

LINCOLN (AP)—Cooler weather reduced stress on Nebraska's crops recently but slowed development of corn.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture says progress in the state's corn crop was about a week behind average as of mid-August.

Recent rain helped raise soil moisture figures. Statewide, topsoil moisture rated 54 percent adequate or surplus, 3 percentage points higher than the week before. Subsoil moisture was 34 adequate or surplus, compared with 30 percent the week before.

About 67 percent of the state's corn crop rated good or excellent. Corn silking was 90 percent complete, compared with 99 percent on average.

Soybeans were rated 71 percent good or excellent.