

**Subject:** Bumper Crops Vanish for Many Iowa Farmers

**Summary:** Combines are in the fields now across the nation's corn and soybean belt, but all is not well in Iowa, the state that figured to rank first in corn and soybean production. Dry mid-summer weather is cutting into the harvest.

**Suggested Lead:** Fall harvest is underway in the nation's corn and soybean belt, but for Iowa farmers the early results are disappointing. Stewart Truelsen reports from eastern Iowa.

**TRT:** 1:46

**Suggested Supers:**

Gary Eden  
Iowa Farmer  
@:07

Brian Hora  
Iowa Farmer  
@:44

Stewart Truelsen  
Reporting  
@1:20

Catherine Miller  
Iowa Farm Bureau Regional Manager  
@1:29

Note: Iowa stations or others wanting more information for name keys—Eden's farm is in Johnson County, Iowa; Hora is in Washington County; Miller is located in Des Moines County.

**Anchor Tag:** Iowa should still retain its number one status this year in corn production, but will likely fall behind Illinois and into the number two spot for soybeans.

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**Stewart Truelsen Reporting**  
**September 25, 2003**

<p>Combine entering soybean field/ Harvest and bean shots/</p>	<p>VO/  AS COMBINES ENTER FIELDS, GUESSES ABOUT THE SIZE OF THE HARVEST ARE GIVING WAY TO THE TRUTH.</p>
<p>Farmer in cab of combine  <b>Gary Eden</b> <b>Iowa farmer</b></p>	<p>SOT/  WE'RE HARVESTING THE BEANS; I'M A LITTLE BIT DISAPPOINTED IN THE YIELD. I THOUGHT THAT THESE LOOKED LIKE THEY WOULD BE BETTER THAN THEY ARE.</p>
<p>Combine head on shot/</p>	<p>VO/  GARY EDEN IS MAKING 30 BUSHEL TO THE ACRE FROM THIS SOYBEAN FIELD, NOT THE 50 BUSHEL ANTICIPATED EARLIER.</p>
<p>Eden sound bite  Dumping beans/</p>	<p>SOT/  WE HAD A GOOD PLANTING SEASON, NO WEATHER DELAYS. EARLY JULY IT LOOKED LIKE A BUMPER CROP ALL THE WAY THROUGH. AS RAIN WAS LESS AND LESS OUR HOPES BEGAN TO DIMINISH IN THIS AREA.</p>
<p>Combine in cornfield/ Zoom into corn being dumped into truck/</p>	<p>VO/  CORN HANDLED LACK OF MID-SUMMER RAINFALL BETTER THAN SOYBEANS, BUT THE GOVERNMENT IS TRIMMING PRODUCTION ESTIMATES FOR BOTH IN IOWA AND THE NATION AS A WHOLE.</p>
<p><b>Brian Hora</b> <b>Iowa Farmer</b>  Sound bite</p>	<p>SOT/  THIS IS SOME OF THE AREA THAT'S A LITTLE MORE STRESSED. THE EARS ARE NOSED BACK A LITTLE. YOU CAN TELL THEY'RE A LITTLE</p>

Examining corn as he talks	SOFT. THE DIAMETER ISN'T THERE AT ALL ON THEM. TWIST THEM AND THEY'RE SOFT. BREAK THEM OPEN AND THOSE KERNELS ARE NOWHERE NEAR THE SIZE THEY SHOULD BE.
Yield monitor in cab of combine/	VO/ BRIAN HORA'S CORN CROP IS YIELDING ANYWHERE FROM 85 TO 185 BUSHEL AN ACRE.
Sound bite/ Hora driving combine	SOT/ IT'S PRETTY ENCOURAGING TO KNOW THAT WE CAN STILL RAISE 175, 180 BUSHEL CORN OR BETTER WITHOUT REALLY HAVING MUCH RAIN FROM THE FIRST WEEK OF JULY UNTIL THE END OF AUGUST.
Combine at end of field and turning around/ Miller walking in bean field/	VO/ PRODUCTION ISN'T THE ONLY THING BEING TRIMMED, HOWEVER. FARMERS IN CROP-STRESSED AREAS FACE A SERIOUS LOSS OF INCOME.
<b>Catherine Miller</b> <b>Iowa Farm Bureau Regional Manager</b>	SOT/ A LOT OF THE GUYS ARE REAL FLUSTERED. WE HAD AN AWESOME CROP COMING ON DOWN HERE. A LOT OF THESE GUYS FINANCIALLY NEEDED TO HAVE THE BUSHEL COMING IN. THE LAST FIVE OR SIX YEARS, ROW CROP FARMING HAS NOT BEEN VERY GOOD AT ALL.
Pull focus on soybeans in field	VO/ IN EASTERN IOWA, I'M STEWART TRUELSEN.

