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HARVEST PROGRESS CONTINUED DESPITE SNOW FLURRIES

Corn and soybean harvests continued with little interruption despite scattered snow flurries across the state, according to USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. The soybean harvest neared completion as nearly one-third of the soybean crop was harvested this past week. The corn harvest progressed rapidly toward the weekend and the dry bean harvest was nearly complete.

The average temperature for the week was 37.9°, 10.3° below normal. Temperatures dropped into the 20's and a low of 15° was recorded in Pipestone and Hibbing. Statewide topsoil moisture supplies as of Friday were rated 3% very short, 9% short, 86% adequate, and 2% surplus.

As of Sunday, October 15th, an estimated 28% of corn was harvested, 3 percentage points ahead of the five-year average. Corn crop condition was rated 67% good or excellent, a slight improvement from the previous week. Soybeans were 95% harvested, 22 percentage points ahead of the five-year average.

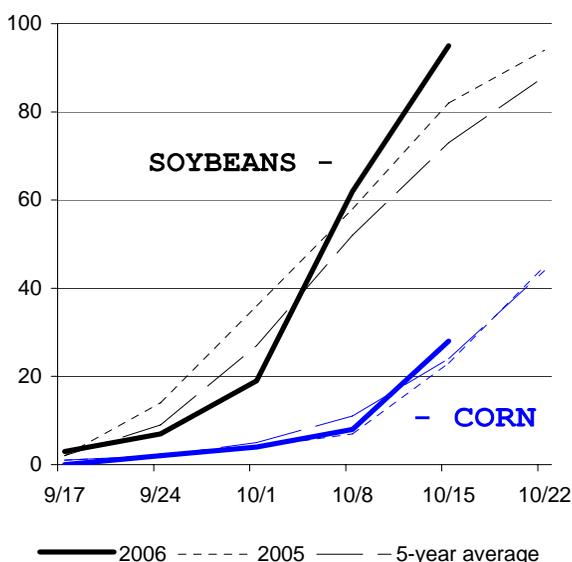
The dry bean harvest was 96% complete, the potato harvest 92% complete, the sugarbeet harvest 74% complete, and the sunflower harvest was 37% complete. Sunflower crop condition was rated 54% good or excellent.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork: 5.5				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture (%)	3	9	86	2

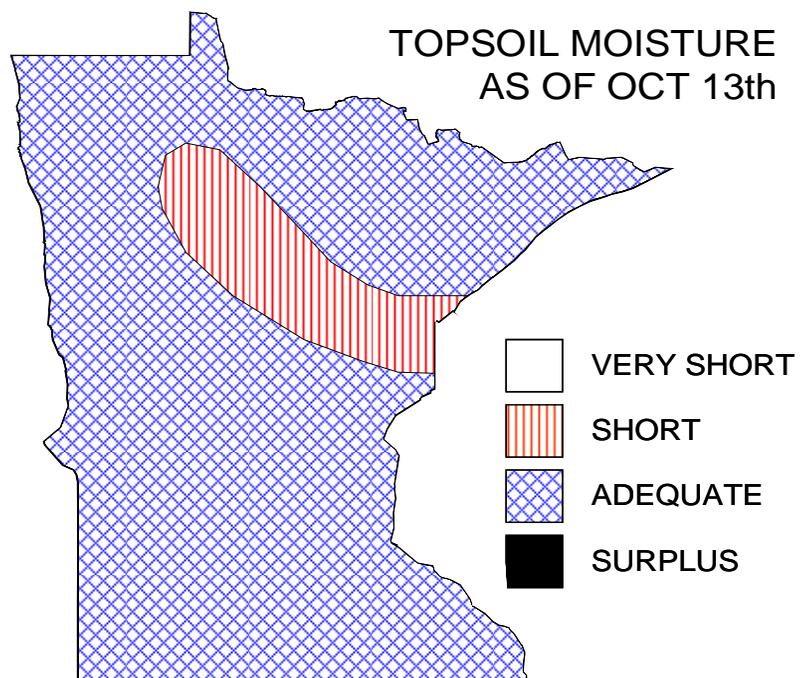
Crop Progress as of October 15, 2006					
Crop	Stage of Development	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Harvested	28	8	23	25
	Moisture	19	22	21	22
Soybeans	Harvested	95	62	82	73
	Moisture	11	12	13	12
Potatoes	Harvested	92	87	90	88
Sugarbeets	Harvested	74	50	70	79
Sunflowers	Harvested	37	13	24	32
DryBeans	Harvested	96	91	95	93

Crop Condition as of October 13, 2006 in %					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc
Pasture	6	12	40	38	4
Corn	5	8	20	48	19
Sunflowers	4	9	33	46	8

SOYBEANS AND CORN: HARVESTED SEPTEMBER 17 - OCTOBER 22



TOPSOIL MOISTURE AS OF OCT 13th



PRECIPITATION AND TEMPERATURES FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 15, 2006:
 Temperatures averaged from 10.8 degrees below normal in the East Central and West Central Districts to 9.9 degrees below normal in the Northwest District. Extremes: 15 degrees in Hibbing, Pipestone; 78 degrees in Faribault. Precipitation averaged from 0.36 inch below normal in the West Central and East Central Districts to 0.04 inch above normal in the Northwest District. Greatest weekly total was 1.00 inch recorded in Warroad

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 10/9/2006 through 10/15/2006

	Temperature				Precipitation			
	High	Low	Week Ave	Depart from Norm	Week Total	Depart Past Four Weeks	From Norm Since 4/1	
<u>NW DIST 1</u>								
Crookston	57	21	36.5	-9.9	.14	-.30	-.90	-4.52
Moorhead	63	22	38.6	-9.1	.30	-.17	-.33	-3.65
Warroad	53	19	33.7	-10.7	1.00	.58	-.17	-5.87
<u>NC DIST 2</u>								
Grand Rapids	59	23	36.7	-9.2	.63	-.02	-.49	-5.85
Intl. Falls	53	19	32.0	-11.8	.57	.11	-.65	-6.90
Itasca	56	20	34.2	-9.4	.55	-.06	-.24	-5.16
<u>NE DIST 3</u>								
Duluth	54	19	35.3	-10.2	.58	.02	.89	-4.46
Grand Marais	50	26	37.9	-8.3	.41	-.19	-.87	-6.90
Hibbing	54	15	32.2	-11.9	.06	-.53	-1.62	-11.59
<u>WC DIST 4</u>								
Alexandria	61	22	37.9	-9.5	.14	-.37	-.17	-3.36
Browns Valley	61	24	38.8	-10.1	0	-.41	-.04	3.91
Canby	60	22	38.4	-12.8	.18	-.30	.19	3.11
Fergus Falls	62	21	37.0	-10.4	.24	-.24	-.01	4.99
Montevideo	66	22	39.0	-10.5	.02	-.43	-.32	1.34
Morris	58	20	36.8	-11.5	.13	-.42	-.05	-4.91
<u>CENT DIST 5</u>								
Becker	61	23	39.4	-8.0	.24	-.26	-.10	-3.69
Collegeville	63	23	40.8	-10.2	.24	-.34	.13	-1.42
Hutchinson	60	22	39.5	-10.2	.18	-.25	.07	-2.60
Olivia	61	22	38.4	-10.6	.01	-.43	-.41	-2.20
St. Cloud	61	20	38.1	-9.3	.16	-.36	.17	-.96
Staples	55	21	35.2	-11.2	.22	-.39	.11	-3.76
Willmar	59	21	38.0	-10.9	.22	-.28	.27	-5.61
<u>EC DIST 6</u>								
Aitkin	59	20	33.2	-12.8	.10	-.48	.52	-6.98
Forest Lake	65	22	40.0	-9.6	.30	-.27	-.42	1.39
MSP Airport	62	25	41.0	-9.8	.15	-.32	-.83	-.46
St. Paul - UofM	62	24	41.6	-11.0	.21	-.36	-.57	1.99
<u>SW DIST 7</u>								
Lamberton	61	22	39.3	-10.7	.19	-.26	-.44	3.96
Pipestone	61	15	38.3	-10.5	0	-.52	-.45	-2.78
Redwood Falls	65	23	39.8	-11.6	.14	-.28	-.28	.09
Worthington	59	21	38.5	-10.3	.21	-.23	.48	1.83
<u>SC DIST 8</u>								
Faribault	78	24	39.5	-9.8	.26	-.24	-.81	-1.79
Mankato	63	24	40.5	-9.9	.20	-.36	-.94	-4.24
Waseca	65	22	38.6	-11.2	.39	-.17	-.81	1.13
Winnebago	65	23	39.7	-10.6	.32	-.23	-.68	1.49
<u>SE DIST 9</u>								
Preston	69	19	40.0	-10.0	.17	-.36	-1.52	-.06
Red Wing	68	24	40.7	-9.7	.22	-.27	-.25	-3.56
Rochester	61	23	39.2	-9.9	.01	-.48	-1.26	-.58
Rosemount	65	23	39.4	-11.0	.21	-.35	-.93	-3.73
Winona	70	28	43.7	-9.0	.21	-.28	-1.33	-5.75

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