Degree days - Crops in Good Condition Despite Cool Temperatures

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Base 50°F degree days
May 1 through May 31, 2009

As we projected, black cutworm larvae were large enough to damage corn in southern Iowa by May 25 - with light black cutworm feeding on corn noted last week in southeast and south central Iowa. These infestations have been light and sporadic, but they warrant monitoring.

Weedy fields are a concern statewide. Timely and appropriate weed management, especially in no-till fields, can be economically significant.

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