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CORN HARVEST ADVANCES DESPITE RAIN

Minnesota's producers continued to make steady harvest progress this past week, despite widespread rain throughout the state, according to USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. Corn harvest advanced 21 percentage points during the week ending Sunday, November 9th. Sunflower harvest also continued to progress steadily and sugarbeet harvest neared completion.

The average temperature for the week was 45.7°, 11.0° above normal. Statewide topsoil moisture supplies as of Friday, November 7th, were 1 percent very short, 5 short, 67 adequate, and 27 surplus. Statewide, on average, there were 4.7 days suitable for fieldwork during the week.

As of Sunday, November 9th, 75 percent of the corn crop was harvested, compared to 95 percent last year and 90 percent average.

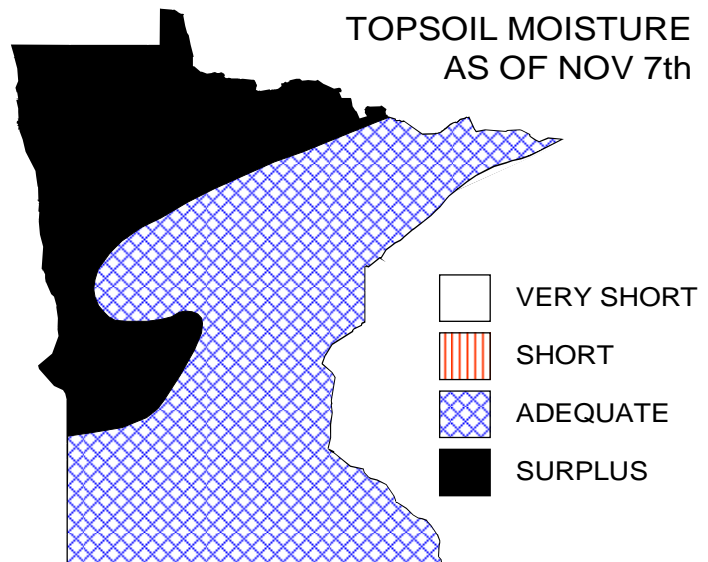
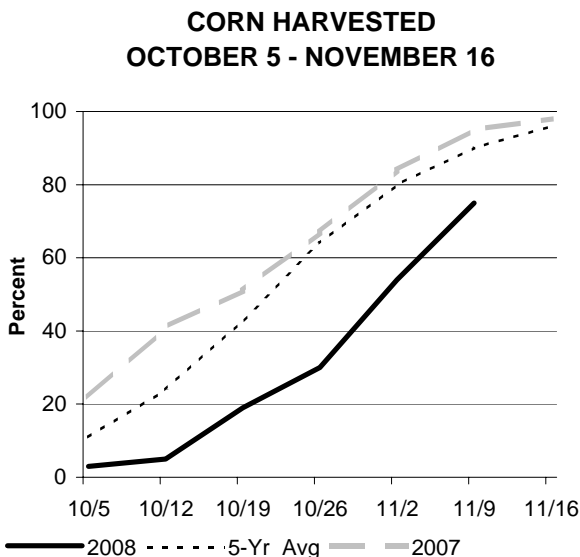
Sugarbeet harvest was at 95 percent complete, compared to 100 percent last year and average. Sunflower harvest reached 70 percent complete, compared to 94 percent last year and 86 percent average.

As of Friday, November 7th, 41 percent of pasture was rated in good or excellent condition.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork: 4.7				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	----- Percent -----			
Topsoil Moisture	1	5	67	27

Crop Progress as of November 9, 2008					
Crop	Stage of Development	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Harvested	75	54	95	90
	Moisture	20	21	15	17
Sugarbeets	Harvested	95	94	100	100
Sunflowers	Harvested	70	56	94	86

Condition as of November 7, 2008					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc
	----- Percent -----				
Pasture	5	17	37	35	6



PRECIPITATION AND TEMPERATURES FOR THE WEEK ENDING November 9, 2008:
 Temperatures averaged from 8.5 degrees above normal in the Southwest District to 12.5 degrees above normal in the East Central District.
 Extremes: 17 degrees in Warroad, International Falls; 78 degrees in Redwood Falls. Precipitation averaged from 0.28 inch above normal in the East Central District to 1.19 inches above normal in the North Central District. Greatest weekly total was 2.37 inch recorded in International Falls.

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 11/3/2008 through 11/9/2008

	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	66	21	43.5	12.3	1.57	1.28	.96	4.90
Moorhead	69	20	42.5	9.8	1.01	.70	.31	9.31
Warroad	69	17	41.7	11.7	1.83	1.51	1.44	5.33
<u>NC DIST 2</u>								
Grand Rapids	68	20	43.6	11.2	1.36	.91	-.18	.90
Intl. Falls	66	17	41.0	10.8	2.37	2.01	1.55	4.09
Itasca	67	18	44.8	15.1	1.36	.95	1.17	5.98
<u>NE DIST 3</u>								
Duluth	67	20	43.4	10.4	1.11	.57	-.02	2.37
Grand Marais	56	26	44.4	8.4	2.14	1.66	1.18	8.68
Hibbing	69	20	41.6	10.7	.74	.36	-.44	-.99
<u>WC DIST 4</u>								
Alexandria	72	20	43.4	9.9	1.95	1.59	1.10	1.95
Browns Valley	71	20	43.0	7.8	1.20	.86	1.52	6.59
Canby	73	19	45.4	8.0	1.71	1.26	1.60	.50
Dalton	72	19	45.6	11.3	1.24	.89	1.29	5.33
Fergus Falls	71	19	45.2	12.0	.61	.26	.31	3.76
Montevideo	75	19	43.0	7.6	1.21	.81	1.50	.74
Morris	73	18	44.4	10.1	1.82	1.45	1.55	1.28
<u>CENT DIST 5</u>								
Becker	73	23	47.7	12.8	.89	.40	-.54	-1.07
Collegeville	71	21	46.3	9.7	2.02	1.55	1.06	3.07
Hutchinson	74	23	48.0	11.9	1.56	1.13	.79	-.07
Melrose	71	21	46.7	12.2	1.27	.84	.52	1.42
Olivia	74	20	45.2	9.9	.60	.22	.64	1.82
St. Cloud	72	19	45.2	11.1	.80	.38	-.37	.66
Staples	69	20	45.8	13.4	.77	.33	.08	1.32
Willmar	74	20	45.7	10.7	1.33	.91	.94	-1.44
<u>EC DIST 6</u>								
Aitkin	70	23	49.1	15.7	1.15	.66	-.24	-.90
Forest Lake	74	25	50.4	13.8	.70	.18	-.74	-2.70
Hinckley	70	22	46.8	12.9	.58	.03	-1.04	6.53
MSP Airport	74	23	47.3	9.7	.69	.20	-.52	-5.16
St. Paul - UofM	74	23	49.2	10.3	.88	.34	-.45	-7.13
<u>SW DIST 7</u>								
Lamberton	77	19	46.0	9.6	.75	.37	1.11	-1.03
Marshall	75	20	46.6	10.0	.98	.55	.96	1.19
Pipestone	72	18	43.8	8.7	.36	-.06	.97	.92
Redwood Falls	78	20	45.2	7.8	.99	.57	.97	-.44
Worthington	75	18	46.4	11.2	.18	-.25	1.45	3.51
<u>SC DIST 8</u>								
Faribault	75	25	48.2	11.3	1.38	.87	.19	-2.52
Mankato	77	24	49.1	11.9	1.39	.86	.70	-5.07
Waseca	75	24	49.2	12.6	1.84	1.26	1.47	-1.30
Winnebago	77	22	48.9	11.1	.94	.45	.75	-2.98
<u>SE DIST 9</u>								
Preston	75	28	50.6	13.1	.92	.39	-.36	4.59
Red Wing	75	29	50.4	13.1	.95	.49	-.47	-3.39
Rochester	75	23	47.2	11.0	1.37	.86	-.04	.31
Rosemount	73	25	49.2	12.7	1.04	.45	-.31	-4.25
Winona	75	27	50.6	12.0	.86	.32	-.55	.17

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