



Minnesota Crop Progress & Condition

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Almost one quarter of the Minnesota soybean crop was harvested during the **4.6 days suitable for fieldwork** for the week ending September 27, 2015, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. This was the least amount of days suitable since the week ending August 23. Farmers were beginning to till fields. Some producers were concerned about blight in corn and white mold in soybean fields.

Soil moisture levels remained stable with scattered rains across the state. **Topsoil moisture** supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 12 percent short, 81 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 12 percent short, 83 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus.

Sixty-seven percent of Minnesota's **corn** acreage was mature, 10 days ahead of last year and 2 days ahead of the five-year average. With farmers starting to harvest corn for grain throughout the state, corn condition rated 88 percent good to excellent. Corn harvested for silage was 86 percent complete, 3 days ahead of normal. Eighty-nine percent of the **soybean** acreage was dropping leaves or beyond, 8 days ahead of last year. Soybean harvest was 34 percent complete, 10 days ahead of last year and 5 days ahead of average. Soybean condition rated 79 percent good to excellent. **Dry edible bean** fields were 92 percent harvested, the most harvested by this date in over 30 years. Sixty-four percent of the **potato** crop has been harvested, just behind last year and normal. Seventeen percent of the **sugarbeet** crop has been lifted, 3 days ahead of both last year and average. Sugarbeet condition rated 85 percent good to excellent. **Sunflower** condition rated 58 percent good to excellent, with sunflower harvest beginning.

The third cutting of **alfalfa hay** was nearing completion, well ahead of last year. **Pasture** condition rated 71 percent good to excellent, down 2 percentage points from the previous week.

Crop Progress as of September 27, 2015

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	4.6	5.3	6.0	5.4
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn mature	67	41	41	63
Corn for Silage harvested.....	86	67	42	81
Dry Ed. Beans harvested	92	77	45	62
Potatoes harvested	64	50	65	66
Soybeans dropping leaves	89	72	68	80
Soybeans harvested	34	12	9	20
Sugarbeets harvested	17	15	10	12

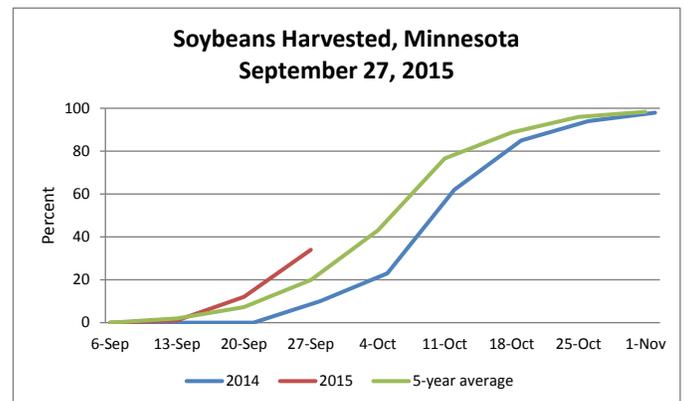
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Soil Moisture Conditions as of September 27, 2015

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil Moisture	2	12	81	5
Subsoil Moisture	2	12	83	3

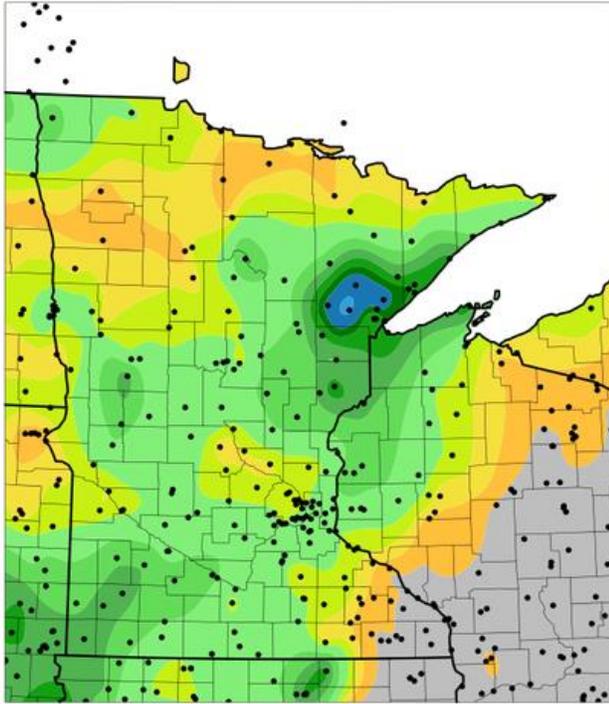
Crop Condition as of September 27, 2015

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	0	2	10	53	35
Pasture	2	8	19	63	8
Soybeans	1	3	17	53	26
Sugarbeets	1	4	p10	32	53
Sunflowers.....	0	6	36	51	7



Minnesota Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending September 27, 2015

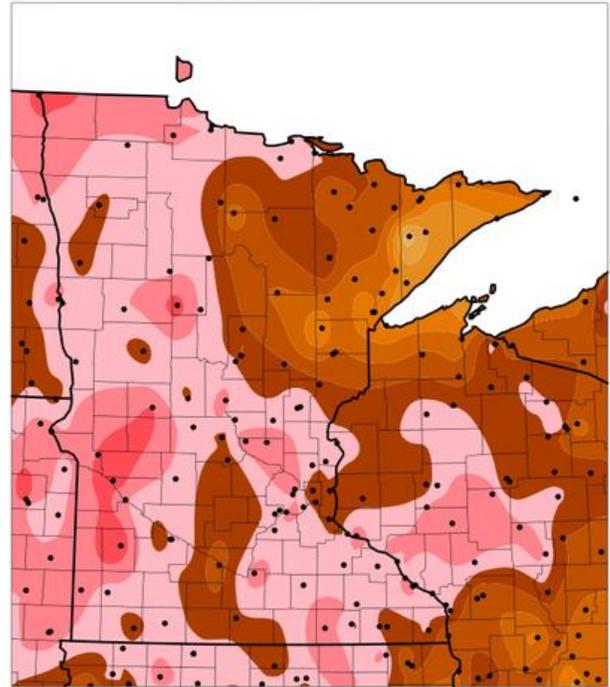
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 21, 2015 to September 27, 2015



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Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals
September 21, 2015 to September 27, 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/>