



Minnesota Crop Progress & Condition

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Precipitation and cool temperatures limited farmers to **3.7 days suitable for fieldwork**, but increased soil moisture levels during the week ending August 23, 2015, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. This was the least number of days suitable since the first week of June. Other field activities for the week included harvesting hay when conditions allowed and early chopping of corn for silage.

Recent rains increased soil moisture levels. **Topsoil moisture** supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 9 percent short, 84 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 10 percent short, 85 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus.

Thirty-four percent of Minnesota's **corn** acreage was in or beyond the dent stage, 8 days ahead of last year and 2 days ahead of the five-year average. Corn condition rated 88 percent good to excellent. With almost the entire **soybean** crop setting pods, 11 percent of soybeans were turning color, 4 days ahead of both last year and average. Soybean condition rated 80 percent good to excellent. Small grain harvest was over 90 percent complete, ahead of both last year and normal. Fifty-seven percent of the **dry edible bean** crop had turned color, 12 days ahead of average. Dry edible bean condition rated 72 percent good to excellent, down 3 percentage points from the previous week. Twenty percent of the **potato** crop was harvested, with 92 percent rated in good to excellent condition. **Sunflower** condition rated 64 percent good to excellent. **Sugarbeet** harvest has begun, and condition was 85 percent good to excellent.

The third cutting of **alfalfa hay** was 61 percent complete, 1 week ahead of last year. **Pasture** condition rated 72 percent good to excellent, up 2 percentage points from last week.

Crop Progress as of August 23, 2015

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	3.7	5.6	4.7	5.7
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley harvested	92	86	41	72
Corn dough	88	71	76	71
Corn dented	34	13	16	29
Dry Ed. Beans fully podded..	95	74	(NA)	(NA)
Dry Ed. Beans coloring.....	57	29	(NA)	(NA)
Dry Ed. Beans drop leaves...	14	4	(NA)	(NA)
Hay, Alfalfa 3 rd cutting	61	52	51	(NA)
Oats harvested.....	92	81	74	85
Potatoes harvested	20	15	4	15
Soybeans setting pods	98	94	91	91
Soybeans coloring.....	11	3	7	6
Spring Wheat harvested.....	92	78	21	65

(NA) Not available.

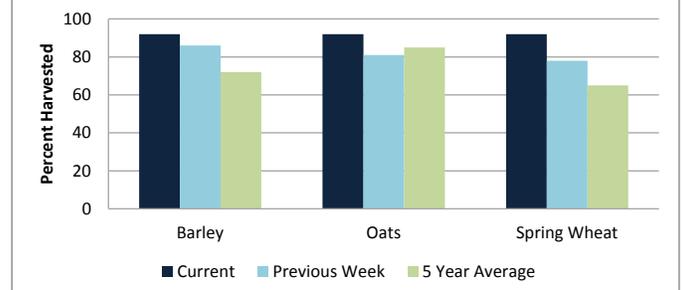
Crop Condition as of August 23, 2015

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	0	2	10	55	33
Dry Ed. Beans ..	1	4	23	56	16
Pasture	1	5	22	62	10
Potatoes	0	1	7	45	47
Soybeans	1	2	17	55	25
Sugarbeets	1	4	10	35	50
Sunflowers.....	0	2	34	55	9

Soil Moisture Conditions as of August 23, 2015

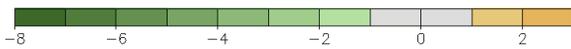
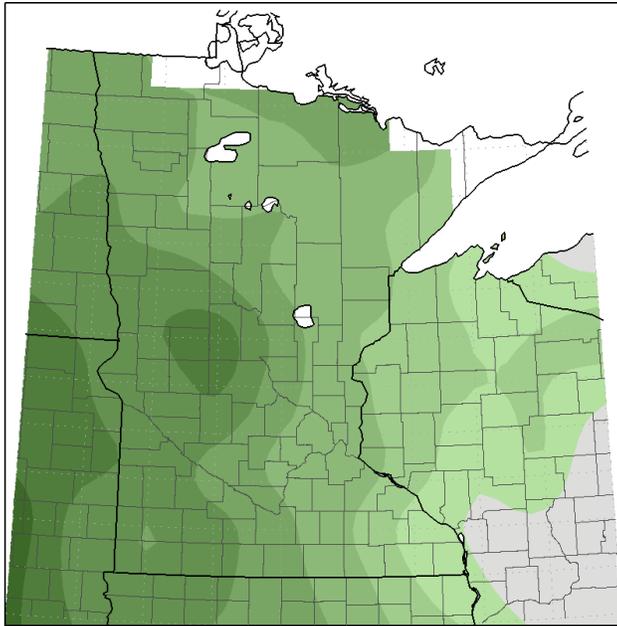
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil Moisture	1	9	84	6
Subsoil Moisture	1	10	85	4

Small Grain Harvest, Minnesota, August 23, 2015



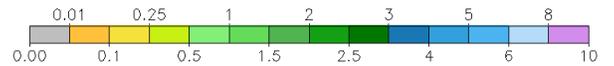
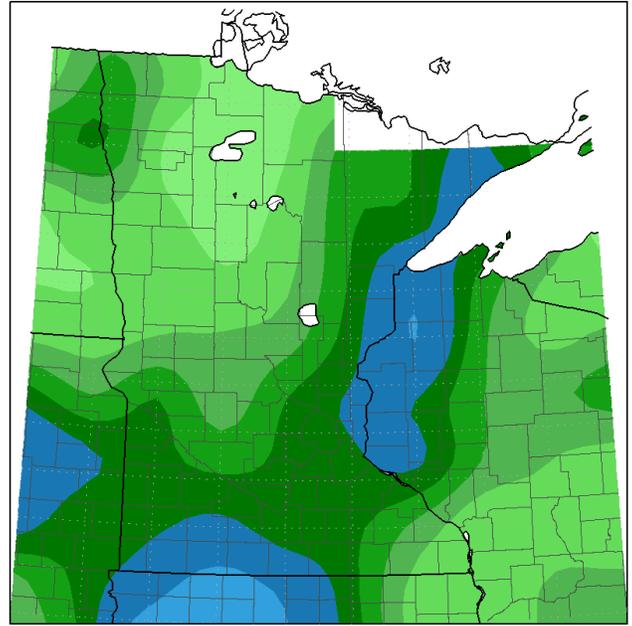
Minnesota Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending August 23, 2015

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from Mean
August 17, 2015 to August 23, 2015



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Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 17, 2015 to August 23, 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/>