

Pro Farmer 2026 Crop Tour Results

COMPLETED STATES • 2026 VS 2025 COMPARISON

CORN YIELD POTENTIAL

BU / ACRE

OVERALL TREND

169.1

4-STATE AVG, 2026

2026

2025

▼ 7.7%

vs 183.3 in 2025

unweighted desk avg

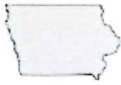
STATE	LEG	2026	2025	YOY	OBSERVATIONS
South Dakota	Western	149.09	174.18	-14.4%	Barren stalks and tip back from drought and heat stress
Ohio	Eastern	180.18	185.69	-3.0%	Late planted, waterlogged fields; variable maturity
Nebraska	Western	163.61	179.50	-8.9%	Ear count 86.2, down from 91.0, tip back
Indiana	Eastern	183.54	193.82	-5.3%	Grain length and ear count below last year

CRITICAL DAY 3 / 4 WATCH



ILLINOIS

Day 3 (Wed) - tonight



IOWA

Day 4 (Thu)

Illinois and Iowa carry the largest acreage on Tour, and both land before Friday's national estimate.

KEY DRIVERS

WESTERN LEG • HEAT STRESS

SOUTH DAKOTA, NEBRASKA

Drought and warm overnight temperatures drove tip back, blank stalks, and early canopy shutdown. Corn took the bigger hit; soybeans held up better.

EASTERN LEG • EXCESS MOISTURE

OHIO, INDIANA

Saturated soils and late planting pushed maturity behind normal and raised disease pressure. Both states still need dry weather to finish grain fill.

SOYBEAN POD COUNTS

OVERALL TREND

1,168

4-STATE AVG, 2026

2026

2025

▼ 1

vs 1,300 in 2025

unweighted

STATE	LEG	2026	2025
South Dakota	Western	945.98	1,188.45
Ohio	Eastern	1,186.30	1,287.28
Nebraska	Western	1,219.62	1,348.31
Indiana	Eastern	1,318.64	1,376.59

SOUTH DAKOTA



-14.4%

NEBRASKA



-8.9%

OHIO



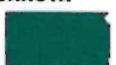
-3.0%

INDIANA



-5.3%

SOUTH DAKOTA



-20.4%

NEBRASKA



-9.5%

OHIO



-7.0%

TOUR METHODOLOGY

Scouts count ears and measure grain fill across two 30 foot corn rows, and count pods in a 3 foot by 3 foot soybean square, across 2,000+ fields in 7 states.

UPCOMING

Illinois (Wed) tonight, Iowa (Thu), Pro Farmer final national estimate Friday, August 21. Pod counts indicate potential, not final yield.

SOURCE

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