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Abstract

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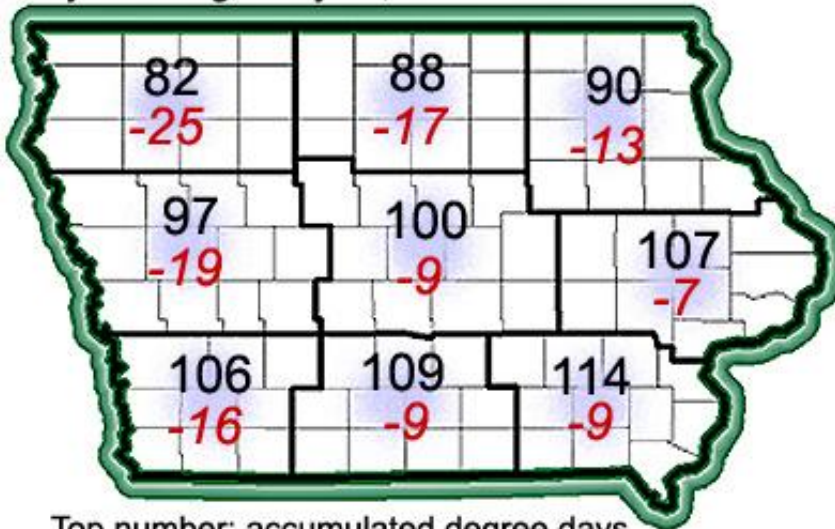
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A few soybean fields were planted, with posted statewide estimates of 4 percent of soy acres planted.

Base 50°F degree days
May 1 through May 11, 2008



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

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