



Minnesota Crop Progress & Condition

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Favorable weather conditions across much of Minnesota resulted in 6.1 **days suitable for fieldwork**, allowing 30 percent of the state's corn crop to be harvested during the week ending November 2, 2014, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Moisture levels in late planted fields remained an issue for some producers during harvest last week. Other field activities for the week included fall tillage, fertilizer application, and installation of tile and drainage projects.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 3 percent very short, 20 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 3 percent very short, 16 percent short, 80 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Some producers had concerns about soil moisture levels after completing fall tillage.

Corn harvest, at 71 percent complete, improved from 10 days behind the 5-year average last week to only 2 days behind average. This is the most corn harvested during the last week of October in Minnesota in more than 10 years. **Moisture content of harvested corn** was estimated at 18 percent, down two points from last week. Corn conditions decreased slightly to 66 percent good to excellent. **Corn for silage** harvest was wrapping up across the state.

Soybean harvest remained ahead of normal for the third straight week. Harvest is 12 days ahead of the 5-year average with 98 percent harvested. **Dry edible bean** harvest was virtually complete. **Sunflower** producers remained 5 days behind average with 68 percent of the crop now harvested.

Soil Moisture Conditions as of November 2, 2014

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Topsoil Moisture ...	3	20	76	1
Subsoil Moisture ...	3	16	80	1

Crop Conditions as of November 2, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	2	4	28	52	14

Crop Progress as of November 2, 2014

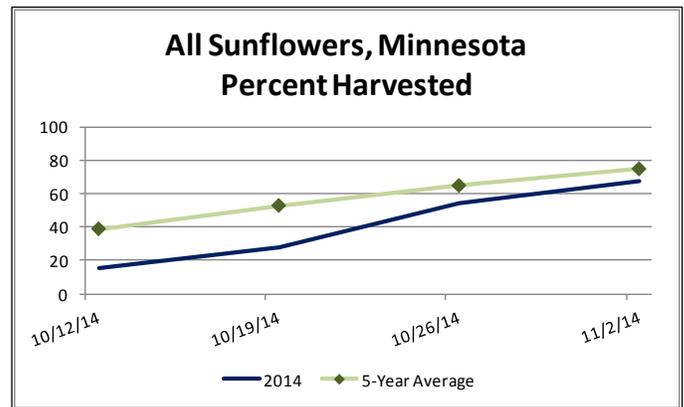
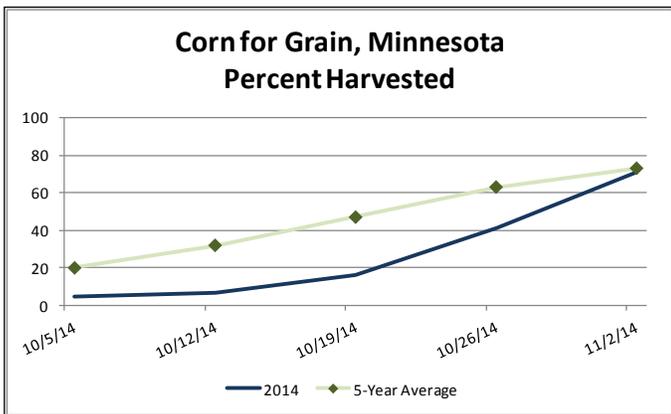
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
	Days Suitable for Fieldwork	6.1	6.4	5.0

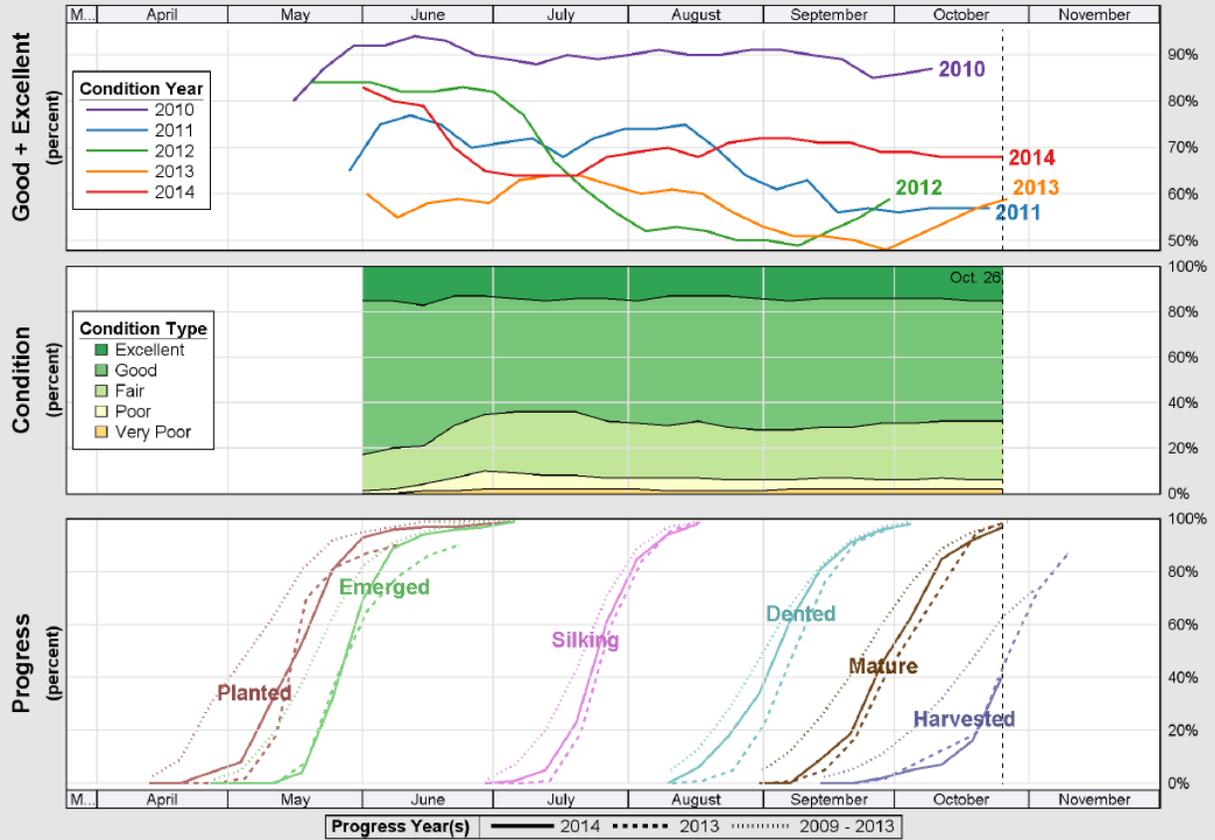
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, harvested for grain	71	41	69	73
Soybeans harvested	98	94	95	91
Sunflowers, harvested	68	54	61	75

Beginning November 1, 2014, the weather summary previously published will no longer be available. 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>

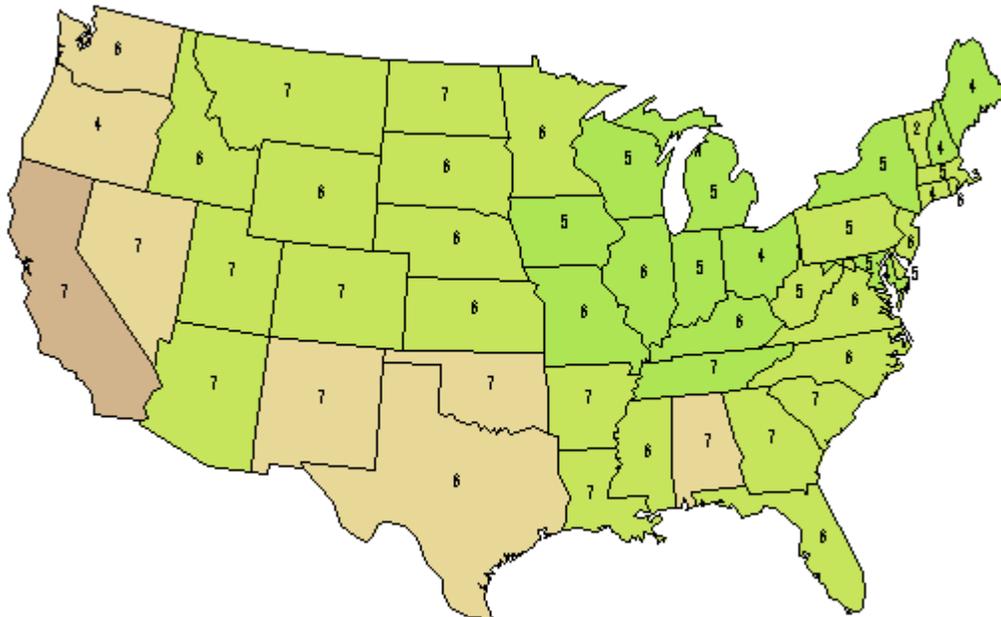
National Weather Service's Minnesota Data can be found at <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/view/states.php?state=MN>





Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Crop Progress Report

Days Suitable for Fieldwork & Topsoil Moisture
Week ending October 26, 2014



Topsoil Moisture: Very Short to Surplus