn
8:45 p.m. page Lenox ambulance
8:57 p.m. caller responding to ambulance call

Thursday, May 1

12:40 a.m. received several emergency notifications then notified it did not affect Taylor County
6:56 a.m. phantom call
9:37 a.m. pocket dial
10:13 a.m. caller for sheriff
11:19 a.m. caller about being harassed and threatened

12:06 p.m. controlled burn
3:46 p.m. caller about child being threatened
5:34 p.m. caller about subject yelling and screaming and under the influence

7:22 p.m. caller about a cow
8:40 p.m. caller lost a bag of money
Friday, May 2

3:52 a.m. page New Market ambulance
5:21 a.m. vehicle lock out
8:13 a.m. caller letting deputies know she won't be staying at residence
6:52 p.m. caller for welfare check

8:10 p.m. caller about a fire
8:11 p.m. caller about fire stating it is controlled
8:31 p.m. deputy calling and gave message

9:18 p.m. deputy going to check out a vehicle blocking the road
Saturday, May 3

8:31 a.m. page Bedford ambulance and Gravity first responders

1:33 p.m. break in reported
5:01 p.m. pocket dial
5:34 p.m. vehicle fire reported but no need for firetruck

5:42 p.m. caller about a vehicle parked in front yard

6:35 p.m. controlled burn
6:47 p.m. caller about a stolen vehicle

6:57 p.m. caller about a stolen vehicle

9:12 p.m. caller about a vehicle that hit a deer and is in the ditch
9:23 p.m. update on vehicle involved in a hit and run in Union county

9:41 p.m. caller about a no contact order and stuff missing
10:26 p.m. report of vehicle in the ditch

11:19 p.m. page Lenox ambulance

11:45 p.m. Life Net with ETA

Sunday, May 4

1:03 a.m. Lenox ambulance for times and run number
2:18 a.m. Life Net letting crew know patient made it hospital just fine

2:46 a.m. deputy about a suspicious vehicle

8:37 a.m. controlled burn
11:47 a.m. controlled burn

12:13 p.m. page Bedford ambulance

12:27 p.m. caller about an assault

12:45 p.m. caller reporting theft

2:34 p.m. hang up
3:01 p.m. accident apple watch dial

5:24 p.m. accidental dial
6:58 p.m. caller wanting a deputy to come do a report on stolen items

7:22 p.m. caller for deputy about subject

7:56 p.m. caller about a dog tangled up in hose and tree limb

9:29 p.m. caller about suspicious person
Monday, May 5

1:32 a.m. caller concerned about a fire hazard

7:32 a.m. Nodaway County is bringing a male to the state line as he is trying to get to Des Moines

7:52 a.m. Nodaway County just dropped of subject
9:52 a.m. caller for welfare check

1:05 p.m. caller about subject laying face down on the ground

1:07 p.m. caller stating

subject is ok

1:07 p.m. page Bedford ambulance and Blockton first responders

1:45 p.m. deputy about welfare check

4:41 p.m. caller needing a report taken

4:54 p.m. caller for sheriff

5:00 p.m. caller for sheriff

5:26 p.m. caller for a civil standby

5:27 p.m. caller about papers needing served

6:27 p.m. caller asking for a deputy to stay around clinic

6:30 p.m. caller for civil standby is ready for deputy to come

7:04 p.m. accidental dial

7:10 p.m. accidental dial

8:10 p.m. controlled burn

10:33 p.m. abandoned 911 call

Tuesday, May 6

3:43 a.m. caller for deputy because a car alarm is going off

4:58 a.m. deputy relaying information on car alarm

7:48 a.m. controlled burn

11:14 a.m. page New Market ambulance

1:54 p.m. Lenox school will be doing a fire drill

5:13 p.m. caller asking to have a reminder sent out with evening test page

5:18 p.m. caller reporting car broken down and will get it tomorrow morning

6:17 p.m. caller asking for a deputy to stay by business

7:26 p.m. caller reporting threat to take items sitting outside of business

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