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SOYBEAN HARVEST NEARING COMPLETION

Scattered showers across Minnesota this past week slowed harvest activities for the remaining field crops, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. Soybean harvest is nearing completion while corn and sunflowers continue to lag well behind their respective five year averages. Drier field conditions are needed to improve crop harvest.

The average temperature for the week was 47.2 degrees, 7.2 degrees above normal. Statewide topsoil moisture supplies as of October 29th were rated 3% short, 67% adequate, and 30% surplus.

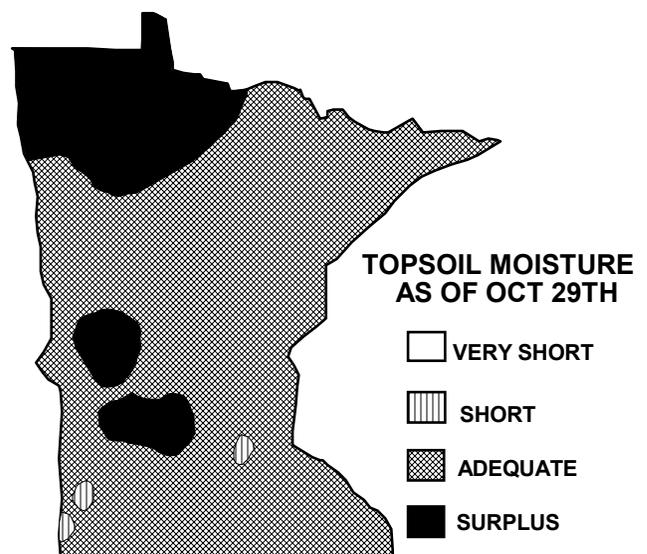
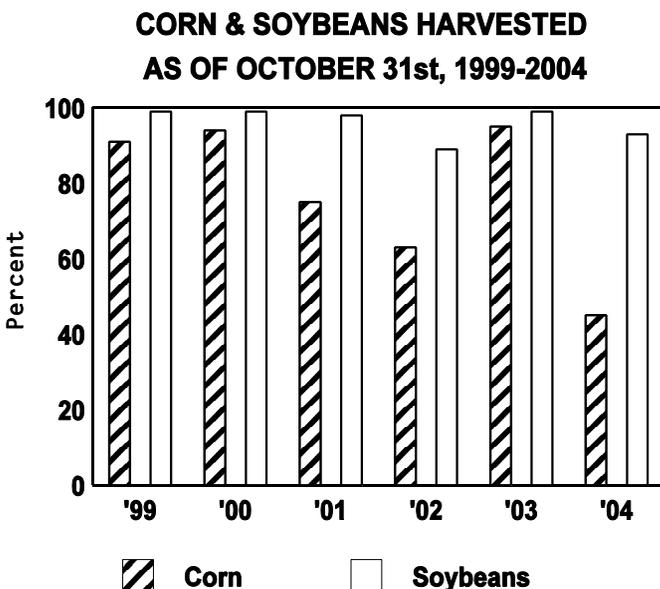
Corn condition was rated 69% good to excellent, compared to last weeks rating of 63%.

Corn harvest was 45% complete compared to 95% last year and 84% for the five year average. Soybeans were 93% harvested compared to 99% last year and 97% for the five year average.

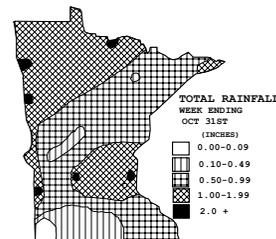
Sugarbeets were 98% harvested compared to 99% last year and 99% for the five year average.

Sunflowers are 35% harvested compared to 79% for the five year average.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork : 3.3					
		Very Short	Short	Ade-quate	Sur-plus
Topsoil Moisture (%)					
		0	3	67	30
Crop Progress as of October 31, 2004					
Crop	Stage of Development	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Harvested	45	28	95	84
	Moisture Content	23	24	15	17
Soybeans	Harvested	93	91	99	97
Sugarbeets	Harvested	98	94	99	99
Sunflowers	Harvested	35	28	95	79
Crop Condition as of October 29 in Percent					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc
Pasture	2	10	36	45	7
Field Corn	2	5	24	49	20
Sunflowers	19	12	45	23	1



PRECIPITATION AND TEMPERATURES FOR THE WEEK ENDING October 31, 2004:
 Temperatures averaged from 5.4 degrees above normal in the Northeast District to 9.4 degrees above normal in the South Central District. Extremes: 79° in Mankato; 27° in Hibbing. Precipitation averaged from 0.25 inch below normal in the South Central District to 1.71 inches above normal in the Northwest District. Greatest weekly total was 2.85 inches.



Precipitation and Temperature Summary for 10/25/2004 through 10/31/2004

	Temperature				Precipitation			
	High	Low	Week Ave	Depart from Norm	Week Total	Depart From Norm Past Four Weeks	Since 4/1	
<u>NW DIST 1</u>								
Crookston	57	31	43.0	5.7	2.12	1.77	1.55	8.65
Moorhead	56	30	44.7	6.0	2.67	2.29	1.74	4.56
Warroad	52	32	42.3	6.5	1.43	1.09	1.46	9.18
<u>NC DIST 2</u>								
Grand Rapids	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Intl. Falls	52	31	42.3	6.7	2.25	1.87	2.16	4.11
Itasca	52	29	42.2	6.9	1.75	1.25	2.80	4.70
<u>NE DIST 3</u>								
Duluth	54	35	43.7	5.7	.70	.21	.81	-2.23
Grand Marais	56	31	44.2	4.3	1.16	.65	1.71	-.67
Hibbing	55	27	42.2	6.0	.26	-.20	-.69	-5.78
<u>WC DIST 4</u>								
Alexandria	67	32	45.8	6.8	.23	-.19	-.96	.32
Browns Valley	59	32	45.3	4.8	1.02	.65	1.18	M
Canby	74	30	48.9	6.1	2.05	1.59	.66	5.15
Fergus Falls	57	32	44.8	6.0	.78	.37	1.03	10.22
Montevideo	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Morris	70	34	47.2	7.4	.36	-.11	-1.19	3.62
<u>CENT DIST 5</u>								
Becker	74	36	49.8	10.4	1.79	1.32	.45	7.56
Hutchinson	75	37	50.5	9.1	1.73	1.30	.59	5.85
Olivia	74	35	48.8	8.0	1.62	1.23	.47	5.50
St. Cloud	72	37	47.8	8.5	1.95	1.49	.53	3.38
Staples	59	33	45.2	7.0	.40	-.13	-.65	5.23
Willmar	72	37	48.8	8.3	2.85	2.40	1.73	6.45
<u>EC DIST 6</u>								
Aitkin	60	32	44.7	6.3	.65	.12	.09	-2.98
Forest Lake	75	37	50.7	7.3	2.51	1.98	1.28	-.46
MSP Airport	75	36	49.8	7.1	.95	.47	-.14	-.61
St. Paul - UofM	74	40	51.7	7.1	2.41	1.87	.84	.77
<u>SW DIST 7</u>								
Lamberton	76	37	50.3	8.6	.14	-.26	-1.38	5.35
Pipestone	73	28	47.5	7.1	.07	-.38	-1.76	3.20
Redwood Falls	75	36	47.9	5.0	.58	.17	-.74	7.76
Worthington	74	33	49.1	8.6	.11	-.32	-1.25	7.21
<u>SC DIST 8</u>								
Faribault	77	35	52.2	9.9	.50	.01	-.16	6.91
Mankato	79	35	51.6	9.2	.25	-.28	-1.48	8.38
Waseca	78	35	51.2	9.5	.24	-.32	-.43	9.75
Winnebago	77	39	51.2	9.0	.12	-.40	-.92	9.02
<u>SE DIST 9</u>								
Preston	M	M	M	M	.99	.50	-.69	9.94
Red Wing	76	37	51.2	8.8	.91	.47	-.26	2.60
Rochester	77	35	49.8	8.6	.77	.29	-.65	9.41
Rosemount	75	36	48.8	6.8	1.09	.53	-.43	.85
Winona	77	41	53.4	7.9	.98	.50	-.06	9.50

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