



Minnesota Crop Progress & Condition

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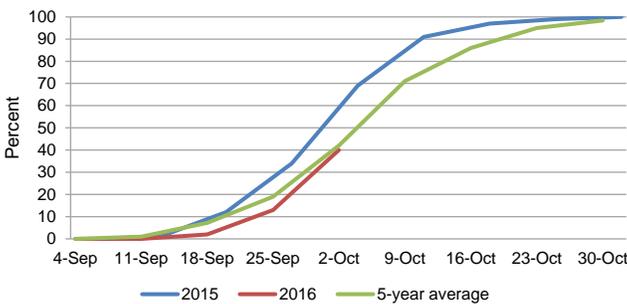
Drier weather allowed Minnesota farmers to harvest over a quarter of the soybean crop during the week ending October 2, 2016, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. There were **4.9 days suitable for fieldwork**. While the drier weather allowed harvest activities to pick up, there were reports of fields still too wet to harvest. There were reports of white mold in soybeans and concerns about corn stalk quality. Field activities for the week included harvesting and tilling.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 65 percent adequate, and 33 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 29 percent surplus.

Eighty-seven percent of Minnesota's **corn** acreage was mature, 8 days ahead of the five-year average and slightly ahead of last year. Eight percent of the corn for grain acreage was harvested, about a week behind average. Corn condition rated 85 percent good to excellent. Ninety-two percent of the corn for **silage** acreage had been harvested. With nearly all the **soybean** crop dropping leaves or beyond, 40 percent of the soybean acreage was harvested, slightly behind average and 4 days behind last year. Soybean condition rated 82 percent good to excellent, up 3 percentage points from last week. The **dry edible bean** crop was 94 percent harvested, 12 days ahead of average, but 3 days behind last year. Twenty-two percent of the **sunflower** acreage was harvested, 3 days ahead of average. Sunflower condition rated 58 percent good to excellent. Seventy-nine percent of the **potato** acreage had been harvested. Nineteen percent of the **sugarbeet** crop was harvested. Sugarbeet condition rated 81 percent good to excellent.

The third cutting of **alfalfa hay** was 97 percent complete. **Pasture** condition rated 73 percent good to excellent.

**Soybeans Harvested - Minnesota:
As of October 2, 2016**



Soil Moisture Supplies as of October 2, 2016

	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture	0	2	65	33
Subsoil moisture	0	2	69	29

Crop Progress as of October 2, 2016

	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	4.9	3.1	6.4	(NA)

Crop Condition as of October 2, 2016

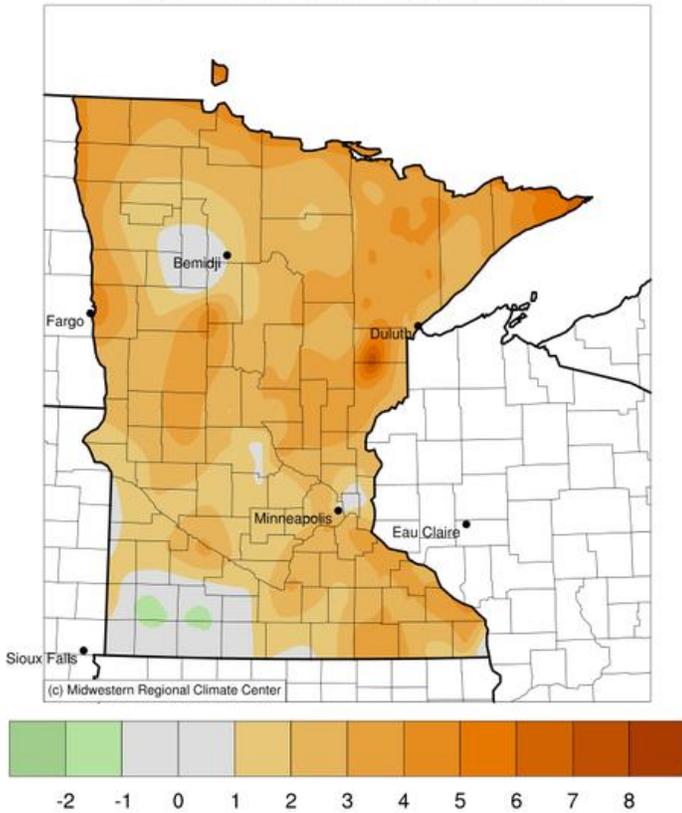
	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	1	3	11	57	28
Pasture	1	6	20	55	18
Soybeans	2	3	13	54	28
Sugarbeets	2	5	12	28	53
Sunflowers	2	3	37	49	9

	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn mature	87	70	84	73
Corn for grain harvested	8	3	7	16
Corn for silage harvested	92	81	91	88
Dry ed. beans harvested	94	84	96	79
Hay, alfalfa, third cutting	97	94	99	(NA)
Potatoes harvested	79	52	76	77
Soybeans dropping leaves	96	83	95	90
Soybeans harvested	40	13	59	42
Sugarbeets harvested	19	14	42	26
Sunflowers harvested	22	10	19	15

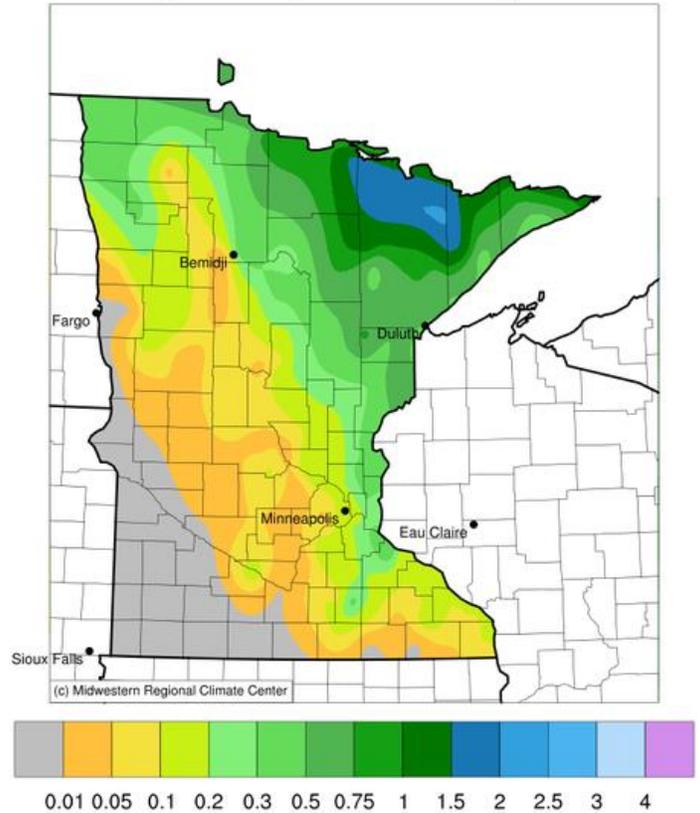
(NA) Not available.

Minnesota Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending October 2, 2016

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals
September 26, 2016 to October 02, 2016



Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 26, 2016 to October 02, 2016



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/>