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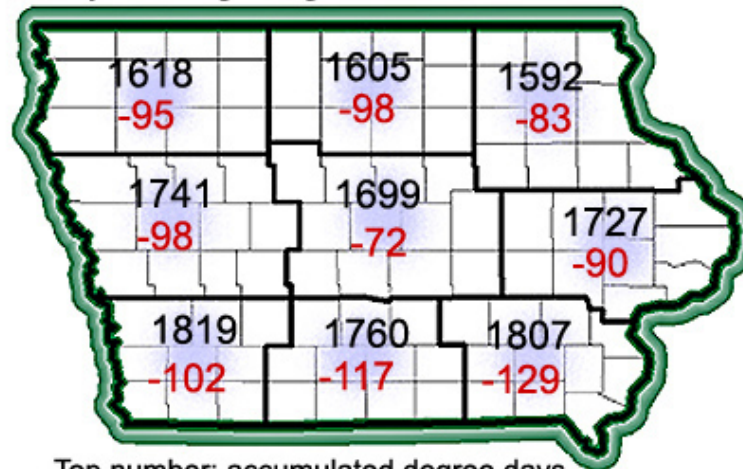
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Base 50°F degree days  
May 1 through August 3, 2008



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

Our outlook for August is that if we can maintain occasional rains and stay warm but away from triple digit heat, especially with night temperatures in the 60s, a good crop should be possible.

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