



# Minnesota Crop Progress & Condition



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Favorable conditions allowed Minnesota farmers to plant over one-third of the expected small grain acreage and over one-half of the sugarbeet acreage during the week ending April 19, 2015, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. This was the most productive planting week for small grain growers in 30 years. There were 5.7 **days suitable for fieldwork**, the most days suitable in April since 2004. Some producers were worried about the extent of winterkill in alfalfa and the possible need to reseed acres. Field activities for the week included applying fertilizer, spreading manure, and tilling fields.

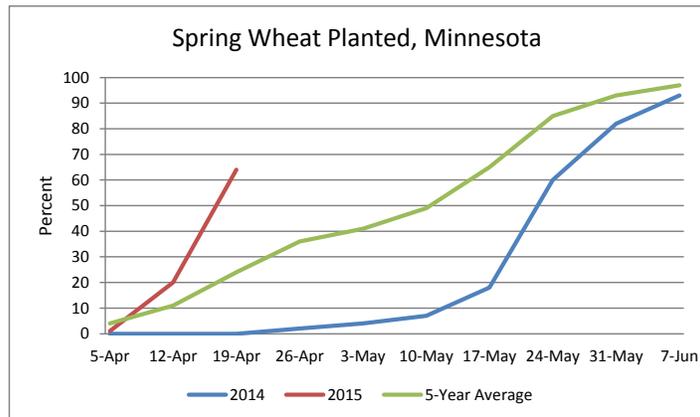
**Topsoil moisture** supplies were rated 4 percent very short, 31 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 3 percent very short, 36 percent short, 61 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Some areas of the state received precipitation during the week, but farmers are still concerned about the lack of moisture, especially with the windy days.

**Corn** reached 12 percent planted in Minnesota, over 2 weeks ahead of last year, and 4 days ahead of the five-year average. **Oat** and **spring wheat** seeding were both over 50 percent complete, while **barley** was under 50 percent seeded. Small grain seeding was over 4 weeks ahead of last year and almost 3 weeks ahead of average. There were scattered reports of small grains starting to emerge across the southern two-thirds of the state. **Sugarbeet** planting was 64 percent complete, the most planted by this date in over 30 years. Twenty percent of the expected **potato** acreage was planted, over 3 weeks ahead of last year and 5 days ahead of average.

With pastures starting to green, **pasture** condition rated 80 percent fair to good. Livestock producers reported that calving has gone well so far.

## Crop Condition as of April 19, 2015

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture.....	2	18	50	30	0



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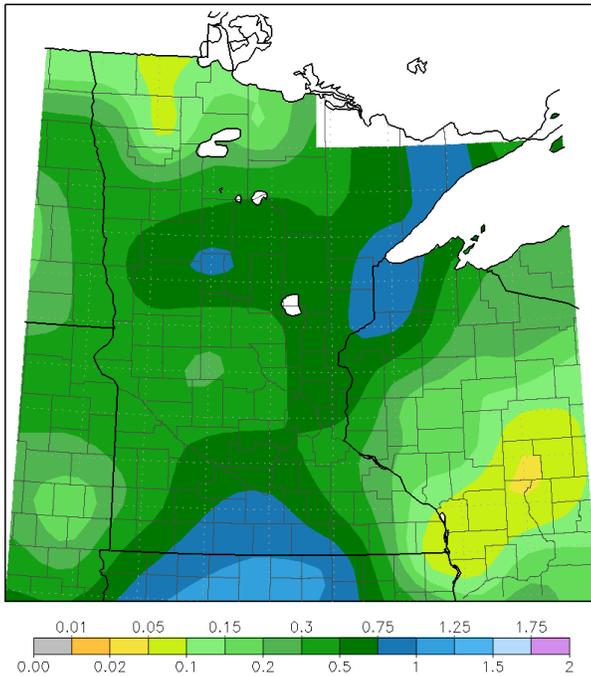
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	5.7	3.5	0.6	2.1
Barley planted .....	44	10	0	19
Corn planted.....	12	0	0	6
Oats planted .....	53	17	2	31
Oats emerged.....	6	0	0	9
Potatoes planted .....	20	4	0	13
Spring Wheat planted .....	64	20	0	24
Sugarbeets planted .....	64	11	0	12

## Soil Moisture Conditions as of April 19, 2015

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil Moisture	4	31	63	2
Subsoil Moisture	3	36	61	0

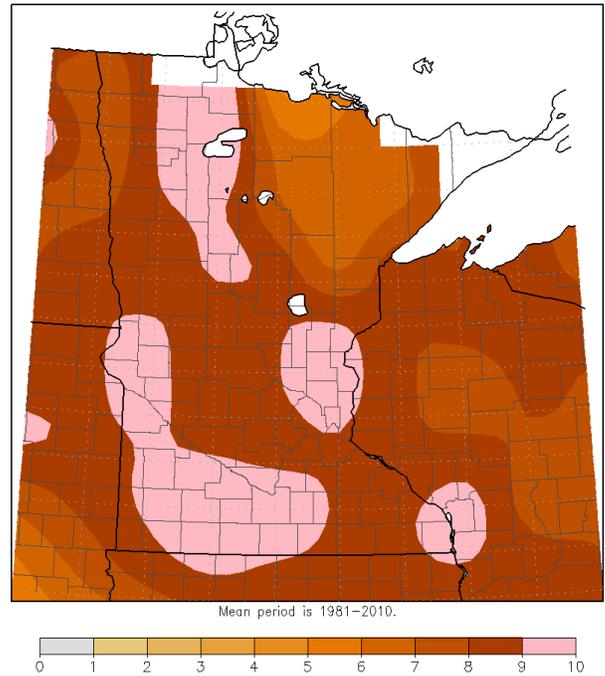
# Minnesota Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending April 19, 2015

Accumulated Precipitation (in)  
April 13, 2015 to April 19, 2015



Midwestern Regional Climate Center  
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Average Temperature (°F): Departure from Mean  
April 13, 2015 to April 19, 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/>