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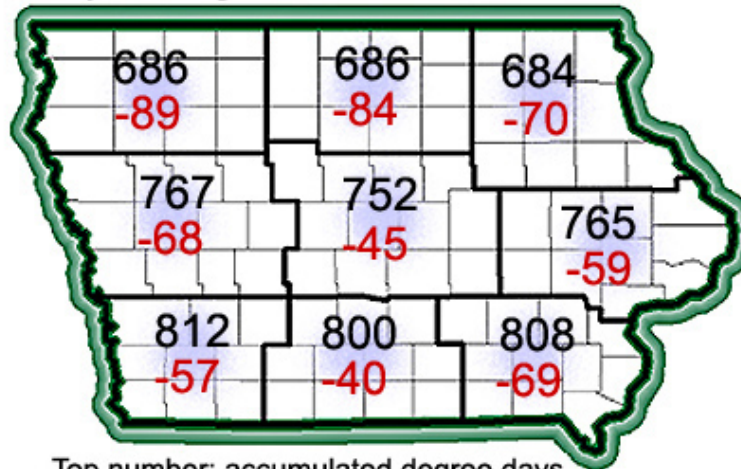
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Base 50°F degree days
May 1 through June 22, 2008



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

The big three agronomic questions facing Iowa remain weed control issues, nitrogen fertilization concerns related to the flooding and saturated soils, and replant decisions. In some cases, agronomically sound decisions have been tempered by pressure for corn production arising from contract agreements. Early frost concerns increase more each day with mid-to late-June planted or replanted corn.

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