



Minnesota Crop Progress & Condition

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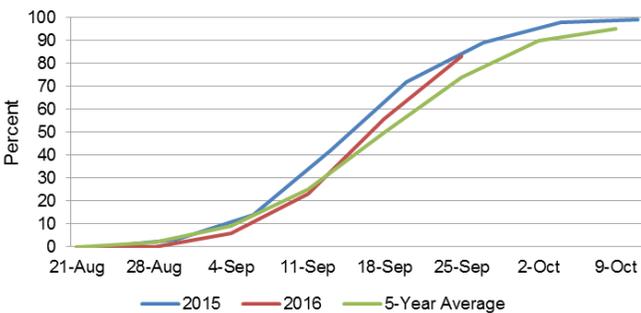
Above average rainfall has slowed the harvest in many areas across Minnesota during the week ending September 25, 2016, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. There were 3.1 **days suitable for fieldwork**. Thunderstorms brought heavy rainfall to portions of central and southern Minnesota, leading to very wet conditions and flooding in some areas. The consistently wet conditions continue to raise concerns about mold in corn and soybeans, stalk problems in corn, and rot related to wet soil. The saturated soils have made fieldwork challenging, as harvest continues for corn silage, sugarbeets, potatoes, alfalfa hay, and dry edible beans. Other limited field activities include hauling manure, tillage, and cover crop work.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 56 percent adequate, and 42 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 32 percent surplus.

Seventy percent of Minnesota's **corn** acreage was mature, 6 days ahead of the five-year average and 3 days ahead of last year. There were reports of farmers beginning to harvest corn for grain throughout the state. Corn condition rated 84 percent good to excellent. Eighty-one percent of the corn for **silage** acreage was harvested, equal to last year. Eighty-three percent of the **soybean** crop was dropping leaves or beyond, 3 days ahead of average. Soybean harvest was 13 percent complete, 3 days behind average and 5 days behind last year. Soybean condition rated 79 percent good to excellent. The **dry edible bean** crop was 84 percent harvested, 10 days ahead of average, but 2 days behind last year. Ten percent of the **sunflower** acreage was harvested, 4 days ahead of average. Sunflower condition rated 58 percent good to excellent. Fifty-two percent of the **potato** acreage had been harvested. Fourteen percent of the **sugarbeet** crop was harvested. Sugarbeet condition rated 81 percent good to excellent.

The third cutting of **alfalfa hay** was 94 percent complete. **Pasture** condition rated 73 percent good to excellent, down 2 percentage points from last week. There were reports that pastures are still growing, but getting trampled into the mud in wet areas.

**Soybeans Dropping Leaves - Minnesota:
As of September 25, 2016**



Soil Moisture Supplies as of September 25, 2016

	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture	0	2	56	42
Subsoil moisture	0	2	66	32

Crop Progress as of September 25, 2016

	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	3.1	3.7	4.6	5.8

Crop Condition as of September 25, 2016

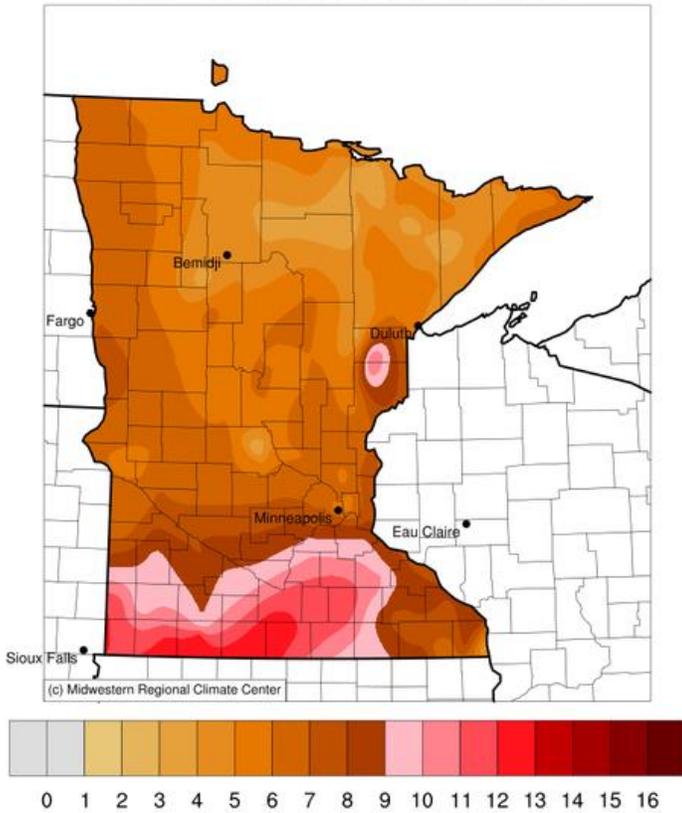
	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	1	3	12	57	27
Pasture	1	5	21	55	18
Soybeans	2	3	16	54	25
Sugarbeets	2	5	12	28	53
Sunflowers	2	3	37	49	9

	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn mature	70	45	60	54
Corn for silage harvested	81	67	81	76
Dry ed. beans drop leaves	98	94	98	89
Dry ed. beans harvested	84	61	88	61
Hay, alfalfa, third cutting	94	91	97	(NA)
Potatoes harvested	52	46	60	61
Soybeans coloring	97	91	98	93
Soybeans dropping leaves	83	56	84	74
Soybeans harvested	13	2	28	19
Sugarbeets harvested	14	12	16	10
Sunflowers harvested	10	1	3	5

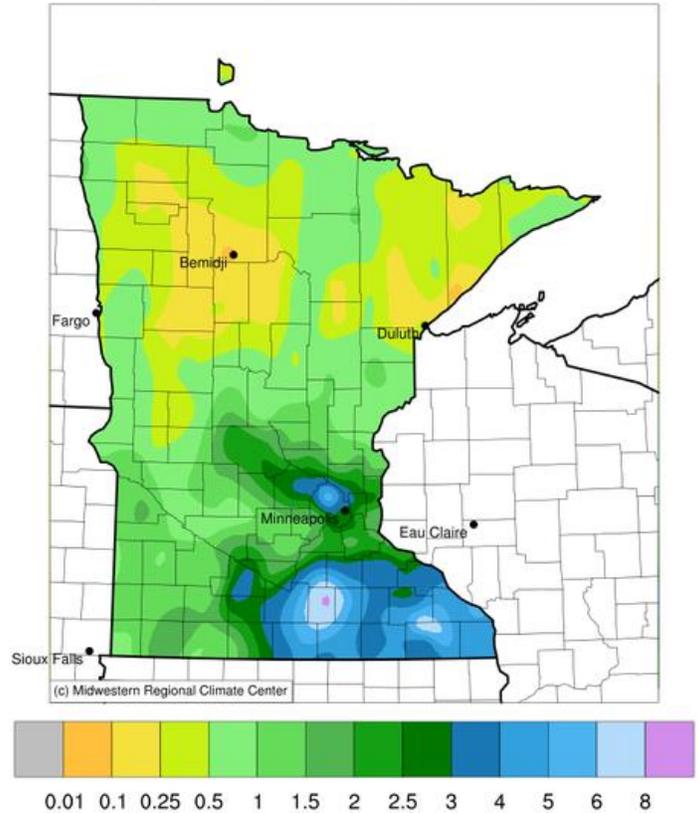
(NA) Not available.

Minnesota Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending September 25, 2016

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals
September 19, 2016 to September 25, 2016



Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 19, 2016 to September 25, 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/>