

## PELLA TULIP FESTIVAL CONCERNS

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Organizers of the Tulip Time festival in Pella have been worrying about the late-winter warm spell.

The annual Tulip Time festival runs May 3-5, but all three varieties already have broken from the ground.

It usually takes six weeks from breaking ground for tulips to reach their full, glorious color.

All three varieties of tulips have already broken through, and the festival begins in seven weeks.

Randy Sikkema has been planting tulips in Pella for more than 20 years. He says it would have been better if there were 4 inches of snow on the ground and two more weeks of cold weather.

Not this year, as several Iowa spots hit record highs again on Thursday.