



Minnesota Crop Progress & Condition

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Above normal temperatures and slightly lower than normal precipitation allowed Minnesota farmers to harvest small grains during the week ending August 2, 2015, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. There were **5.7 days suitable for fieldwork**, the most days suitable since early May. Other field activities for the week included spraying, scouting for aphids, and baling hay.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 7 percent short, 88 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 6 percent short, 90 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus.

With most of Minnesota's **corn** acreage in or past the silking stage, 20 percent of the crop was in the dough stage or beyond, equal to last year but 4 days ahead of the five-year average. Corn condition rated 87 percent good to excellent. Seventy-six percent of the **soybean** crop was setting pods or beyond, 9 days ahead of last year and 10 days ahead of average. Soybean condition rated 81 percent good to excellent, the highest rating since October 2010. Sixteen percent of the **barley** crop was harvested, with condition rated at 64 percent good to excellent. **Oat** harvest advanced to 29 percent complete, 2 days behind normal. Oat condition rated 79 percent good to excellent. Five percent of the **spring wheat** acreage was harvested, almost 1 week ahead of the previous year. Spring wheat condition rated 79 percent good to excellent. Seventy-three percent of the **dry edible bean** crop was setting pods or beyond, with condition rated at 76 percent good to excellent. **Potato** condition rated 93 percent good to excellent. **Sunflower** condition rated 62 percent good to excellent, up slightly from last week. **Sugarbeet** condition rated 85 percent good to excellent.

The second cutting of **alfalfa hay** neared completion with 94 percent harvested. The third cutting of alfalfa hay was 21 percent complete, five days ahead of last year. **All hay** condition rated 81 percent good to excellent, up slightly from the previous week. **Pasture** condition rated 78 percent good to excellent.

Crop Progress as of August 2, 2015

| Days Suitable for Fieldwork | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5 Yr Avg |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | 5.7 | 5.1 | 6.4 | 5.6 |
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Barley coloring | 98 | 93 | 69 | 81 |
| Barley harvested | 16 | 2 | 6 | 24 |
| Corn silking | 94 | 82 | 82 | 88 |
| Corn dough | 20 | 2 | 20 | 12 |
| Dry Ed. Beans blooming..... | 98 | 90 | 82 | 82 |
| Dry Ed. Beans setting pods.. | 73 | 44 | 42 | 45 |
| Dry Ed. Beans fully podded.. | 5 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| Hay, Alfalfa 2 nd cutting..... | 94 | 81 | 74 | (NA) |
| Hay, Alfalfa 3 rd cutting | 21 | 5 | 12 | (NA) |
| Oats coloring..... | 97 | 90 | 83 | 87 |
| Oats harvested..... | 29 | 11 | 37 | 35 |
| Soybeans blooming..... | 96 | 90 | 83 | 85 |
| Soybeans setting pods | 76 | 44 | 51 | 47 |
| Spring Wheat coloring..... | 98 | 92 | 59 | 76 |
| Spring Wheat harvested..... | 5 | 0 | 1 | 17 |

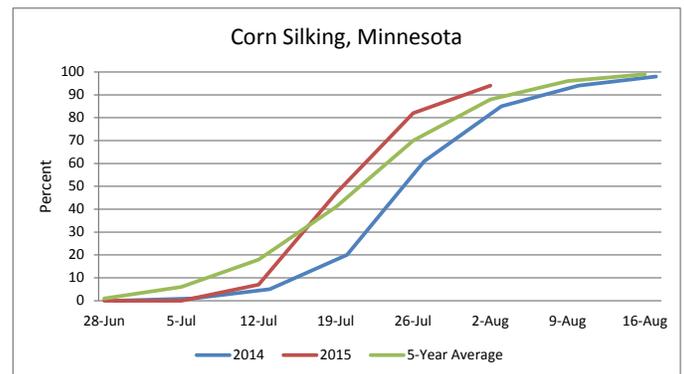
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Crop Condition as of August 2, 2015

| | Very Poor (percent) | Poor (percent) | Fair (percent) | Good (percent) | Excellent (percent) |
|------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Barley | 0 | 2 | 34 | 49 | 15 |
| Corn | 0 | 2 | 11 | 61 | 26 |
| Dry Ed. Beans .. | 0 | 2 | 22 | 63 | 13 |
| Hay, all | 1 | 4 | 14 | 62 | 19 |
| Oats | 0 | 3 | 18 | 63 | 16 |
| Pasture..... | 0 | 3 | 19 | 63 | 15 |
| Potatoes | 0 | 0 | 7 | 48 | 45 |
| Soybeans | 0 | 2 | 17 | 62 | 19 |
| Spring Wheat... | 0 | 2 | 19 | 59 | 20 |
| Sugarbeets | 1 | 4 | 10 | 35 | 50 |
| Sunflowers | 0 | 2 | 36 | 55 | 7 |

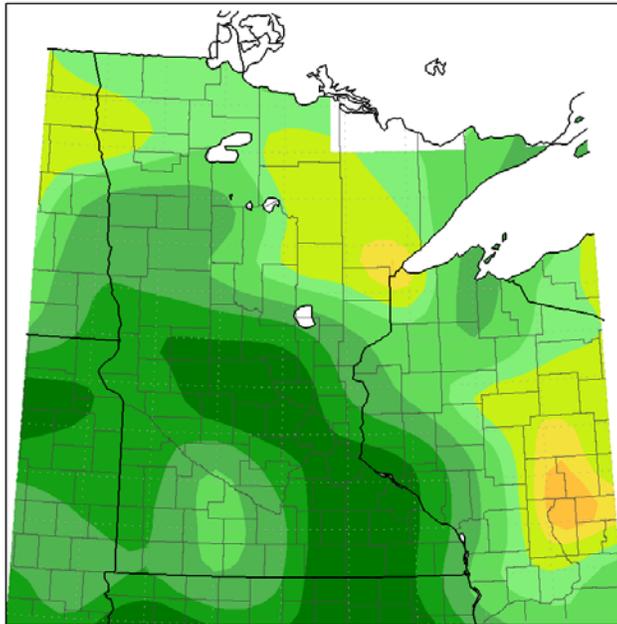
Soil Moisture Conditions as of August 2, 2015

| | Very Short (percent) | Short (percent) | Adequate (percent) | Surplus (percent) |
|------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Topsoil Moisture | 0 | 7 | 88 | 5 |
| Subsoil Moisture | 0 | 6 | 90 | 4 |



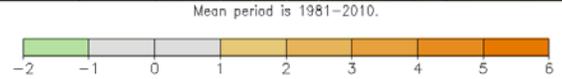
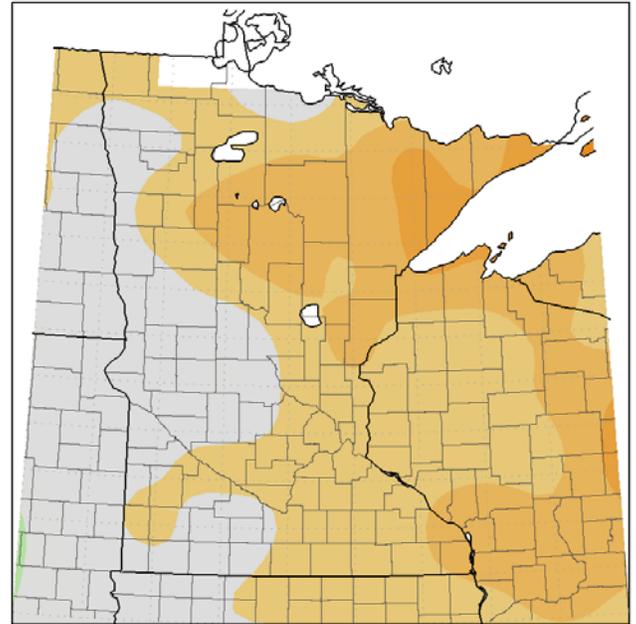
Minnesota Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending August 2, 2015

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
July 27, 2015 to August 2, 2015



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Average Temperature (°F): Departure from Mean
July 27, 2015 to August 2, 2015



Mean period is 1981-2010.
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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/>