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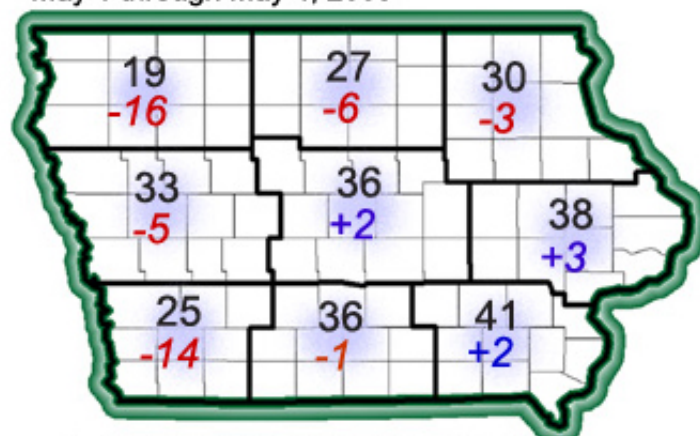
ICM News

*May 5, 2008*

**By Rich Pope, Department of Entomology**

Today the first weekly report of base 50°F degree-day accumulations is posted for the 2008 Iowa crop season. Statewide, the first four days of May have accumulated degree days at the long-term average, but that follows a cooler-than-normal April.

Base 50°F Degree Days,  
May 1 through May 4, 2008



Top number: accumulated degree days  
Bottom number: departure from average

Base-50°F degree day accumulation per day the first week of May ranges from on average, around 10 in northern Iowa to roughly 12 in the southern third.

As of May 5, the USDA reported 18 percent of corn planted in Iowa, with the bulk of that happening in western counties.

For those who follow the degree day accumulations prior to May 1, the following table shows data by crop reporting district.

Reporting district	April 10 to May 1	April 20 to May 1
NW	103	73
NC	98	75
NE	111	84
WC	121	89
Central	118	91
EC	149	104
SW	139	103
SC	139	104
SE	164	115

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