



# Minnesota Crop Progress & Condition

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Minnesota farmers took advantage of warm and dry weather conditions to harvest small grains during the week ending August 16, 2015, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. There were **5.6 days suitable for fieldwork**. Rain arrived later in the week, assisting row crop and hay development. Other field activities for the week included inspecting crops for mold and aphids.

**Topsoil moisture** supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 16 percent short, 81 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 13 percent short, 84 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus.

Seventy-one percent of Minnesota's **corn** acreage was in the dough stage or beyond, one week ahead of the five-year average. Thirteen percent of Minnesota's corn was in the dent stage, 5 days ahead of last year. Corn condition rated 88 percent good to excellent. Ninety-four percent of the **soybean** crop was setting pods or beyond, almost 2 weeks ahead of last year and 10 days ahead of normal. There were also reports of soybeans beginning to turn color. Soybean condition rated 80 percent good to excellent. Barley harvest advanced to 86 percent complete, over 3 weeks ahead of last year's pace. Over one-quarter of Minnesota's total oats for grain were harvested during the week, advancing to 81 percent complete. Forty-five percent of the spring wheat acreage was harvested during the week. This is only the second time Minnesota farmers have been able to harvest that much spring wheat in a single week. The first time was in August 1998. With 74 percent of the dry beans fully podded, 29 percent have begun to turn color. Dry edible bean condition rated 75 percent good to excellent. Fifteen percent of the **potato** crop has been harvested, with 91 percent rated good to excellent. **Sunflower** condition rated 64 percent good to excellent. **Sugarbeet** condition remained at 85 percent good to excellent, with harvest just underway.

The third cutting of **alfalfa hay** was 52 percent complete, 8 days ahead of last year. **All hay** condition rated 78 percent good to excellent. **Pasture** condition rated 70 percent good to excellent.

## Crop Progress as of August 16, 2015

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	5.6	5.3	6.1	5.7
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley harvested .....	86	65	23	51
Corn dough .....	71	52	60	52
Corn dented .....	13	1	5	12
Dry Ed. Beans setting pods..	98	94	78	86
Dry Ed. Beans fully podded..	74	45	(NA)	(NA)
Dry Ed. Beans coloring.....	29	1	(NA)	(NA)
Hay, Alfalfa 3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting .....	52	38	39	(NA)
Oats harvested.....	81	55	65	71
Potatoes harvested .....	15	6	0	10
Soybeans setting pods .....	94	90	83	83
Spring Wheat harvested.....	78	33	11	46

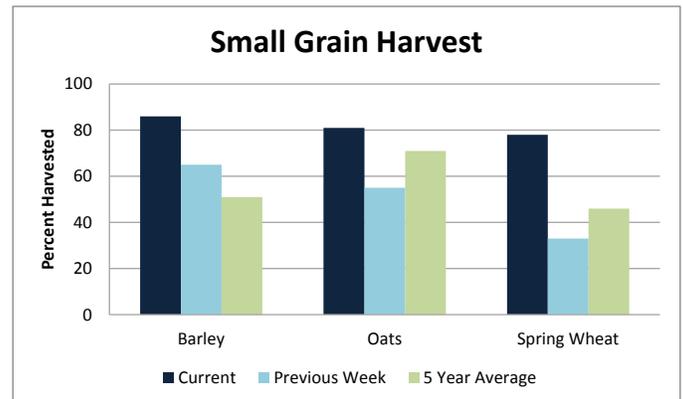
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## Soil Moisture Conditions as of August 16, 2015

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil Moisture	1	16	81	2
Subsoil Moisture	1	13	84	2

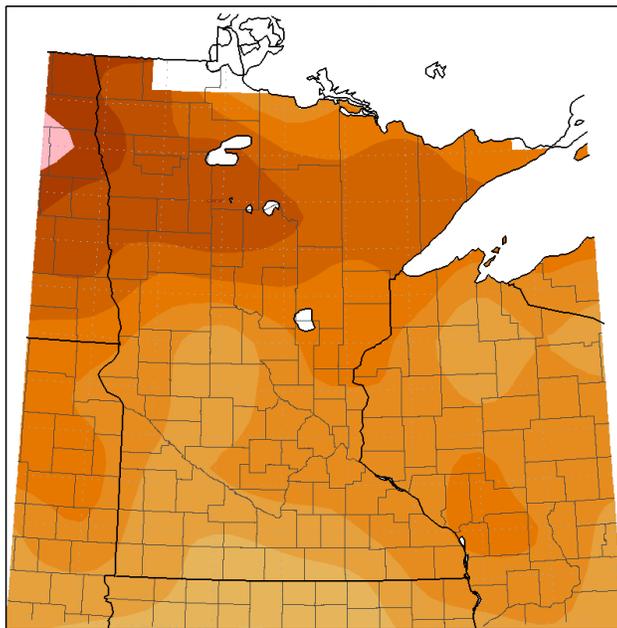
## Crop Condition as of August 16, 2015

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley .....	0	3	33	46	18
Corn .....	0	2	10	58	30
Dry Ed. Beans ..	0	3	22	57	18
Hay, all .....	2	4	16	61	17
Pasture .....	1	6	23	60	10
Potatoes .....	0	1	8	44	47
Soybeans .....	1	2	17	56	24
Spring Wheat....	1	3	16	56	24
Sugarbeets .....	1	4	10	35	50
Sunflowers.....	0	2	34	55	9



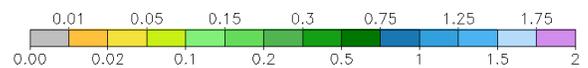
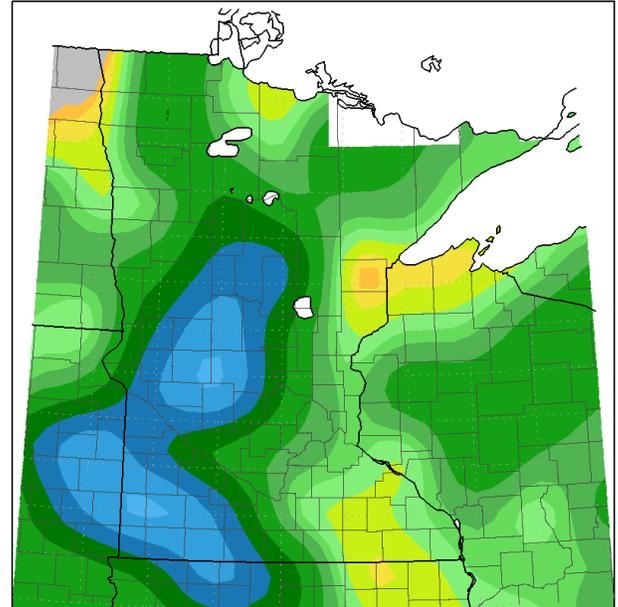
# Minnesota Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending August 16, 2015

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from Mean  
August 10, 2015 to August 16, 2015



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Accumulated Precipitation (in)  
August 10, 2015 to August 16, 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/>