



# Minnesota Crop Progress & Condition



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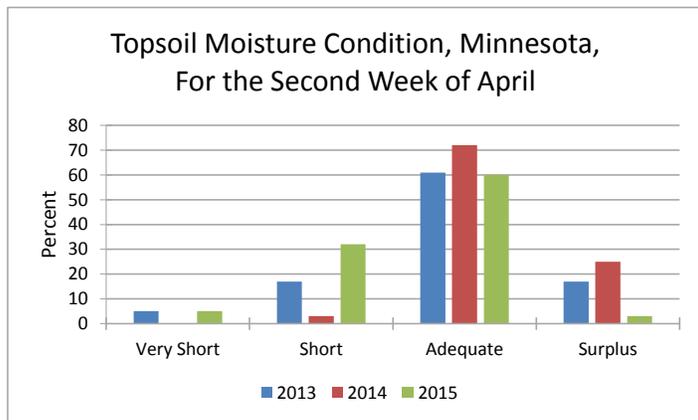
Despite only **3.5 days suitable for field work** during the week ending April 12, 2015, Minnesota farmers advanced small grain planting progress to more than 3.5 weeks ahead of last year's pace, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Field activities for the week included planting, tilling, spreading manure, and applying fertilizer. Most farmers were waiting for warmer soil temperatures to begin corn planting.

Rainfall in the southeastern part of the state slightly improved **topsoil moisture** to 5 percent very short, 32 percent short, 60 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 4 percent very short, 36 percent short, 60 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus.

Twenty percent of Minnesota's **spring wheat** was planted, five days ahead of normal and the second highest in the last 10 years, trailing only 2012. Seventeen percent of **oat** acreage was planted, almost 4 weeks ahead of the previous year. **Barley** planting progress, at 10 percent complete, was one month ahead of last year and one day ahead of the five year average. **Sugarbeet** planting was 11 percent complete, 30 days ahead of last year. Reports of scattered **corn** planting in southern Minnesota were received. **Pasture conditions** slightly improved to 4 percent very poor, 17 percent poor, 52 percent fair, 27 percent good and 0 percent excellent.

## Crop Condition as of April 12, 2015

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture.....	4	17	52	27	0



## Crop Progress as of April 12, 2015

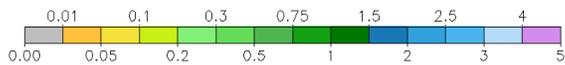
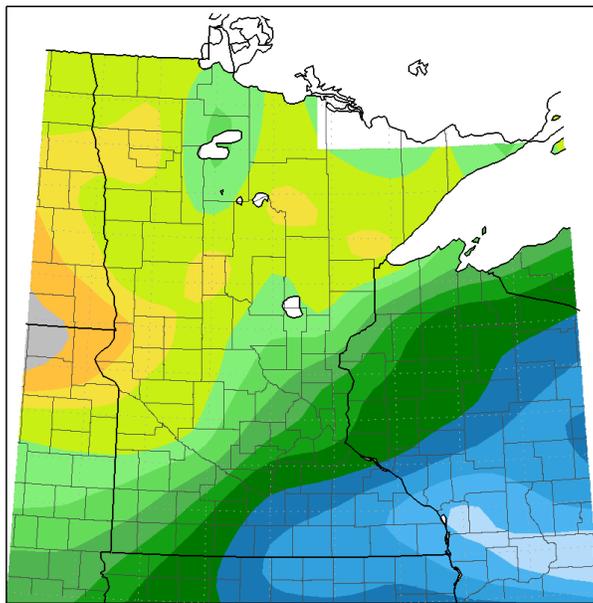
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	3.5	2.7	0.4	2.2
Barley planted .....	10	0	0	9
Oats planted .....	17	5	0	21
Spring Wheat planted .....	20	1	0	11
Sugarbeets planted	11	0	0	3

## Soil Moisture Conditions as of April 12, 2015

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil Moisture	5	32	60	3
Subsoil Moisture	4	36	60	0

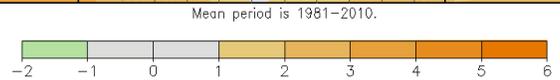
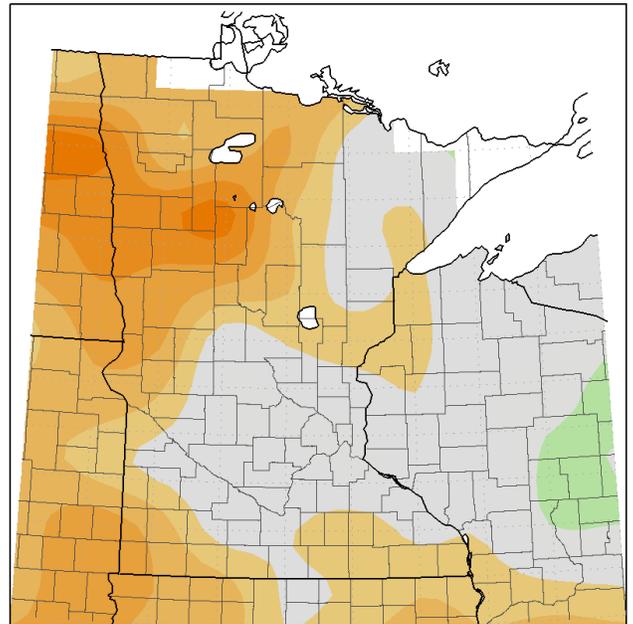
# Minnesota Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending April 12, 2015

Accumulated Precipitation (in)  
April 6, 2015 to April 12, 2015



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Average Temperature (°F): Departure from Mean  
April 6, 2015 to April 12, 2015



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National Weather Service data, courtesy of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources State Climatology Office, is available at: <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/climate/historical/summary.html>

Growing Degree Days can be found at <https://mygeohub.org/groups/u2u/gdd>

Temperature and Precipitation Maps, courtesy of the Midwestern Regional Climate Center, are available at: <http://mrcc.isws.illinois.edu/CLIMATE/>