



# Minnesota Crop Progress & Condition

Upper Midwest Region - Minnesota Field Office · 375 Jackson St, Ste 610 · St. Paul, MN 55101 (651) 728-3113  
fax (855) 271-9802 · www.nass.usda.gov

Cooperating with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture

For the week ending August 9, 2015  
Issued August 10, 2015

Media Contact: Dan Lofthus

During the 5.3 **days suitable for fieldwork**, Minnesota farmers made substantial progress on small grain harvest during the week ending August 9, 2015, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Timely rains arrived at the end of the week, benefitting row crop development. Other field activities for the week included spraying and scouting for aphids.

**Topsoil moisture** supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 7 percent short, 89 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 7 percent short, 91 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus.

Fifty-two percent of Minnesota's **corn** acreage was in the dough stage or beyond, 4 days ahead of last year and 7 days ahead of the five-year average. Corn condition rated 89 percent good to excellent, up 2 percentage points from last week. Ninety percent of the **soybean** crop was setting pods or beyond, almost 2 weeks ahead of last year and average. Soybean condition rated 83 percent good to excellent, up 2 percentage points from last week. Corn and soybean conditions were rated at their highest levels since 2010. Almost half of the **barley** crop was harvested during the week, the second largest portion harvested in a week on record, trailing only late July to early August in 1990. **Oat** harvest advanced to 55 percent complete, slightly ahead of normal. Oat condition rated 80 percent good to excellent. Thirty-three percent of the **spring wheat** acreage was harvested, 3 weeks ahead of the previous year and slightly ahead of average. Spring wheat condition rated 81 percent good to excellent. With most of the **dry edible bean** crop setting pods or beyond, 45 percent were fully podded. Dry edible bean condition rated at 76 percent good to excellent. Six percent of the **potato** crop has been harvested, with 93 percent rated good to excellent. **Sunflower** condition rated 63 percent good to excellent. **Sugarbeet** condition rated 85 percent good to excellent.

The third cutting of **alfalfa hay** was 38 percent complete, a week ahead of last year. **All hay** condition rated 82 percent good to excellent. **Pasture** condition rated 77 percent good to excellent.

## Crop Progress as of August 9, 2015

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	5.3	5.7	6.3	5.7
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley harvested .....	65	16	16	37
Corn silking .....	98	94	93	96
Corn dough .....	52	20	41	29
Dry Ed. Beans setting pods..	94	73	66	70
Dry Ed. Beans fully podded..	45	5	0	20
Hay, Alfalfa 2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting .....	97	94	85	(NA)
Hay, Alfalfa 3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting .....	38	21	26	(NA)
Oats harvested .....	55	29	52	53
Potatoes harvested .....	6	4	0	6
Soybeans setting pods .....	90	76	71	69
Spring Wheat harvested .....	33	5	5	31

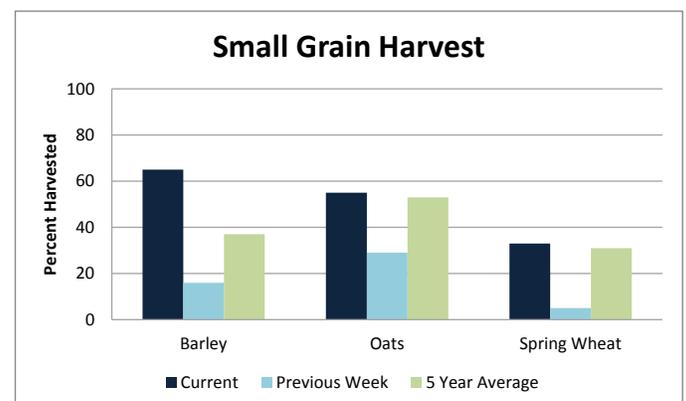
(NA) Not available.

## Crop Condition as of August 9, 2015

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley .....	0	2	33	48	17
Corn .....	0	1	10	61	28
Dry Ed. Beans ..	0	2	22	61	15
Hay, all .....	1	3	14	63	19
Oats .....	0	3	17	64	16
Pasture .....	0	4	19	64	13
Potatoes .....	0	0	7	45	48
Soybeans .....	0	1	16	61	22
Spring Wheat....	0	2	17	61	20
Sugarbeets .....	1	4	10	35	50
Sunflowers .....	0	2	35	57	6

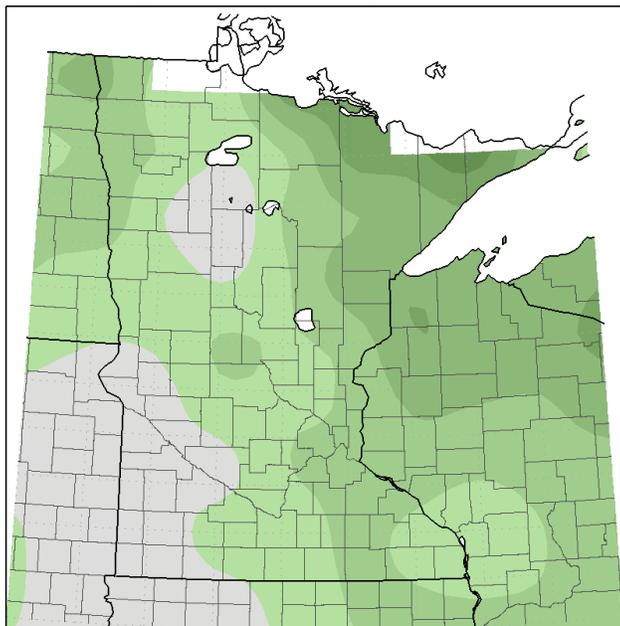
## Soil Moisture Conditions as of August 9, 2015

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil Moisture	0	7	89	4
Subsoil Moisture	0	7	91	2

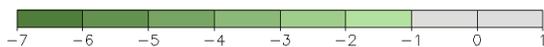


# Minnesota Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending August 9, 2015

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from Mean  
August 3, 2015 to August 9, 2015

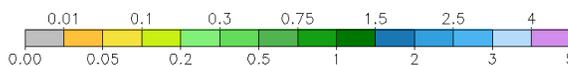
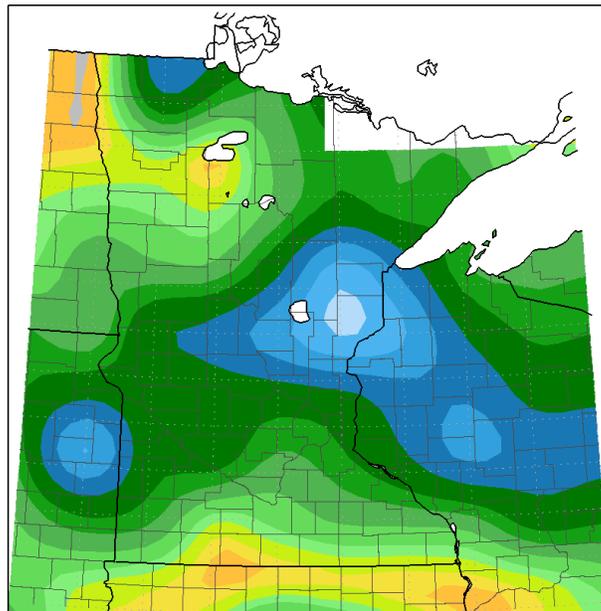


Mean period is 1981-2010.



Midwestern Regional Climate Center  
cli-MATE: MRCC Application Tools Environment  
Generated at: 8/10/2015 10:05:21 AM CDT

Accumulated Precipitation (in)  
August 3, 2015 to August 9, 2015



Midwestern Regional Climate Center  
cli-MATE: MRCC Application Tools Environment  
Generated at: 8/10/2015 10:04:50 AM CDT

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/>