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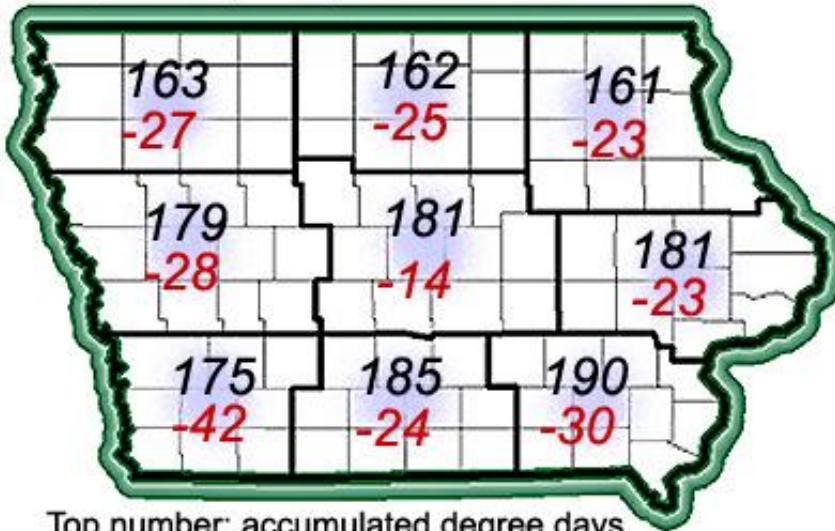
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Over the weekend, ISU Extension Field Agronomist Kyle Jensen reported black cutworm damage in a south-facing field in southwestern Iowa. Refer to the articles posted on Friday, May 16 for predicted cutting dates and a discussion of economic thresholds for black cutworm.

Base 50°F degree days
May 1 through May 18, 2008



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

For the next 10 days (May 19 through May 28), historical average base-50°F degree-day accumulations are 13 per day for the northern three tiers of Iowa counties, 14 for the central three tiers, and 15 for the southern three tiers.

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