



Minnesota Crop Progress & Condition

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Minnesota farmers were able to harvest over one-third of both their soybean and sugarbeet crops during the **6.4 days suitable for fieldwork** for the week ending October 4, 2015, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. This was the most days suitable for fieldwork this crop season. Other activities for the week included fall tillage and fertilizer application on harvested fields.

Soil moisture levels decreased with the lack of rain during the week. **Topsoil moisture** supplies were rated 3 percent very short, 15 percent short, 79 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 14 percent short, 82 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus.

Ninety-one percent of Minnesota's **corn** acreage was mature, 2 weeks ahead of last year and 8 days ahead of the five-year average. Corn harvest was 9 percent complete, 10 days ahead of the previous year but 8 days behind normal. Corn condition rated 89 percent good to excellent. Corn harvested for silage was 93 percent complete, 2 days ahead of normal. With almost the entire **soybean** acreage dropping leaves or beyond, soybean harvest advanced 35 percentage points to 69 percent complete, 10 days ahead of last year and 5 days ahead of average. Soybean condition rated 82 percent good to excellent. **Dry edible bean** harvest was nearing completion, well ahead of average. Eighty-one percent of the **potato** crop has been harvested, just behind last year but 1 day ahead of normal. Advancing 35 percentage points from last week, **sugarbeet** harvest was 52 percent complete, 2 days ahead of last year and 1 week ahead of average. Sugarbeet condition rated 85 percent good to excellent. Twenty-five percent of the **sunflower** acreage has been harvested, and condition rated 58 percent good to excellent.

Pasture condition rated 71 percent good to excellent. Frost was reported in areas of east central Minnesota during the week.

Crop Progress as of October 4, 2015

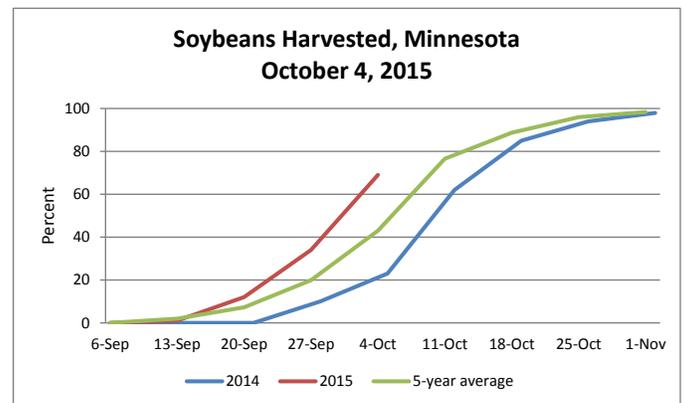
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	6.4	4.6	4.7	5.7
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn mature	91	67	60	78
Corn for Grain harvested	9	3	5	19
Corn for Silage harvested	93	86	70	91
Dry Ed. Beans harvested	98	92	70	80
Potatoes harvested	81	64	83	80
Soybeans dropping leaves	98	89	88	92
Soybeans harvested	69	34	21	44
Sugarbeets harvested	52	17	44	30
Sunflowers harvested	25	4	2	20

Crop Condition as of October 4, 2015

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	0	2	9	53	36
Pasture	2	9	18	63	8
Soybeans	1	2	15	54	28
Sugarbeets	1	4	10	32	53
Sunflowers	0	6	36	51	7

Soil Moisture Conditions as of October 4, 2015

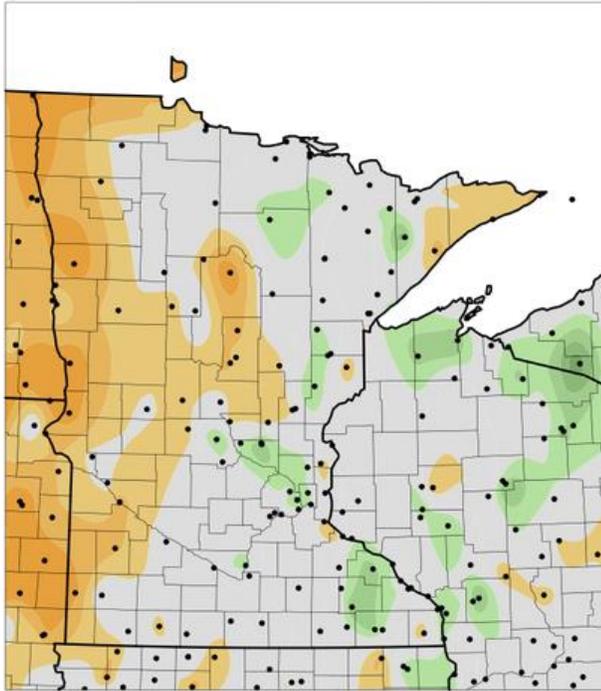
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil Moisture	3	15	79	3
Subsoil Moisture	2	14	82	2



Minnesota Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending October 4, 2015

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals

September 28, 2015 to October 04, 2015



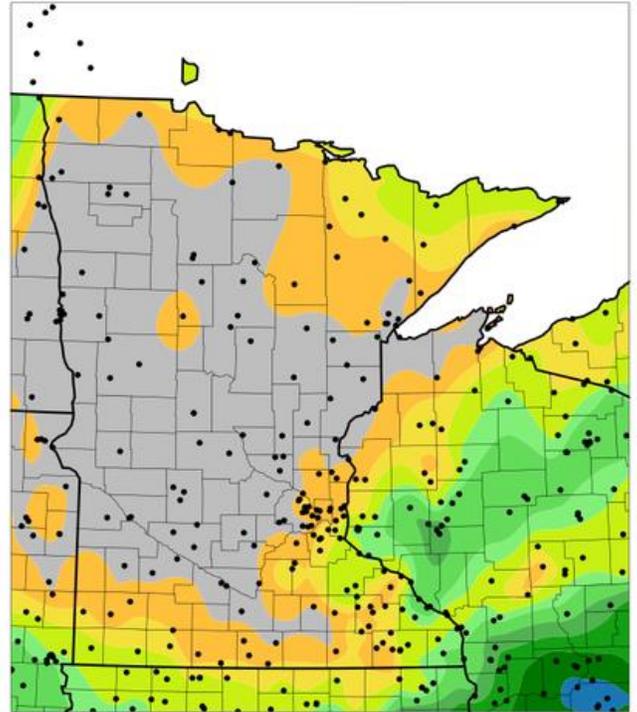
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Accumulated Precipitation (in)

September 28, 2015 to October 04, 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/>