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LIMITED HARVEST PROGRESS

Cool, wet weather limited harvest progress again last week, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. Statewide, 1.9 days were suitable for fieldwork. Since October 5th, on average, less than 2 days have been rated suitable for fieldwork per week, statewide. Producers harvesting corn and soybeans reported wet fields and high grain moisture levels. Soybeans were 44 percent harvested compared to 91 percent last year and the five-year average of 93 percent. The statewide average grain moisture of soybeans being harvested was 16 percent. Corn harvest advanced 3 percentage-points to 6 percent harvested, 22 points behind last year and 42 points behind average. Sugarbeets were 71 percent harvested, 16 points behind last year's pace and 22 points behind average. Dry bean harvest advanced 1 point to 88 percent harvested, while reporters noted little to no sunflower harvest activity leaving progress at 20 percent harvested, unchanged from a week ago.

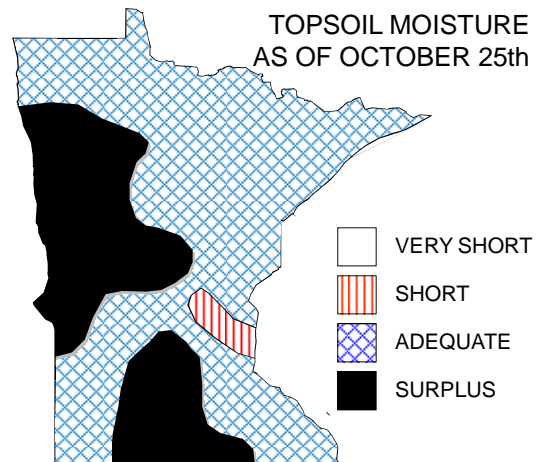
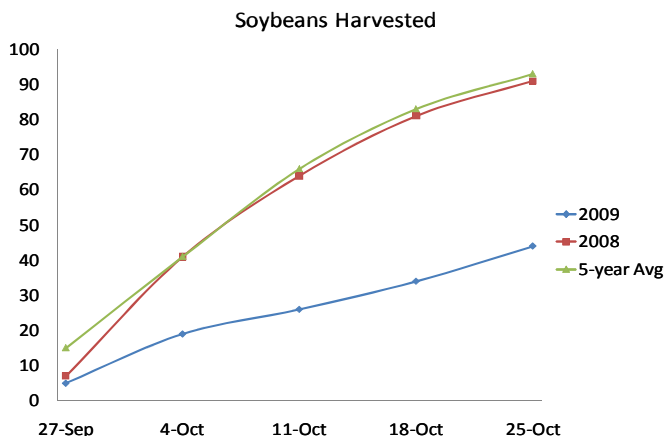
Crop condition ratings declined last week. Soybeans rated good to excellent fell 4 points to 63 percent while corn fell 3 points to 70 percent good to excellent. Sunflowers were rated 54 percent good to excellent down from 55 percent a week ago.

Average temperatures were below normal at nearly all reporting stations. On Monday, temperatures were warmer with daytime highs ranging from the low 50s to low 60s. However, clouds and rain held high temperatures in the 30s and 40s for many locations the remainder of the week. A large area of rain spread over central and southern Minnesota Tuesday night and continued into Wednesday. More snow fell across parts of east central and southeastern Minnesota on Friday. Soil moisture supplies were rated 54 percent adequate and 41 percent surplus. Just 2 percent of the state's topsoil moisture supply was rated surplus on September 27th.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork: 1.9				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	----- Percent -----			
Topsoil Moisture	0	5	54	41

Crop Progress as of October 25, 2009					
Crop	Stage of Development	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
		----- Percent -----			
Corn	Harvested	6	3	28	48
Corn Silage	Harvested	96	94	100	100
Soybeans	Harvested	44	34	91	93
	Moisture	16	15	13	12
Dry Beans	Harvested	88	87	100	99
Sugarbeets	Harvested	71	60	87	93
Sunflowers	Harvested	20	20	39	47

Condition as of October 25, 2009					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc
	----- Percent -----				
Pasture	7	14	34	42	3
Soybeans	3	6	28	50	13
Corn	2	5	23	54	16
Sunflowers	2	9	35	45	9



PRECIPITATION AND TEMPERATURES FOR THE WEEK ENDING October 25, 2009:
 Temperatures averaged from 2.8 degrees below normal in the North Central District to 0.7 degrees below normal in the Northwest Southeast Districts. Extremes: 18 degrees in International Falls; 71 degrees in Preston. Average precipitation ranged from normal in the Northwest District to 2.20 inches above normal in the Southeast District. Greatest weekly total of 3.55 inches was recorded in Winona.

For a map of Minnesota's precipitation, please see the Minnesota Climatology Group's website; <http://climate.umn.edu/doc/weekmap.asp>.

Precipitation and Temperature Summary for 10/19/2009 through 10/25/2009

	Temperature				Precipitation			
	High	Low	Week Ave	Depart from Norm	Week Total	Depart Past Week	Four Weeks	From Norm Since 4/1
<u>NW DIST 1</u>								
Crookston	57	26	40.4	-.7	.44	.05	1.08	2.47
Moorhead	53	25	40.0	-2.4	.74	.32	2.46	-2.33
Warroad	64	24	40.3	.9	0	-.37	-1.34	.02
<u>NC DIST 2</u>								
Grand Rapids	51	25	37.3	-3.9	1.38	.79	-.08	-5.12
Intl. Falls	48	18	34.2	-4.8	.06	-.34	-.77	-4.38
Itasca	56	25	38.2	-.6	1.09	.54	1.14	-3.18
<u>NE DIST 3</u>								
Duluth	49	29	38.3	-2.7	1.85	1.36	1.27	-5.16
Grand Marais	58	30	40.8	-1.6	.64	.10	-.65	-5.84
Hibbing	50	20	36.4	-3.0	1.03	.52	-.61	-7.14
<u>WC DIST 4</u>								
Alexandria	54	28	40.5	-1.9	1.01	.55	2.13	-7.01
Browns Valley	67	28	41.8	-2.1	1.01	.62	4.02	3.77
Canby	66	30	43.1	-3.1	.90	.43	3.69	-2.30
Dalton	61	30	41.4	-2.1	1.22	.77	2.40	-.47
Montevideo	64	27	42.2	-2.2	.94	.51	4.01	1.68
Morris	64	27	41.3	-1.9	.96	.44	3.25	-4.07
<u>CENT DIST 5</u>								
Becker	62	27	42.8	-.7	.84	.37	2.23	-4.30
Hutchinson	63	27	43.4	-1.3	.80	.37	4.07	-1.22
Melrose	62	28	41.3	-1.9	1.22	.69	3.30	-.56
Olivia	64	25	41.1	-3.0	.67	.27	3.58	.44
St. Cloud	58	25	41.8	-.8	.96	.48	3.06	-1.46
Staples	58	25	40.4	-1.1	2.18	1.61	2.89	-1.22
Willmar	64	28	42.6	-1.3	.82	.35	3.88	-.61
<u>EC DIST 6</u>								
Aitkin	58	28	41.6	.1	1.41	.86	2.18	-1.92
Forest Lake	64	28	43.2	-1.7	1.27	.73	3.02	-5.83
Hinckley	58	25	40.3	-.8	1.00	.42	3.00	-.01
MSP Airport	58	31	44.2	-1.8	1.03	.56	2.90	-3.53
St. Paul - UofM	62	31	43.2	-4.5	.97	.42	3.07	-7.18
<u>SW DIST 7</u>								
Lamberton	64	28	43.2	-1.8	.99	.58	2.95	-1.16
Marshall	64	31	42.8	-2.4	.64	.21	3.72	-1.20
Pipestone	61	27	41.0	-2.8	1.16	.69	2.42	-1.03
Redwood Falls	58	30	42.8	-3.6	.88	.47	3.65	-4.25
Worthington	60	30	42.3	-1.5	1.33	.90	2.75	1.98
<u>SC DIST 8</u>								
Faribault	62	30	44.5	-.1	1.58	1.10	3.80	-1.28
Mankato	63	27	43.8	-1.8	1.27	.73	3.35	-7.48
Waseca	62	27	43.5	-1.4	2.11	1.56	3.98	-6.22
Winnebago	64	29	44.4	-1.8	2.32	1.78	4.30	-2.88
<u>SE DIST 9</u>								
Preston	71	32	45.5	.1	3.51	3.02	4.32	-.95
Red Wing	62	32	44.6	-1.0	2.17	1.73	3.76	-.01
Rochester	68	32	45.0	.7	2.83	2.36	4.24	-.05
Rosemount	63	28	43.2	-2.3	1.07	.53	3.42	-3.03
Winona	68	34	45.3	-1.1	3.55	3.09	5.21	1.36

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