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Michigan Crop Weather

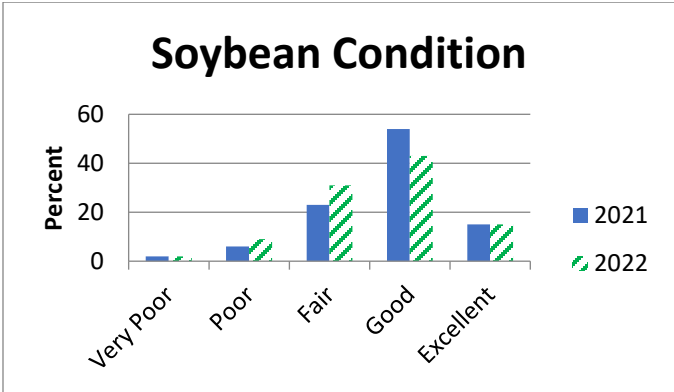
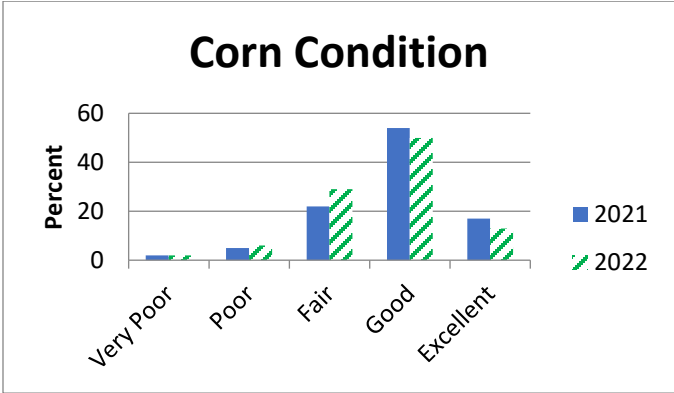
September 26, 2022

Field Crops

Temperatures declined mid-week and some areas received some much-needed precipitation, according to Marlo D. Johnson, Director of the Great Lakes Regional Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Soil moisture levels increased from the previous week, with 80 percent of topsoil moisture reported as adequate or surplus. There were 4.7 days suitable for fieldwork in Michigan during the week ending September 25, 2022. According to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor, counties in Northern, Eastern, and Southwestern Lower Peninsula were abnormally dry. The Thumb Region continued to experience the driest conditions with several counties in moderate drought. **Corn for grain** continued to mature slightly behind the average pace while harvest was just beginning in a few areas. **Corn for silage** harvest surpassed the halfway point but ended the week behind schedule. **Soybeans** dropping leaves was right on pace and harvest progress was slightly ahead of normal. **Dry bean** harvest moved along quickly before the rains slowed progress. However, harvest progress was ahead of the 5-year average pace by week’s end. **Sugarbeet** harvest advanced moderately and remained behind the average. **Alfalfa** and **other hay** cuttings continued in some areas despite the cooler, wetter conditions. Other activities during the week included planting winter wheat, preparing harvest machinery, and hauling manure.

Fruit

Apple harvest moved along steadily last week. Crop load is excellent and red color continued to develop well. Temperatures turned cool mid-week. Growers harvested Gala and Honeycrisp in the West Central. Soon growers will turn their attention to Jonagold and Empire there. Growers in the Northwest were gearing up to begin full scale harvest. Early varieties were harvested there with some spot picking of Honeycrisp. In the Southwest, only a few Honeycrisp remained to be harvested. Growers there were switching harvest to Jonagold, Golden Delicious and Red Delicious. On the Ridge, growers continued to harvest Honeycrisp, Gala and McIntosh.



Crop Condition: Week Ending 09/25/22

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn.....	2	6	29	50	13
Soybeans	2	9	31	43	15
Dry Edible Beans.....	5	12	29	42	12
Sugarbeets	3	3	21	51	22
Range and Pasture	3	19	38	34	6

Crop Progress: Week Ending 09/25/22

Crop/Activity	Percent Completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Days Suitable for Fieldwork..	4.7	6.1	NA	NA
Corn Dented	90	81	88	83
Corn Mature	39	24	55	42
Corn Harvested for Grain	3	2	6	4
Corn Harvested for Silage	57	40	82	62
Soybeans Dropping Leaves ...	70	53	87	70
Soybeans Harvested	8	2	11	7
Winter Wheat Planted.....	20	5	16	15
Winter Wheat Emerged	5	0	3	2
Barley Harvested	97	94	99	NA
Dry Beans Dropping Leaves..	97	92	99	88
Dry Beans Harvested.....	42	9	62	33
Alfalfa Hay 3rd Cutting.....	97	93	92	84
Alfalfa Hay 4th Cutting.....	59	45	56	NA
Other Hay 3rd Cutting.....	84	76	86	60
Other Hay 4th Cutting	26	16	15	NA
Sugarbeets Harvested	16	11	24	22

Soil Moisture: Week Ending 09/25/22

Item	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture.....	3	17	65	15
Subsoil moisture.....	5	27	60	8

Weather Summary For Michigan												
Week Ending 2022-09-25								Since April 1				
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Note:

Summary based on NOAA Regional Climate Centers (RCCs) data. Climate normals used are for the 1991-2020 period. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Air temperature in degrees fahrenheit.