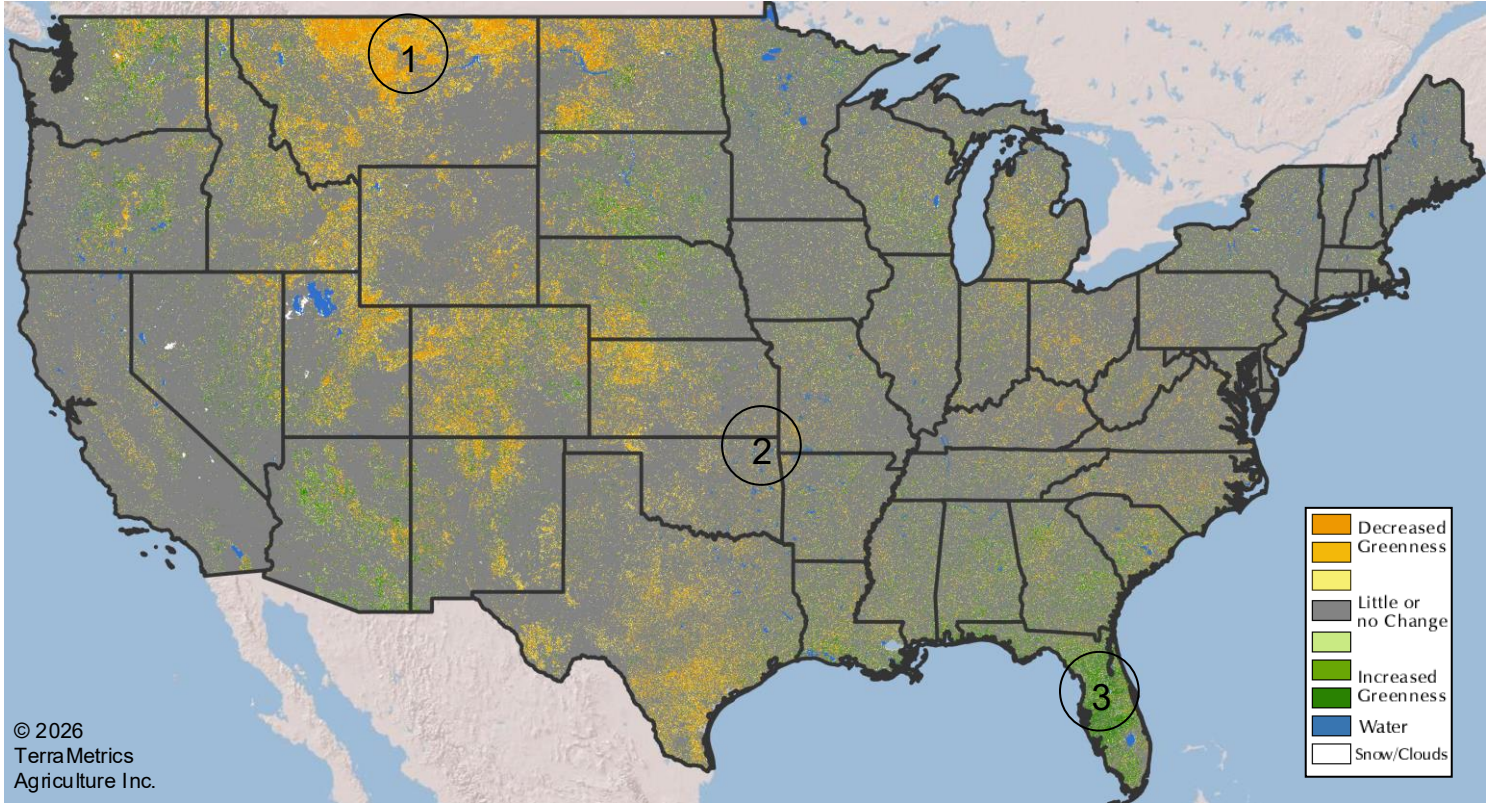


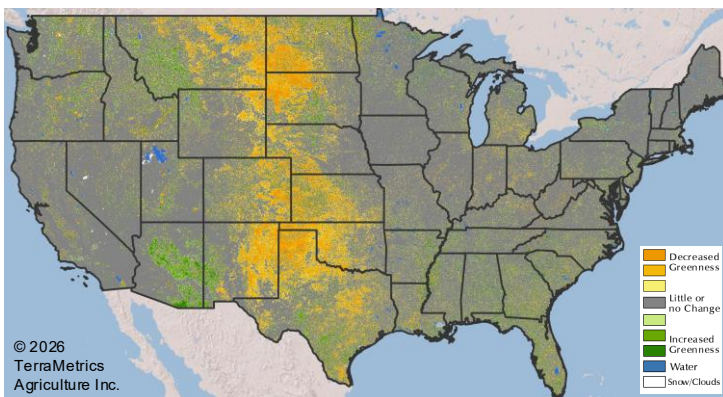
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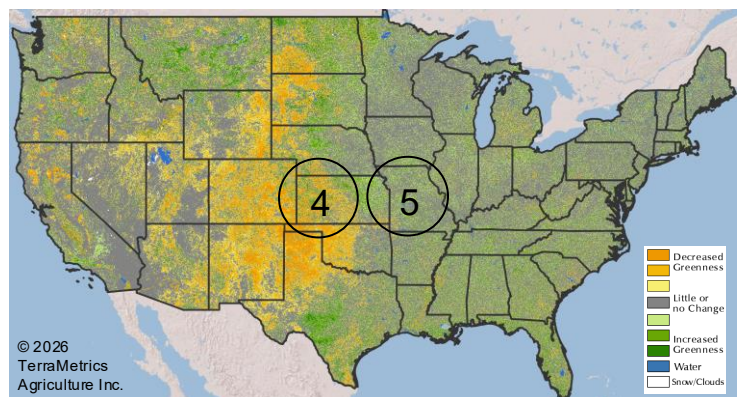


1. Northern Montana shows a pronounced decline in greenness relative to the previous period, reflecting the influence of smoke and haze from regional wildfire activity.
2. In the central US, weekly temperatures averaged 10°F above normal across portions of Kansas, Oklahoma, and Missouri, contributing to the establishment of monthly temperature records at several locations.
3. Typical summertime sea-breeze thunderstorms produced 1 to 2 inches of rainfall across central Florida.
4. Persistent dryness across the western US continues to expand eastward into the High Plains.
5. A pronounced east-west divide remains in place, characterized by wet conditions and variable temperatures in the East, and hot, dry conditions in the West.

DIFFERENCE from LAST YEAR



DIFFERENCE from AVERAGE



USDA CROP CONDITIONS Week of August 17, 2026

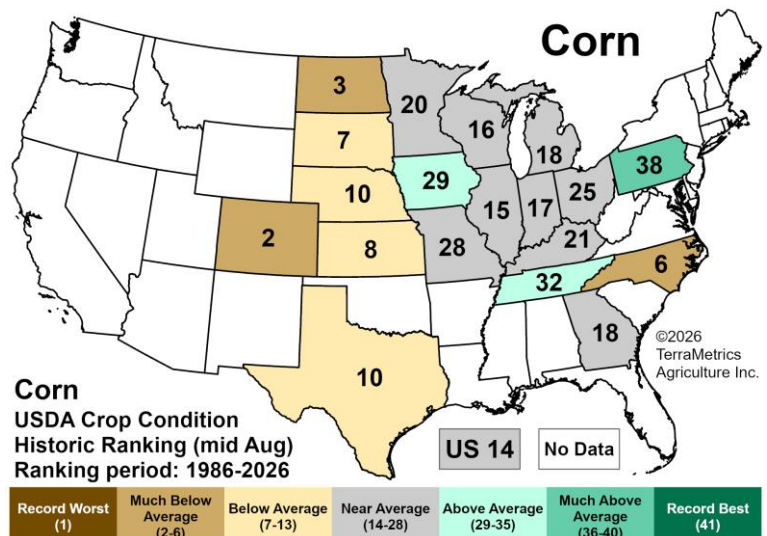
The tables below contain crop condition percentages from the most recent state-level USDA crop progress reports released 8/17/26 for the top-10 corn and soybean states. **For comparison, numbers from last week (8/10/26) are shown in parentheses.**

"Historic Rank" was determined by compiling nearby condition rating since the mid-1980s and evaluating how the latest 2026 condition ratings stack up.

USDA CORN CROP CONDITIONS

State	VP-P	F	G-E	Historic Rank*
IA	6 (6)	16 (16)	78 (78)	29 (27)
IL	11 (11)	30 (28)	59 (61)	15 (15)
NE	16 (14)	25 (29)	59 (57)	10 (9)
MN	9 (8)	25 (21)	66 (71)	20 (25)
IN	10 (8)	29 (26)	61 (66)	17 (21)
SD	28 (25)	28 (28)	44 (47)	7 (8)
KS	29 (23)	29 (30)	42 (47)	8 (11)
OH	5 (5)	29 (33)	66 (62)	25 (22)
MO	9 (9)	25 (24)	66 (67)	28 (29)
WI	11 (10)	22 (21)	67 (69)	16 (16)
US	15 (14)	25 (25)	60 (61)	14 (15)

* 1 = worst, 41 = best



USDA SOYBEAN CROP CONDITIONS

State	VP-P	F	G-E	Historic Rank*
IL	10 (10)	31 (31)	59 (59)	15 (14)
IA	5 (6)	17 (17)	78 (77)	31 (30)
MN	8 (6)	25 (22)	67 (72)	22 (27)
IN	10 (8)	29 (27)	61 (65)	18 (20)
NE	10 (11)	27 (27)	63 (62)	17 (17)
MO	8 (7)	33 (31)	59 (62)	29 (31)
OH	7 (6)	32 (35)	61 (59)	27 (23)
SD	22 (20)	29 (25)	49 (55)	8 (8)
ND	22 (27)	44 (42)	34 (31)	3 (3)
KS	14 (10)	32 (31)	54 (59)	17 (19)
US	10 (10)	29 (28)	61 (62)	22 (22)

* 1 = worst, 41 = best

