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Otto visits about the significance of agriculture to Iowa's economy where one out of every six jobs are related to agriculture and says 20 Iowa counties have over 50 percent of their jobs related to agriculture.

Taylor says current rainfall isn't all bad. At the beginning of this week all regions of the state needed at least four inches of precipitation before Nov. 1 to have near normal subsoil moisture levels going into winter.

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