



Minnesota Crop Progress & Condition

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Farmers in the western half of Minnesota reported harvesting early soybeans during the **5.5 days suitable for fieldwork** for the week ending September 13, 2015, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Field activities for the week included the fourth cutting of alfalfa hay in parts of southern Minnesota, harvesting wild rice, and chopping corn for silage. Portions of northwest Minnesota reported white mold in sunflower fields.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 10 percent short, 85 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 12 percent short, 84 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus.

With most of Minnesota's **corn** acreage in or beyond the dent stage, 19 percent of the acreage was mature, 8 days ahead of last year but 2 days behind the five-year average. Corn condition rated 88 percent good to excellent. Corn harvested for silage was 37 percent complete, almost 1 week behind normal. Forty-two percent of the **soybean** acreage was dropping leaves or beyond, 9 days ahead of last year and 3 days ahead of normal. Soybean condition rated 77 percent good to excellent, down slightly from the previous week. With most of the **dry edible bean** crop dropping leaves or beyond, 47 percent of the crop has been harvested, 9 days ahead of average. Dry edible bean condition rated 70 percent good to excellent. Thirty-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. Twelve percent of the **sugarbeet** crop has been lifted, 2 weeks ahead of average. Sugarbeet condition rated 85 percent good to excellent.

The third cutting of **alfalfa hay** was 91 percent complete, 2 weeks ahead of last year. **Pasture** condition rated 75 percent good to excellent, up slightly from last week.

Crop Progress as of September 13, 2015

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	5.5	5.3	4.5	5.4
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn dented	93	85	78	85
Corn mature	19	5	8	24
Corn for Silage harvested....	37	16	(NA)	(NA)
Dry Ed. Beans drop leaves...	93	72	33	61
Dry Ed. Beans harvested	47	18	(NA)	(NA)
Hay, Alfalfa 3 rd cutting	91	85	81	(NA)
Potatoes harvested	39	29	30	36
Soybeans coloring.....	86	61	51	64
Soybeans dropping leaves ...	42	14	11	31
Sugarbeets harvested	12	9	4	6

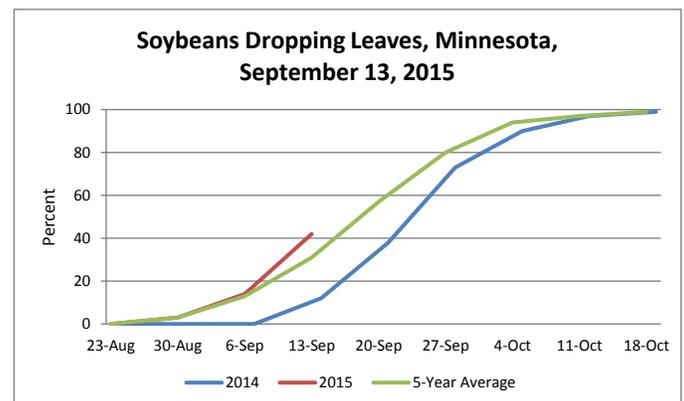
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Crop Condition as of September 13, 2015

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	0	2	10	54	34
Dry Ed. Beans ..	2	4	24	54	16
Pasture	1	5	19	66	9
Potatoes	0	1	7	49	43
Soybeans	1	3	19	51	26
Sugarbeets	1	4	10	35	50
Sunflowers.....	0	6	36	50	8

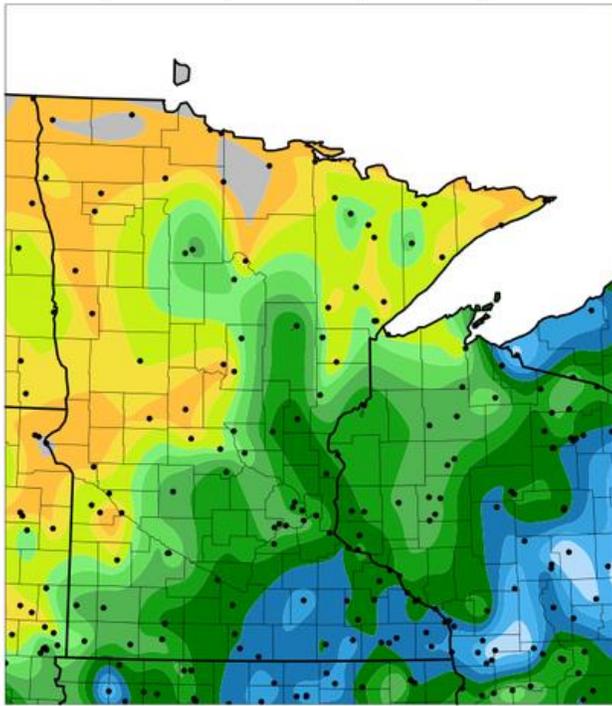
Soil Moisture Conditions as of September 13, 2015

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil Moisture	1	10	85	4
Subsoil Moisture	2	12	84	2



Minnesota Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending September 13, 2015

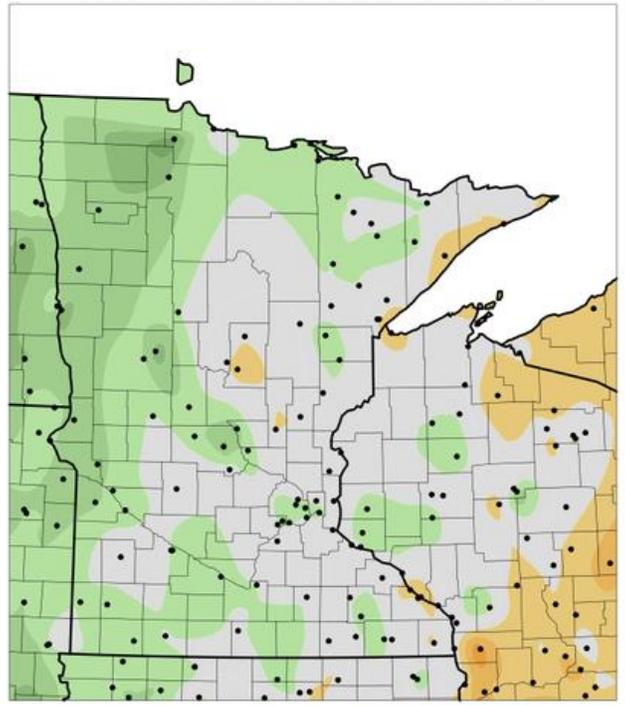
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 07, 2015 to September 13, 2015



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Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals
September 07, 2015 to September 13, 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/>