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SOYBEAN HARVEST NEARLY COMPLETE

Soybean harvest was almost complete throughout Minnesota as of Sunday, November 2nd, according to USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. In the Red River Valley, surplus soil moisture limited harvest progress. Meanwhile, corn harvest across the state advanced 24 percentage points during the past week. Sugarbeet and sunflower harvests also progressed steadily.

The average temperature for the week was 42.1°, 3.2° above normal. Statewide topsoil moisture supplies as of Friday, October 31st, were 1 percent very short, 9 short, 79 adequate, and 11 surplus. Statewide, on average, there were 5.4 days suitable for fieldwork during the week.

As of Sunday, November 2nd, 54 percent of the corn crop was harvested, compared to 84 percent last year and 80 percent average. Soybean harvest reached 97 percent complete, compared to 96 percent last year and 97 percent average.

Sugarbeet harvest was at 94 percent complete, compared to 99 percent last year and average. Sunflower harvest reached 56 percent complete, compared to 77 percent last year and 76 percent average.

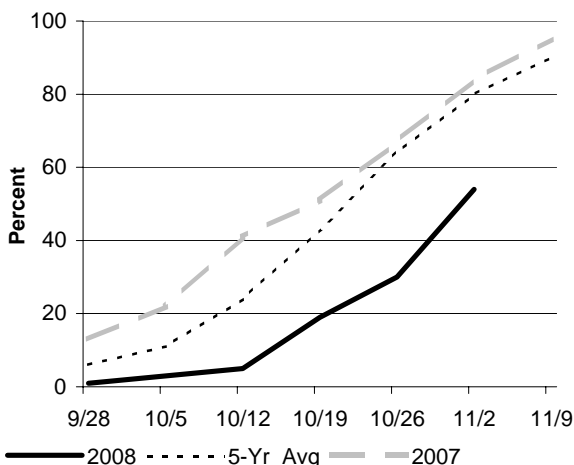
As of Friday, October 31st, 68 percent of corn was rated in good or excellent condition. Sixty-four percent of sunflowers and 38 percent of pasture were rated in good or excellent condition.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork: 5.4				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	----- Percent -----			
Topsoil Moisture	1	9	79	11

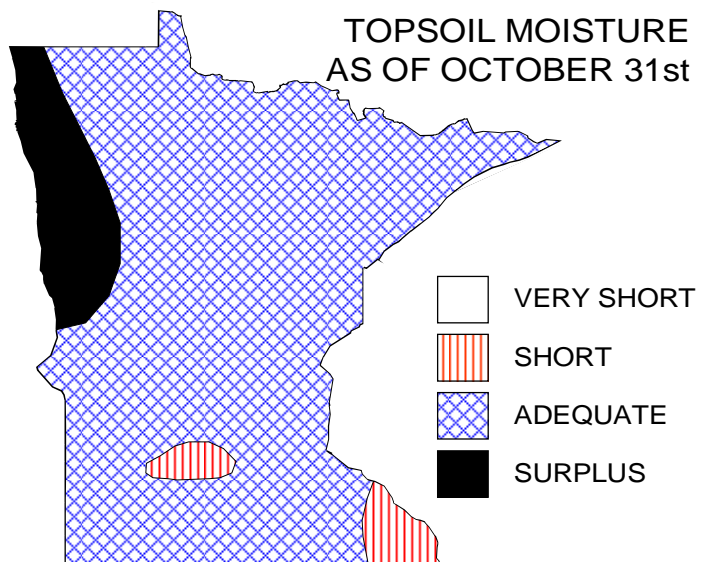
Crop Progress as of November 2, 2008					
Crop	Stage of Development	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
		----- Percent -----			
Corn	Harvested	54	30	84	80
	Moisture	21	23	16	18
Soybeans	Harvested	97	92	96	97
	Moisture	12	13	12	11
Sugarbeets	Harvested	94	88	99	99
Sunflowers	Harvested	56	40	77	76

Crop Condition as of October 31, 2008					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc
	----- Percent -----				
Corn	5	7	20	55	13
Sunflowers	1	9	26	49	15
Pasture	5	22	35	35	3

**CORN HARVESTED
SEPTEMBER 28 - NOVEMBER 9**



**TOPSOIL MOISTURE
AS OF OCTOBER 31st**



PRECIPITATION AND TEMPERATURES FOR THE WEEK ENDING November 2, 2008:
 Temperatures averaged from 1.3 degrees above normal in the South Central District to 4.8 degrees above normal in the Northwest District. Extremes: 19 degrees in International Falls, Pipestone, Waseca, Preston; 77 degrees in Redwood Falls. Precipitation averaged from 0.52 inch below normal in the East Central District to 0.26 inch below normal in the Northwest District. Greatest weekly total was 0.85 inch recorded in Waseca.

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 10/27/2008 through 11/2/2008

	Temperature				Precipitation			
	High	Low	Week Ave	Depart from Norm	Week Total	Depart Past Week	From Four Weeks	From Norm Since 4/1
<u>NW DIST 1</u>								
Crookston	68	24	40.2	4.2	.20	-.14	2.53	3.62
Moorhead	67	24	43.8	6.4	0	-.37	1.91	8.61
Warroad	66	23	38.2	3.6	.06	-.28	1.48	3.82
<u>NC DIST 2</u>								
Grand Rapids	69	23	41.8	5.2	0	-.52	.41	-.00
Intl. Falls	70	19	39.2	4.7	.01	-.36	.68	2.08
Itasca	65	22	36.2	2.1	.11	-.37	3.99	5.03
<u>NE DIST 3</u>								
Duluth	66	24	40.7	3.8	0	-.50	.63	1.79
Grand Marais	54	28	39.9	.9	.16	-.34	.51	7.02
Hibbing	69	20	39.2	4.2	.01	-.43	.43	-1.35
<u>WC DIST 4</u>								
Alexandria	66	24	44.5	6.8	0	-.41	1.97	.36
Browns Valley	70	21	41.6	2.3	0	-.37	2.41	5.73
Canby	73	26	42.9	1.3	0	-.46	2.23	-.76
Dalton	66	23	42.3	3.6	.20	-.20	2.25	4.44
Fergus Falls	65	23	41.0	3.4	.20	-.20	2.73	3.50
Montevideo	76	20	45.7	6.0	0	-.42	2.29	-.08
Morris	68	20	40.8	2.2	.01	-.44	2.12	-.17
<u>CENT DIST 5</u>								
Becker	70	24	41.3	2.3	.07	-.41	-.31	-1.47
Collegeville	73	25	46.9	5.8	0	-.50	.84	1.52
Hutchinson	72	22	42.7	2.5	.02	-.41	.04	-1.19
Melrose	71	22	41.3	2.6	.03	-.45	2.04	.58
Olivia	74	20	41.1	1.6	0	-.39	1.67	1.60
St. Cloud	70	20	42.7	4.5	0	-.45	.30	.28
Staples	66	21	38.7	1.9	.01	-.50	2.71	.99
Willmar	74	22	41.8	2.5	0	-.45	1.39	-2.35
<u>EC DIST 6</u>								
Aitkin	66	21	41.6	4.3	.06	-.46	1.02	-1.56
Forest Lake	71	22	42.5	1.9	0	-.53	-.64	-2.88
Hinckley	68	21	39.4	2.0	.01	-.56	.53	6.51
MSP Airport	71	27	46.2	4.6	0	-.48	-.13	-5.36
St. Paul - UofM	71	26	47.4	4.3	0	-.55	-.03	-7.47
<u>SW DIST 7</u>								
Lamberton	76	21	42.3	1.8	0	-.40	2.51	-1.40
Marshall	75	25	45.2	4.3	0	-.43	1.71	.64
Pipestone	71	19	40.8	1.5	0	-.44	3.09	.98
Redwood Falls	77	23	47.2	5.5	0	-.42	1.48	-1.01
Worthington	73	23	42.6	3.3	0	-.43	2.79	3.77
<u>SC DIST 8</u>								
Faribault	71	21	41.5	.9	.07	-.42	-.35	-3.38
Mankato	72	21	42.2	1.0	.02	-.51	-.01	-5.93
Waseca	71	19	42.2	1.6	.85	.28	.39	-2.55
Winnebago	74	21	43.4	1.6	.01	-.51	.65	-3.43
<u>SE DIST 9</u>								
Preston	69	19	41.2	-.1	.03	-.47	-.19	4.19
Red Wing	70	23	42.3	1.0	.05	-.39	-.42	-3.88
Rochester	72	23	46.0	5.9	0	-.49	.25	-.55
Rosemount	70	22	42.0	1.2	.13	-.44	-.24	-4.70
Winona	70	25	43.4	1.1	.05	-.44	-.82	-.16

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