



Minnesota Crop Progress & Condition

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Precipitation accompanied with cool temperatures across Minnesota limited farmers to only **2.8 days suitable for fieldwork** during the week ending May 24, 2015, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Frost was reported across the northern two-thirds of the state. There were reports of drowned out portions of fields that may need to be replanted. When conditions allowed, field activities for the week included planting and spraying.

Soil moisture levels increased for the second straight week. **Topsoil moisture** supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 4 percent short, 83 percent adequate, and 13 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 10 percent short, 85 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus.

Eighty-eight percent of the Minnesota **corn** crop had emerged, 2 weeks ahead of last year and the five-year average. The first corn condition rating was estimated at 0 percent very poor, 2 percent poor, 29 percent fair, 62 percent good, and 7 percent excellent. **Soybean** planting increased 9 percentage points during the week for the second week in a row and was 88 percent complete. Forty-nine percent of the soybean acreage had emerged, 11 days ahead of the previous year and 10 days ahead of average. **Barley** was 39 percent at or beyond the jointing stage, over 4 weeks ahead of last year. Barley condition rated 58 percent good to excellent, up 2 percentage points from the previous week. Fifty-six percent of the **oat** acreage was at or beyond the jointing stage, the most in at least 40 years. Oat condition rated 78 percent good to excellent. With most of the **spring wheat** acreage emerged, 35 percent of the acreage was at or beyond the jointing stage, the highest in almost 40 years. Spring wheat condition rated 67 percent good to excellent. **Dry edible beans** were 59 percent planted and 26 percent emerged, over a week ahead of normal. Sixty-five percent of the **sunflower** acreage was planted, 18 days ahead of last year and 8 days ahead of average. **Potato** planting was nearing completion across the state.

All hay condition rated 67 percent good to percent excellent, up slightly from the previous week. There were scattered reports of the first cutting of **alfalfa hay** being harvested, mostly across the southern part of the state. **Pasture** condition rated 67 percent good to excellent, up 5 percentage points from last week. Producers were still concerned about the spread of Avian Influenza in both turkeys and chickens.

Crop Progress as of May 24, 2015

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	2.8	1.7	4.7	4.4
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley emerged.....	92	86	19	56
Barley jointing	39	3	0	8
Corn emerged	88	72	28	51
Dry ed. beans planted	59	39	11	37
Dry ed. beans emerged.....	26	17	0	(NA)
Oats emerged	96	89	45	68
Oats jointing.....	56	14	1	14
Potatoes planted	96	92	64	82
Soybeans planted	88	79	44	59
Soybeans emerged	49	21	5	15
Spring Wheat emerged	95	90	18	58
Spring Wheat jointing	35	4	0	10
Sunflowers planted.....	65	52	9	43

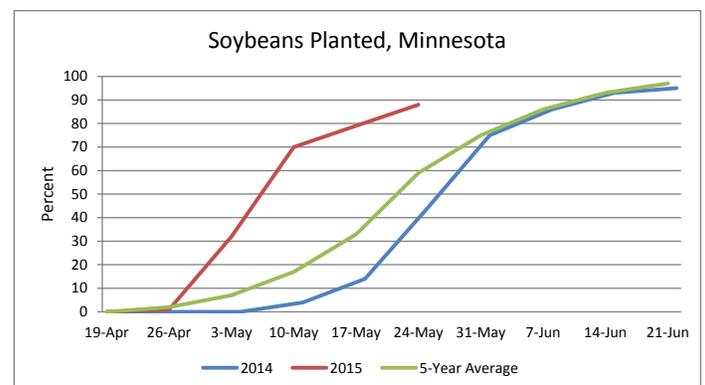
(NA) Not available.

Crop Condition as of May 24, 2015

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley	0	2	40	51	7
Corn	0	2	29	62	7
Hay, all	2	11	20	57	10
Oats	0	0	22	67	11
Pasture.....	0	7	26	61	6
Spring Wheat...	0	2	31	59	8

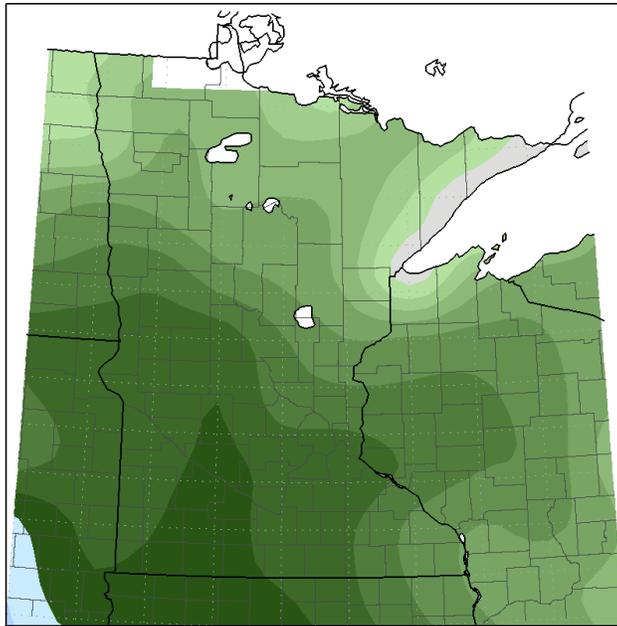
Soil Moisture Conditions as of May 24, 2015

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil Moisture	0	4	83	13
Subsoil Moisture	1	10	85	4



Minnesota Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending May 24, 2015

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from Mean
May 18, 2015 to May 24, 2015

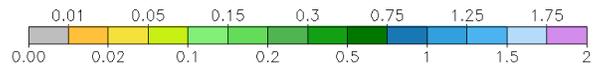
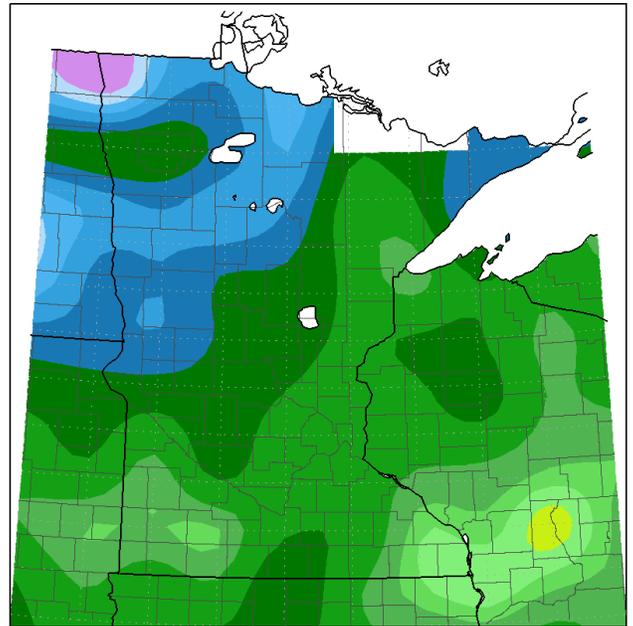


Mean period is 1981-2010.



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Accumulated Precipitation (in)
May 18, 2015 to May 24, 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/>