



Minnesota Crop Progress & Condition

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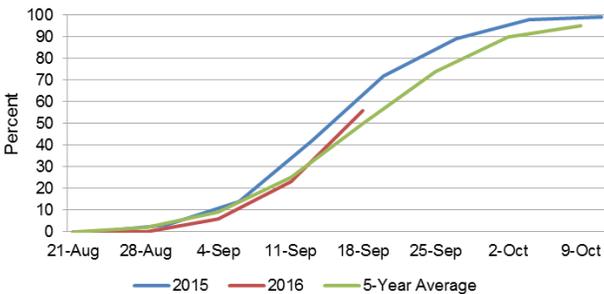
Wet field conditions continued to limit fieldwork and harvest operations across Minnesota during the week ending September 18 2016, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. There were **3.7 days suitable for fieldwork**. In addition to limiting harvest opportunities, the consistently wet conditions have raised concerns about mold in corn and soybeans, stalk problems in corn, and rot related to wet soil. While the damp conditions have proved challenging, harvest continues for corn silage, sugarbeets, potatoes, alfalfa hay, and dry edible beans.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 62 percent adequate, and 36 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 28 percent surplus.

Forty-five percent of Minnesota's **corn** acreage was mature, 5 days ahead of the five-year average and 3 days ahead of last year. Corn condition rated 84 percent good to excellent. Nearly one-third of the corn for **silage** acreage was harvested during the week, bringing the total harvested to 67 percent. Ninety-one percent of the **soybean** crop was turning color, 6 days ahead of average, but 2 days behind last year. Fifty-six percent of the soybean crop was dropping leaves or beyond, 2 days ahead of average. There were scattered reports of soybeans being harvested. Soybean condition rated 79 percent good to excellent. Ninety-four percent of the **dry edible bean** crop was dropping leaves or beyond. Sixty-one percent of the dry edible bean crop had been harvested, a week ahead of average, but 2 days behind last year. Dry edible bean condition rated 65 percent good to excellent. **Sunflower** condition rated 58 percent good to excellent. Forty-six percent of the **potato** acreage had been harvested. Potato condition rated 89 percent good to excellent. Twelve percent of the **sugarbeet** crop was harvested. Sugarbeet condition rated 84 percent good to excellent, down 3 percentage points from the previous week.

The third cutting of **alfalfa hay** was 91 percent complete. **Pasture** condition rated 75 percent good to excellent.

**Soybeans Dropping Leaves - Minnesota:
As of September 18, 2016**



Soil Moisture Supplies as of September 18, 2016

	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture	0	2	62	36
Subsoil moisture	0	2	70	28

Crop Progress as of September 18, 2016

	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	3.7	2.8	5.3	5.8

Crop Condition as of September 18, 2016

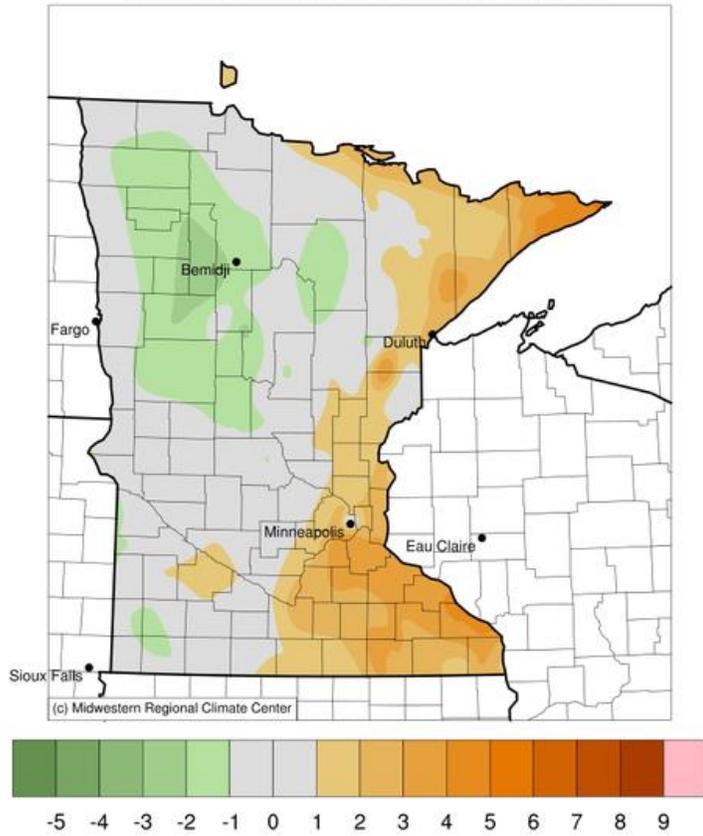
	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	1	3	12	56	28
Dry ed. beans	3	7	25	51	14
Pasture	1	5	19	57	18
Potatoes	1	2	8	59	30
Soybeans	1	4	16	55	24
Sugarbeets ...	1	5	10	27	57
Sunflowers ...	2	3	37	49	9

	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn dented	96	90	96	91
Corn mature	45	18	35	34
Corn for silage harvested	67	35	58	60
Dry ed. beans drop leaves	94	83	96	77
Dry ed. beans harvested	61	34	68	41
Hay, alfalfa, third cutting	91	88	94	(NA)
Potatoes harvested	46	41	47	45
Soybeans coloring	91	69	93	80
Soybeans dropping leaves	56	23	63	50
Sugarbeets harvested	12	10	14	8

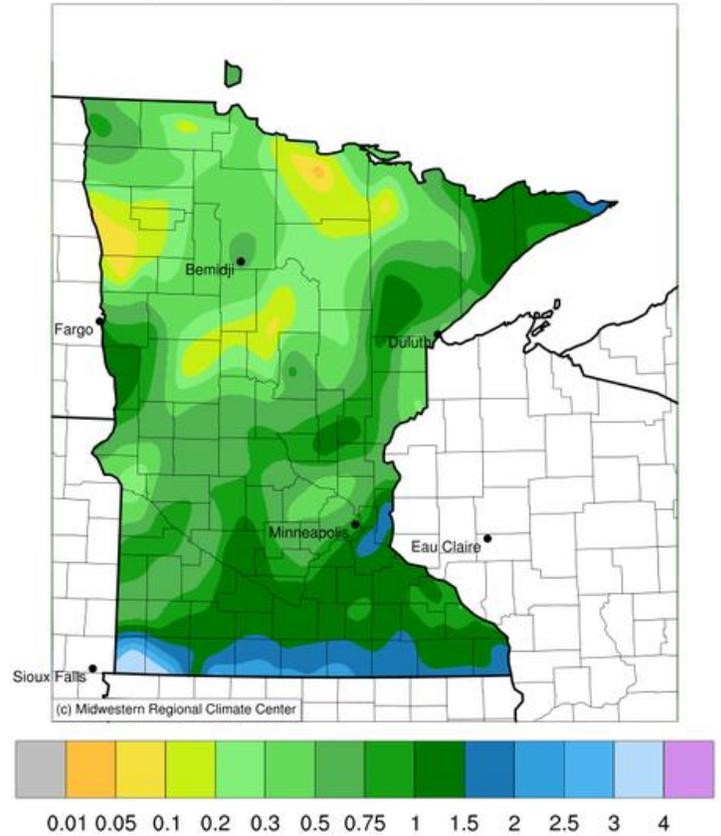
(NA) Not available.

Minnesota Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending September 18, 2016

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals
September 12, 2016 to September 18, 2016



Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 12, 2016 to September 18, 2016



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/>