



Minnesota Crop Progress & Condition

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Minnesota farmers took advantage of the **2.7 days suitable for fieldwork** to start planting small grains during the week ending April 5, 2015, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. This was the most days suitable to start the growing season since 2012. Frost was reportedly still coming out of the ground in the northern two-thirds of the state, and producers were waiting to evaluate the extent of winter kill in alfalfa. Field activities for the week included applying fertilizer, spreading manure, and tilling fields.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 5 percent very short, 35 percent short, 59 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 4 percent very short, 35 percent short, 61 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus.

Five percent of Minnesota's **oat** acreage was planted, over 2 weeks ahead of last year but 3 days behind the five-year average. There were scattered reports of **barley** and **spring wheat** being planted, except in the northern part of the state.

Pasture condition rated 4 percent very poor, 18 percent poor, 56 percent fair, 22 percent good, and 0 percent excellent. Respondents reported that dry conditions have limited pasture growth. Livestock producers reported calving progressing with no major complications.

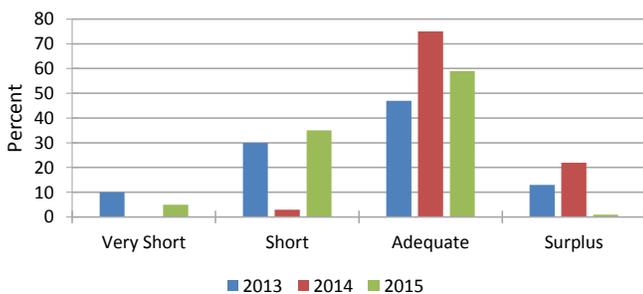
Crop Condition as of April 5, 2015

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture.....	4	18	56	22	0

Crop Progress as of April 5, 2015

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	2.7	(NA)	0.0	1.6
Oats planted	5	(NA)	0	9

Topsoil Moisture Condition, Minnesota,
For the First Week of April

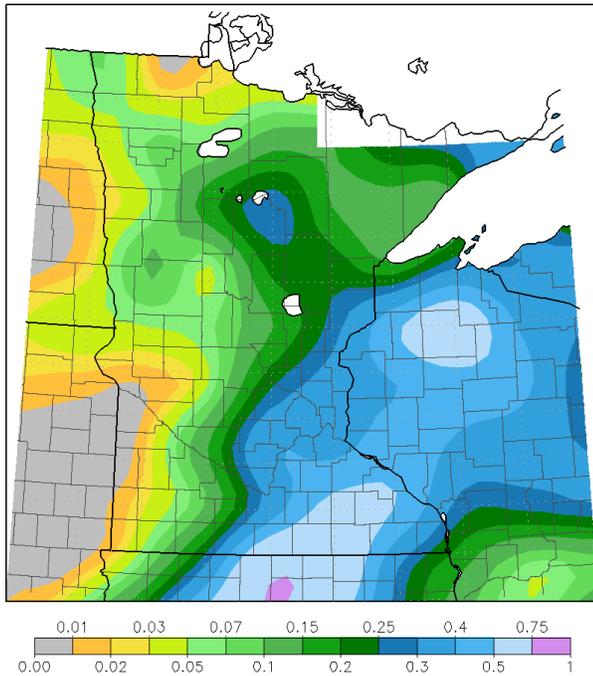


Soil Moisture Conditions as of April 5, 2015

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil Moisture	5	35	59	1
Subsoil Moisture	4	35	61	0

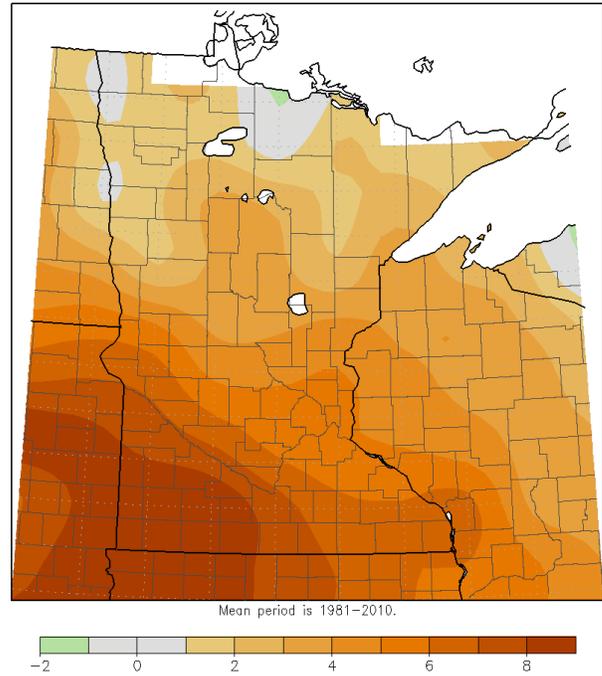
Minnesota Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending April 5, 2015

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
March 30, 2015 to April 5, 2015



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Average Temperature (°F): Departure from Mean
March 30, 2015 to April 5, 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/>