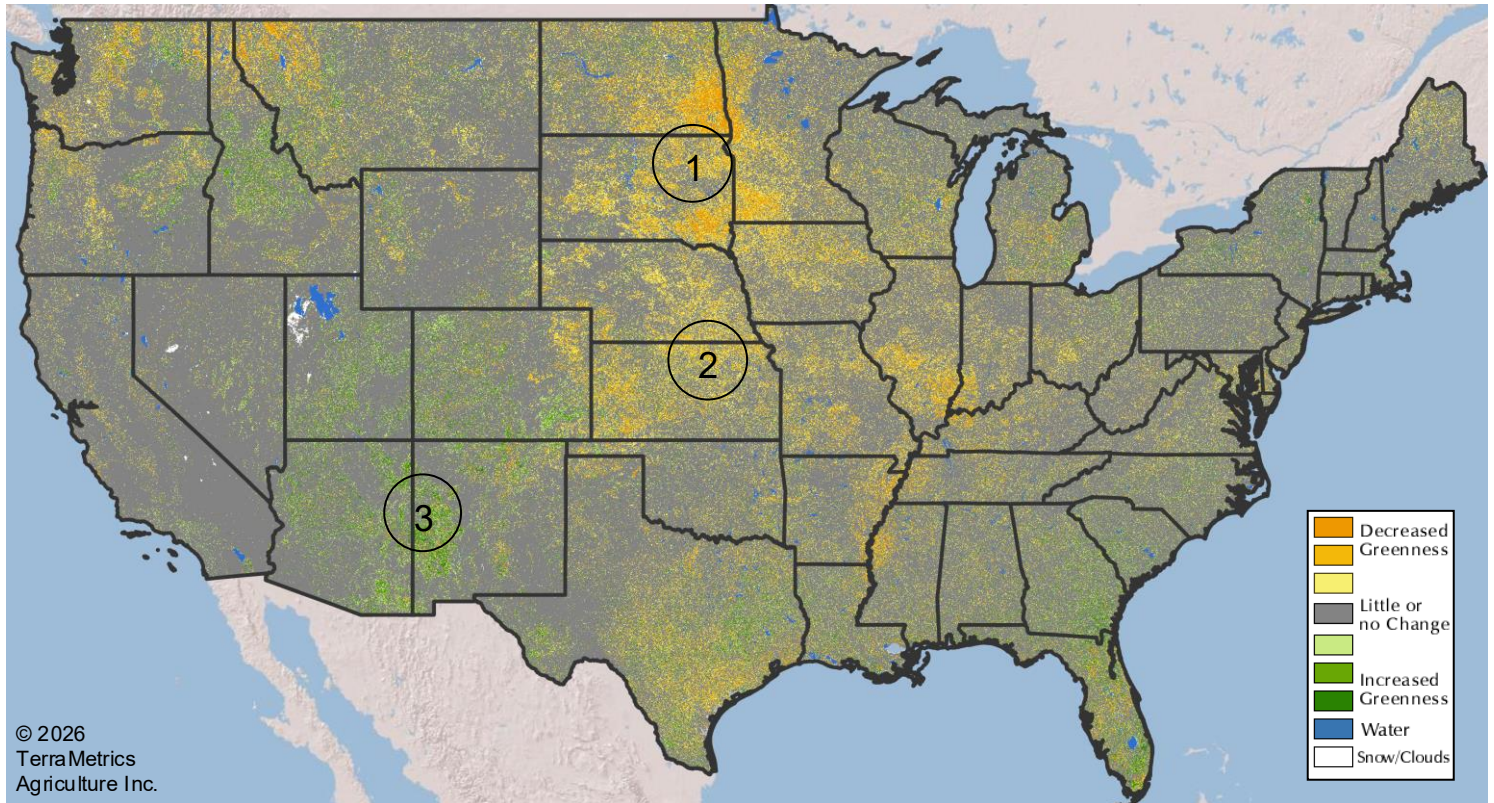


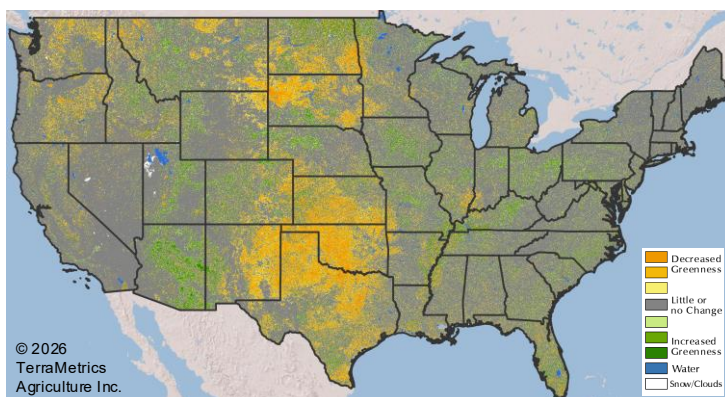
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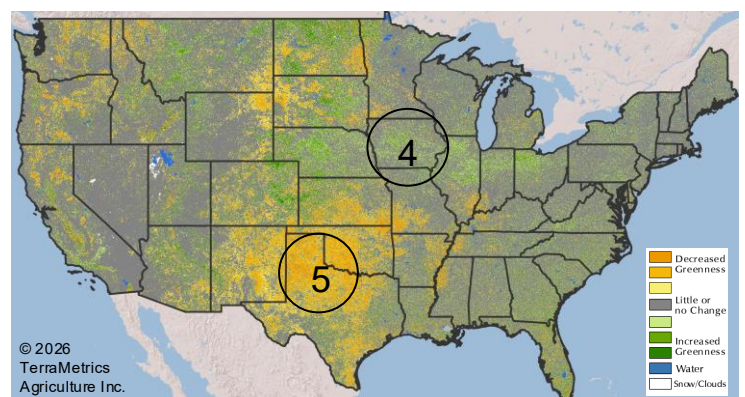


1. A large portion of the Northern Plains continues to experience moderate to severe drought. Despite these challenges, more than 80% of the spring wheat harvest is complete.
2. Across the Central Plains, temperatures averaging 5-10°F above normal have increased stress on maturing crops, while more than half of all pasture and rangeland are rated in poor to very poor condition.
3. The North American monsoon delivered a notable late-season surge of moisture this past week, bringing much-needed rainfall and cooler temperatures to parts of the Southwest.
4. Throughout the Corn Belt, August and early September saw above-average rainfall.
5. The Southern Plains continue to experience persistent heat and exceptionally dry conditions, with temperatures and precipitation deficits remaining well above and below seasonal averages, respectively.

DIFFERENCE from LAST YEAR



DIFFERENCE from AVERAGE



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USDA CROP CONDITIONS

Week of September 14, 2026

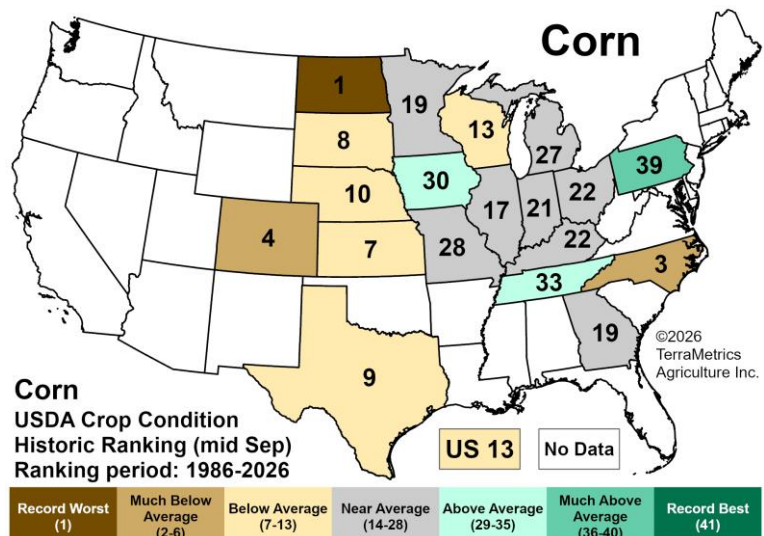
The tables below contain crop condition percentages from the most recent state-level USDA crop progress reports released 9/14/26 for the top-10 corn and soybean states. **For comparison, numbers from last week (9/8/26) are shown in parentheses.**

"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	7 (6)	17 (17)	76 (77)	30 (29)
IL	13 (13)	29 (32)	58 (55)	17 (18)
NE	15 (17)	30 (30)	55 (53)	10 (10)
MN	14 (14)	29 (28)	57 (58)	19 (17)
IN	10 (10)	29 (28)	61 (62)	21 (20)
SD	33 (26)	31 (32)	36 (42)	8 (8)
KS	35 (37)	23 (22)	42 (41)	7 (7)
OH	7 (7)	25 (32)	68 (61)	22 (24)
MO	10 (10)	25 (27)	65 (63)	28 (29)
WI	14 (14)	25 (24)	61 (62)	13 (13)
US	17 (17)	26 (27)	57 (56)	13 (13)

* 1 = worst, 41 = best



USDA SOYBEAN CROP CONDITIONS

State	VP-P	F	G-E	Historic Rank*
IL	13 (12)	30 (31)	57 (57)	19 (17)
IA	7 (7)	19 (18)	74 (75)	28 (27)
MN	13 (13)	30 (31)	57 (56)	16 (13)
IN	10 (10)	29 (27)	61 (63)	20 (20)
NE	8 (11)	28 (25)	64 (64)	22 (21)
MO	11 (12)	32 (33)	57 (55)	30 (28)
OH	8 (8)	28 (34)	64 (58)	29 (25)
SD	27 (21)	30 (31)	43 (48)	4 (8)
ND	32 (32)	44 (40)	24 (28)	3 (3)
KS	29 (29)	32 (34)	39 (37)	10 (10)
US	13 (13)	29 (29)	58 (58)	23 (23)

* 1 = worst, 41 = best

