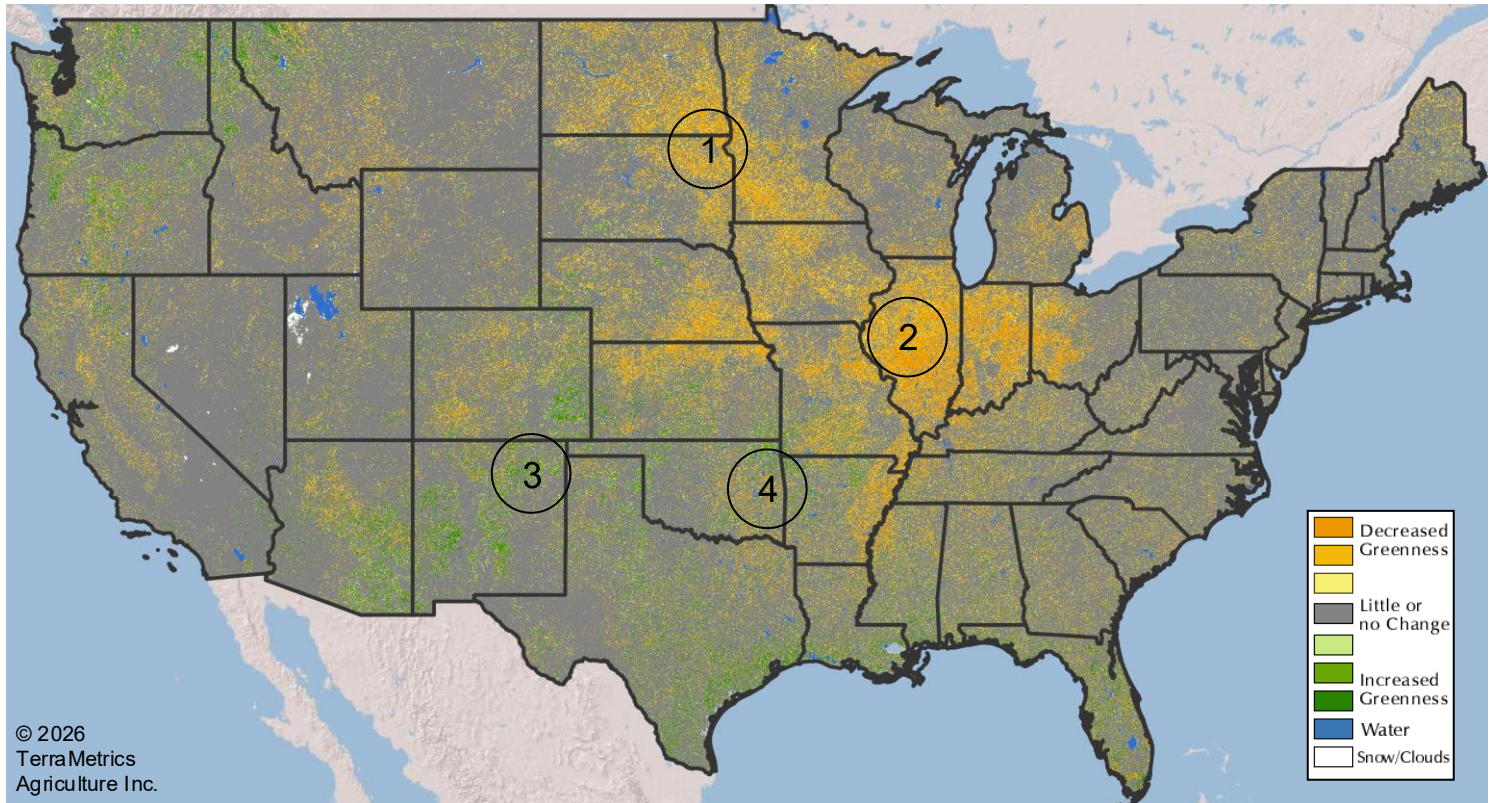


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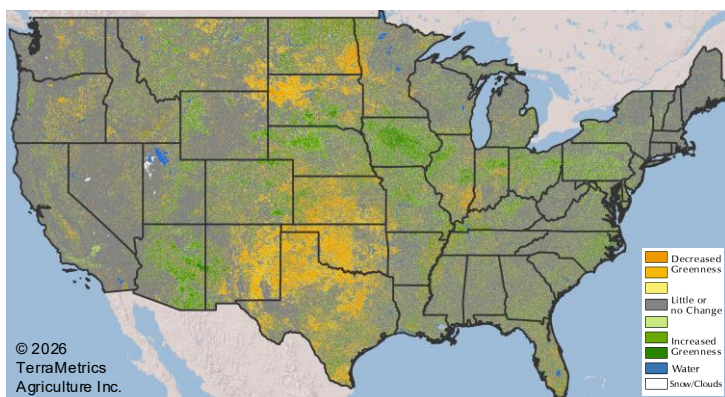
Highlights... Changes Since Last Week

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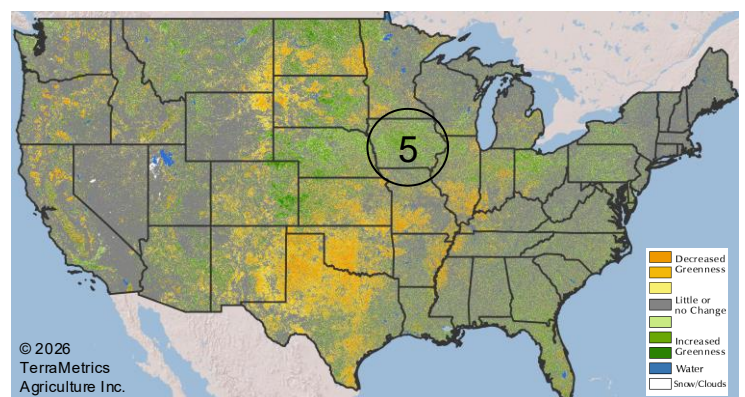


1. In the northern plains, with the spring wheat harvest effectively complete, corn and soybeans are rapidly reaching maturity across South Dakota, North Dakota, and Minnesota.
2. In the Corn Belt, approximately 60% of the corn crop has reached physiological maturity, with more than 90% progressing through the dent stage.
3. A late-season surge in monsoonal activity is underway as a persistent upper-level ridge funnels deep tropical moisture northward from Mexico into New Mexico, Colorado, and western Texas.
4. The Southern Plains and portions of the southern Corn Belt experienced temperatures 5 to 15°F above normal.
5. Excessive rainfall across the central Corn Belt has produced precipitation totals well above normal, with September trending historically wet in localized areas.

DIFFERENCE from LAST YEAR



DIFFERENCE from AVERAGE



USDA CROP CONDITIONS

Week of September 21, 2026

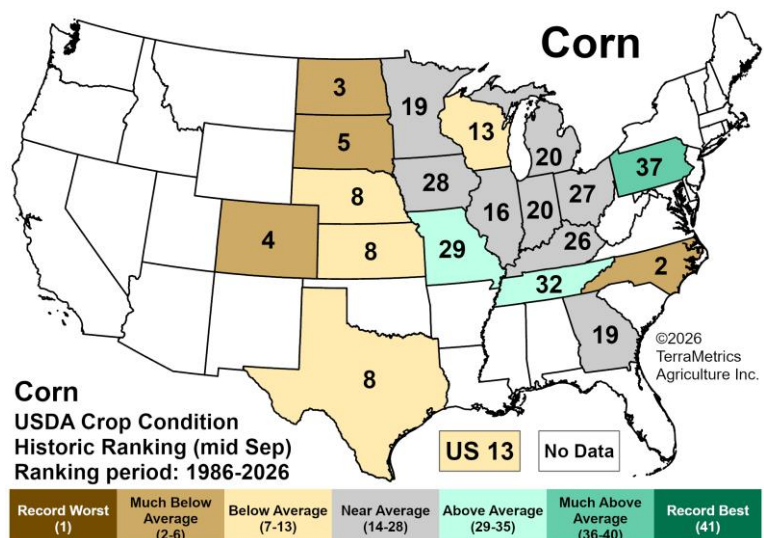
The tables below contain crop condition percentages from the most recent state-level USDA crop progress reports released 9/21/26 for the top-10 corn and soybean states. **For comparison, numbers from last week (9/14/26) are shown in parentheses.**

"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 (7)	17 (17)	76 (76)	28 (30)
IL	14 (13)	29 (29)	57 (58)	16 (17)
NE	18 (15)	30 (30)	52 (55)	8 (10)
MN	13 (14)	27 (29)	60 (57)	19 (19)
IN	10 (10)	29 (29)	61 (61)	20 (21)
SD	33 (33)	32 (31)	35 (36)	5 (8)
KS	33 (35)	27 (23)	40 (42)	8 (7)
OH	6 (7)	25 (25)	69 (68)	27 (22)
MO	9 (10)	23 (25)	68 (65)	29 (28)
WI	14 (14)	25 (25)	61 (61)	13 (13)
US	17 (17)	26 (26)	57 (57)	13 (13)

* 1 = worst, 41 = best



USDA SOYBEAN CROP CONDITIONS

State	VP-P	F	G-E	Historic Rank*
IL	13 (13)	30 (30)	57 (57)	19 (19)
IA	6 (7)	19 (19)	75 (74)	26 (28)
MN	12 (13)	29 (30)	59 (57)	17 (16)
IN	12 (10)	27 (29)	61 (61)	20 (20)
NE	11 (8)	25 (28)	64 (64)	20 (22)
MO	11 (11)	30 (32)	59 (57)	31 (30)
OH	7 (8)	28 (28)	65 (64)	29 (29)
SD	25 (27)	33 (30)	42 (43)	5 (4)
ND	27 (32)	40 (44)	33 (24)	3 (3)
KS	31 (29)	32 (32)	37 (39)	11 (10)
US	14 (13)	28 (29)	58 (58)	22 (23)

* 1 = worst, 41 = best

