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HARVEST PROGRESS SLOWS DUE TO WET WEATHER

Producers harvested only five percent of Minnesota's corn and ten percent of the sunflowers during this past week, according to USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. Rain during the past few weeks has left water standing in the fields and hindered farmers' ability to harvest standing crops, especially in the northwestern part of the state. As of Friday, November 14, nearly the entire state had adequate or surplus topsoil moisture.

The average temperature for the week was 29.8°, 1.0° below normal. Statewide topsoil moisture supplies as of Friday, November 14th, were 0 percent very short, 4 short, 70 adequate, and 26 surplus. Statewide, on average, there were 2.3 days suitable for fieldwork during the week.

As of Sunday, November 16th, 80 percent of the corn crop was harvested, compared to 98 percent last year and 96 percent average.

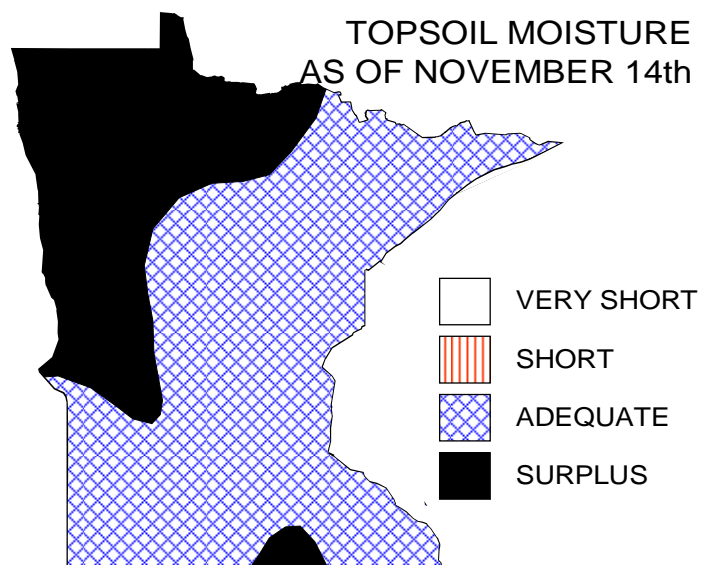
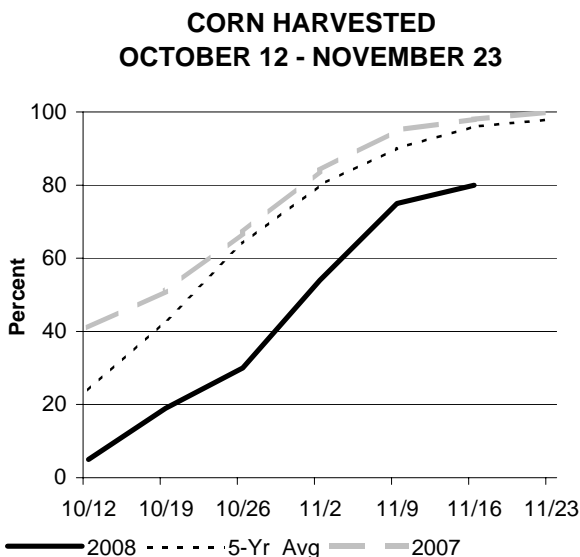
Sunflower harvest reached 80 percent complete, compared to 99 percent last year and 93 percent average.

As of Friday, November 14th, 35 percent of pasture was rated in good or excellent condition.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork: 2.3				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	----- Percent -----			
Topsoil Moisture	0	4	70	26

Crop Progress as of November 16, 2008					
Crop	Stage of Development	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
					----- Percent -----
Corn	Harvested	80	75	98	96
	Moisture	20	20	14	16
Sunflowers	Harvested	80	70	99	93

Condition as of November 14, 2008					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc
	----- Percent -----				
Pasture	4	23	38	33	2



PRECIPITATION AND TEMPERATURES FOR THE WEEK ENDING November 16, 2008:
 Temperatures averaged from 2.2 degrees below normal in the South Central District to 1.0 degrees above normal in the Northwest District. Extremes: 6 degrees in Hibbing; 50 degrees in Browns Valley. Precipitation averaged from 0.25 inch below normal in the Northeast District to 0.12 inch above normal in the Southeast District. Greatest weekly total was 0.84 inch recorded in Winnebago.

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 11/10/2008 through 11/16/2008

	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	39	17	26.5	-.2	.14	-.10	.88	4.80
Moorhead	43	18	29.9	1.7	.09	-.17	.46	9.14
Warroad	40	17	27.2	1.7	.12	-.17	1.18	5.15
<u>NC DIST 2</u>								
Grand Rapids	40	15	29.1	.9	.11	-.28	.02	.62
Intl. Falls	36	12	26.1	.2	.21	-.13	1.66	3.97
Itasca	37	13	25.6	.1	.15	-.20	.85	5.79
<u>NE DIST 3</u>								
Duluth	39	15	28.3	-.9	.20	-.33	.01	2.03
Grand Marais	44	19	33.3	.4	.21	-.23	1.33	8.45
Hibbing	40	6	27.7	.9	.14	-.19	-.25	-1.18
<u>WC DIST 4</u>								
Alexandria	41	19	29.7	.3	.10	-.21	1.18	1.74
Browns Valley	50	19	30.0	-1.2	0	-.30	1.12	6.29
Canby	46	17	29.5	-4.0	.23	-.19	1.78	.32
Dalton	39	18	29.0	-1.0	.18	-.11	1.12	5.22
Fergus Falls	39	17	28.2	-.8	.12	-.17	.01	3.59
Montevideo	46	19	30.8	-.5	.10	-.26	1.32	.47
Morris	40	17	28.1	-2.1	.12	-.18	1.37	1.10
<u>CENT DIST 5</u>								
Becker	45	19	30.8	-.1	.22	-.25	-.31	-1.32
Collegeville	43	20	31.4	-1.0	.17	-.26	1.17	2.81
Hutchinson	44	19	30.8	-1.2	.14	-.27	.79	-.34
Melrose	42	16	27.6	-2.8	.34	-.03	.70	1.38
Olivia	43	17	29.6	-1.7	.05	-.31	.88	1.86
St. Cloud	44	18	30.6	.5	.13	-.25	-.32	.41
Staples	39	18	27.6	-.6	.28	-.09	.03	1.43
Willmar	44	18	29.4	-1.5	.26	-.13	.97	-1.57
<u>EC DIST 6</u>								
Aitkin	33	20	26.5	-3.0	.43	-.02	-.62	-1.47
Forest Lake	45	21	32.2	-.4	.33	-.17	-.79	-2.87
Hinckley	41	17	29.6	-.8	.30	-.22	-.89	6.31
MSP Airport	44	20	32.0	-1.7	.34	-.14	-.65	-5.31
St. Paul - UofM	43	20	32.1	-2.7	.33	-.19	-.58	-7.32
<u>SW DIST 7</u>								
Lamberton	45	16	30.0	-2.4	.23	-.12	1.28	-1.16
Marshall	46	18	30.2	-2.3	.45	.04	1.39	1.23
Pipestone	41	13	27.8	-3.4	.27	-.11	.91	.81
Redwood Falls	47	20	32.2	-1.1	.26	-.14	1.04	-.59
Worthington	44	15	29.6	-1.7	.53	.11	1.60	3.62
<u>SC DIST 8</u>								
Faribault	44	18	30.6	-2.6	.58	.08	.38	-2.44
Mankato	45	20	31.6	-1.7	.41	-.09	.44	-5.17
Waseca	44	19	30.8	-1.9	.27	-.30	1.22	-1.60
Winnebago	45	20	31.3	-2.5	.84	.38	.91	-2.60
<u>SE DIST 9</u>								
Preston	48	19	32.8	-.9	.66	.13	-.22	4.72
Red Wing	44	19	30.4	-3.1	.50	.05	-.15	-3.34
Rochester	46	19	32.2	-.2	.80	.30	.43	.61
Rosemount	43	18	30.6	-1.6	.42	-.17	-.40	-4.42
Winona	44	22	31.8	-3.1	.72	.17	-.30	.34

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