



# Minnesota Crop Progress & Condition

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Unseasonably warm temperatures and humidity propelled crop development across Minnesota during the week ending September 6, 2015, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. There were **5.3 days suitable for fieldwork** during the week. There were scattered reports of white mold and weeds in soybean fields. Field activities for the week included harvesting hay and chopping corn for silage. Farmers were preparing machinery for the fall harvest.

**Topsoil moisture** supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 8 percent short, 87 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 11 percent short, 86 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus.

Eighty-five percent of Minnesota's **corn** acreage was in or beyond the dent stage, 11 days ahead of last year and 1 week ahead of the five-year average. With corn starting to mature, condition rated 88 percent good to excellent. Corn harvested for silage was 16 percent complete, over 1 week behind normal. Sixty-one percent of the **soybean** acreage was turning color or beyond, 10 days ahead of last year and 6 days ahead of average. Fourteen percent of the soybean acreage was dropping leaves, slightly ahead of normal. Soybean condition rated 79 percent good to excellent. Small grain harvest was wrapping up across the state. With 72 percent of the **dry edible bean** crop dropping leaves or beyond, 18 percent of the crop has been harvested, 4 days ahead of average. Dry edible bean condition rated 70 percent good to excellent. Twenty-nine percent of the **potato** crop was harvested, with 92 percent of the acreage rated in good to excellent condition. **Sunflower** condition rated 58 percent good to excellent. **Sugarbeet** harvest was 9 percent complete, over 2 weeks ahead of average. Sugarbeet condition rated 85 percent good to excellent.

The third cutting of **alfalfa hay** was 85 percent complete, 11 days ahead of last year. **Pasture** condition rated 74 percent good to excellent, up slightly from last week.

## Crop Progress as of September 6, 2015

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	5.3	5.3	4.4	5.5
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn dented .....	85	65	57	70
Corn mature .....	5	1	0	10
Corn for Silage harvested .....	16	5	(NA)	(NA)
Dry Ed. Beans coloring .....	96	81	30	66
Dry Ed. Beans drop leaves .....	72	44	10	38
Dry Ed. Beans harvested .....	18	4	(NA)	(NA)
Hay, Alfalfa 3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting .....	85	75	74	(NA)
Potatoes harvested .....	29	24	20	27
Soybeans coloring .....	61	27	24	38
Soybeans dropping leaves .....	14	3	3	13
Sugarbeets harvested .....	9	6	2	4

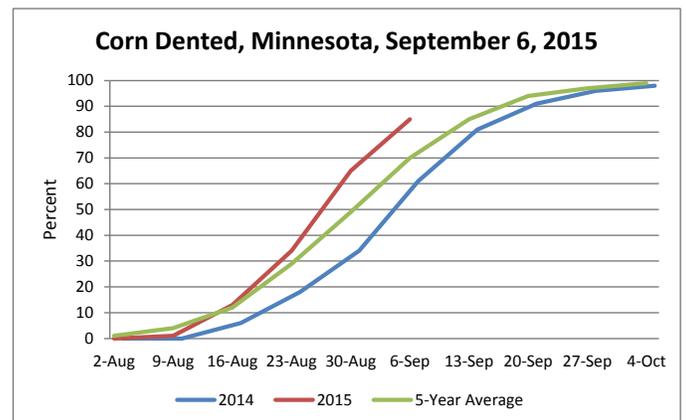
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## Crop Condition as of September 6, 2015

	Very Poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Corn .....	0	2	10	53	35
Dry Ed. Beans .....	2	4	24	55	15
Pasture .....	1	5	20	65	9
Potatoes .....	0	1	7	47	45
Soybeans .....	1	2	18	53	26
Sugarbeets .....	1	4	10	35	50
Sunflowers .....	0	6	36	50	8

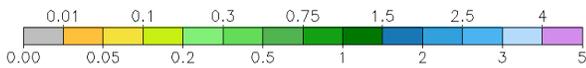
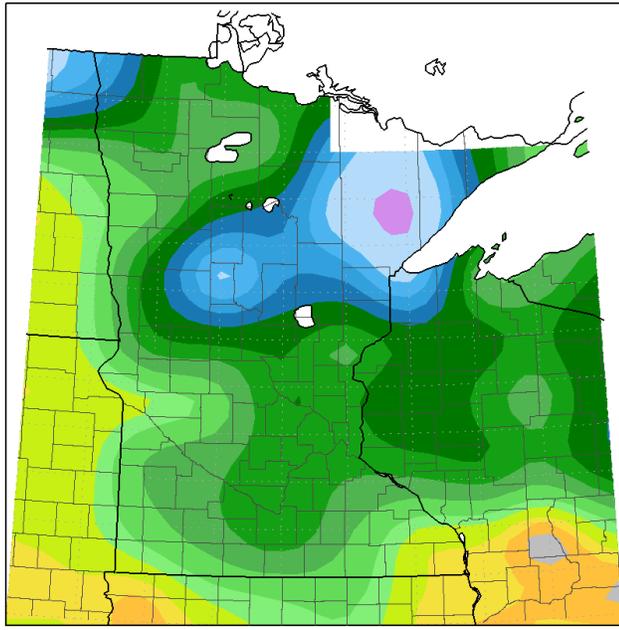
## Soil Moisture Conditions as of September 6, 2015

	Very Short (percent)	Short (percent)	Adequate (percent)	Surplus (percent)
Topsoil Moisture	1	8	87	4
Subsoil Moisture	1	11	86	2



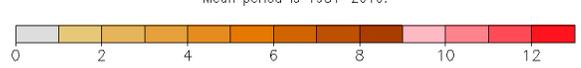
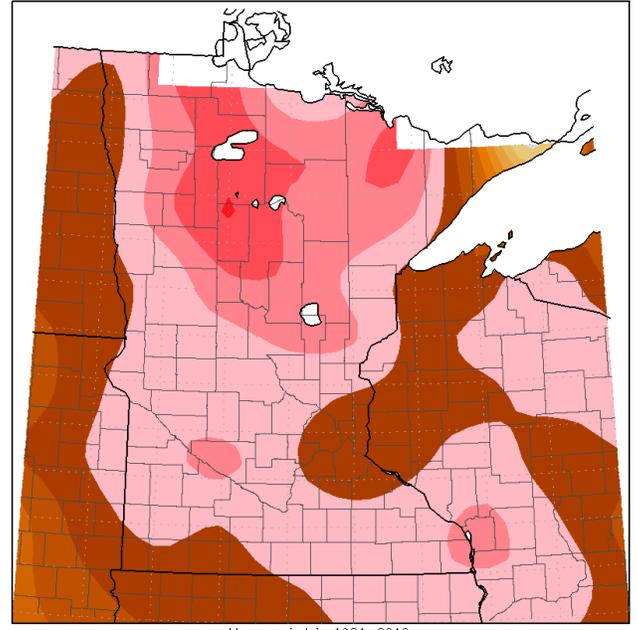
# Minnesota Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending September 6, 2015

Accumulated Precipitation (in)  
August 31, 2015 to September 6, 2015



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Average Temperature (°F): Departure from Mean  
August 31, 2015 to September 6, 2015



Mean period is 1981-2010.  
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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/>