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### **Abstract**

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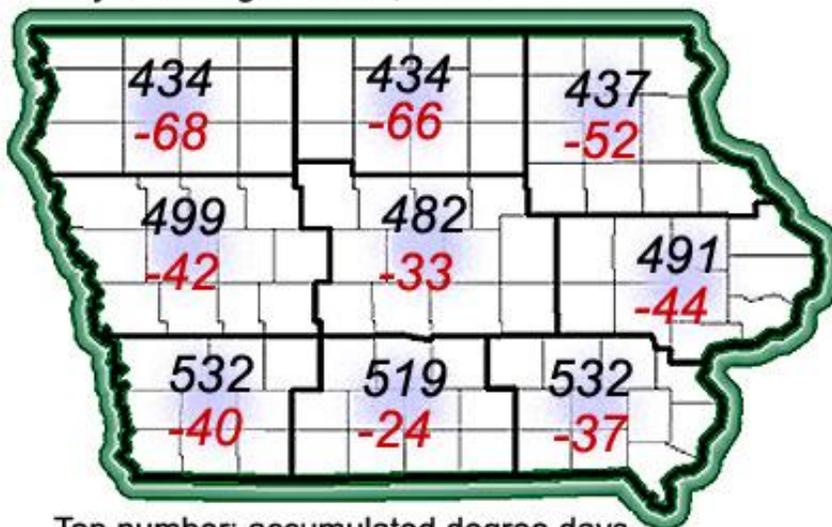
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Base 50°F degree days  
May 1 through June 8, 2008



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

Seasonal accumulations are now just slightly behind normal (since May 1). Because of the significant field delays now, keep an eye on the *Integrated Crop Management News* site for articles on specific concerns. These include late planting and replant considerations, potential losses of nitrogen from waterlogged fields, weed problems exacerbated by the delays, and prevented planting options.

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