



# Minnesota Crop Progress & Condition

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Minnesota farmers doubled their corn for grain harvest progress during the **6.6 days suitable for fieldwork** for the week ending October 18, 2015, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. This was the most days suitable for fieldwork this crop season. Most of the state experienced a killing frost towards the end of the week. Field activities for the week included fall tilling, terracing, and applying manure.

Soil moisture levels decreased with the lack of rain during the week. **Topsoil moisture** supplies were rated 6 percent very short, 26 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 4 percent very short, 21 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

**Corn** harvest for grain was 58 percent complete, 12 days ahead of the previous year and 4 days ahead of the five-year average. This was the first time this crop season that corn harvest was ahead of normal. Corn moisture content of grain at harvest was 17 percent. Corn condition rated 89 percent good to excellent. **Soybean** harvest was 97 percent complete, nearly 2 weeks ahead of last year and over 1 week ahead of average. **Potato** harvest was nearing completion, ahead of the normal pace. **Sugarbeet** harvest was virtually complete. Seventy-eight percent of the **sunflower** acreage has been harvested, almost 3 weeks ahead of last year and nearly 2 weeks ahead of average.

**Pasture** condition rated 64 percent good to excellent, down 4 percentage points from the previous week.

## Crop Progress as of October 18, 2015

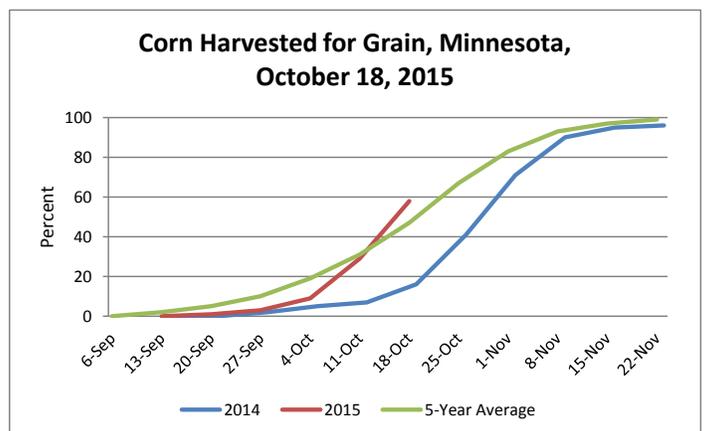
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	6.6	6.3	6.1	5.3
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn for Grain harvested.....	58	29	15	47
Potatoes harvested .....	97	93	97	95
Soybeans harvested .....	97	91	82	90
Sugarbeets harvested .....	99	88	99	80
Sunflowers harvested.....	78	56	26	53

## Soil Moisture Conditions as of October 18, 2015

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil Moisture	6	26	66	2
Subsoil Moisture	4	21	74	1

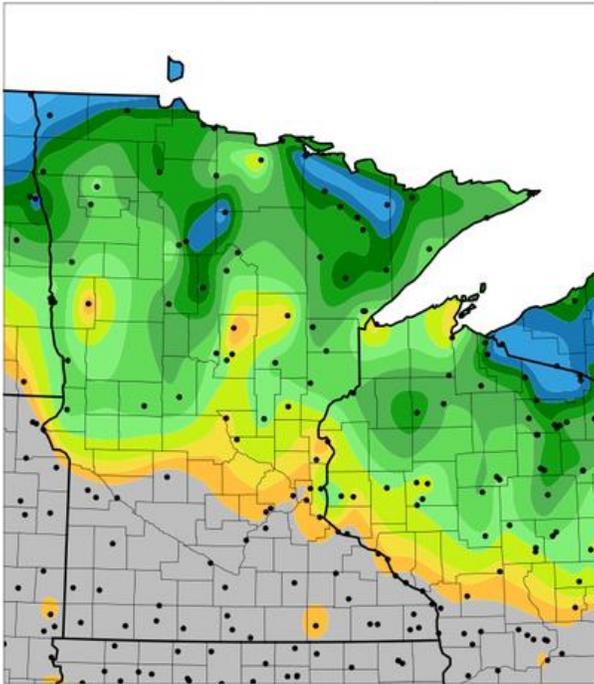
## Crop Condition as of October 18, 2015

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn .....	0	2	9	48	41
Pasture .....	6	10	20	58	6



# Minnesota Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending October 18, 2015

Accumulated Precipitation (in)  
October 12, 2015 to October 18, 2015

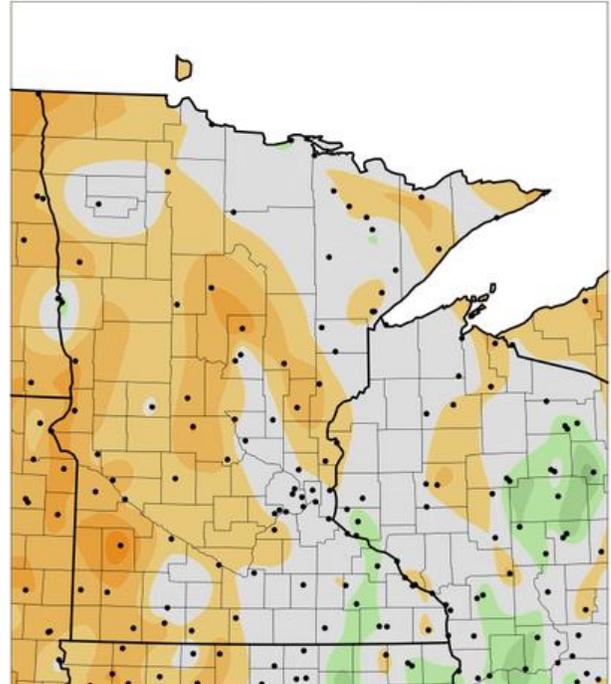


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Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals  
October 12, 2015 to October 18, 2015



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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/>