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UI researches create map showing flood risk across Iowa farmland

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IOWA CITY, Iowa (Iowa's News Now) — New research from the IIHR-Hydrosience and Engineering at the University of Iowa is looking into the flood risk to farmland across Iowa.

The researches used flood maps from the Iowa Flood Center, data from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to create the crop-flood risk analysis.

The main findings included that nearly 450,000 acres of Iowa farmland are located in a two-year flood return period. That means there is a 50% chance it will flood each year. In addition, Iowa agriculture see crops losses on average of \$230 million a year.

As planting season begins, a new study presents the first comprehensive assessment of Iowa cropland at risk for flooding.

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More detailed information on the research can be found here:
<https://now.uiowa.edu/2022/04/ui-researchers-create-map-showing-flood-risk-iowa-farmland>

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