



Minnesota Crop Progress & Condition

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Warm conditions aided maturity of corn and soybeans and contributed to a rapid harvest pace of dry edible beans during the week ending September 17, 2017, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. There were **5.7 days suitable for fieldwork**. Some areas reported fall tillage delays due to dry conditions. Harvest continued for corn silage, sugarbeets, potatoes, and alfalfa hay.

Topsoil moisture supplies rated 2 percent very short, 16 percent short, 78 percent adequate and 4 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies rated 4 percent very short, 15 percent short, 78 percent adequate and 3 percent surplus.

Eighty-six percent of the **corn for grain** crop reached the dent stage, remaining 5 days behind the 5-year average. Thirteen percent had reached maturity, 10 days behind both last year and average. **Corn for silage** was 30 percent complete, 11 days behind average. Corn condition was 81 percent good to excellent. Eighty-one percent of the **soybean** crop was turning color with 36 percent dropping leaves. Scattered reports of soybean harvesting were noted in northern Minnesota. Soybean condition remained at 72 percent good to excellent.

Nearly all of the **dry edible bean** crop was dropping leaves. One-quarter of the dry edible crop was harvested during the week, making the total harvest progress 44 percent complete. Dry edible bean condition rating was 66 percent good to excellent. **Sunflower** condition remained at 86 percent good to excellent. **Potato** harvest was 48 percent complete. Potato crop condition remained at 92 percent good to excellent. **Sugarbeets** were 8 percent lifted. Sugarbeet condition was unchanged at 89 percent good to excellent.

The third cutting of **alfalfa hay** was 87 percent complete. **Pasture** condition declined to 54 percent good to excellent.

Soil Moisture Supplies as of September 17, 2017

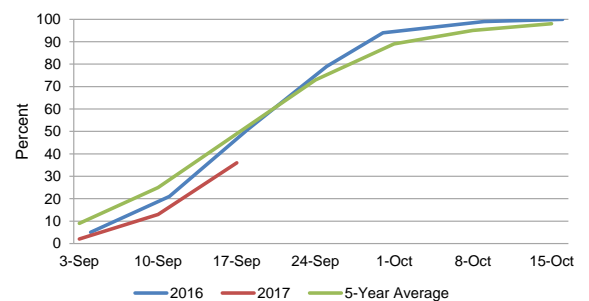
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil Moisture	2	16	78	4
Subsoil Moisture	4	15	78	3

Days Suitable and Crop Progress as of September 17, 2017

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)
Days suitable	5.7	6.2	3.7	5.3
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn dented.....	86	71	95	91
Corn mature.....	13	2	41	35
Corn harvested for silage...	30	10	62	57
Dry ed. beans drop leaves	96	90	92	80
Dry ed. beans harvested....	44	19	57	44
Hay, alfalfa, third cutting	87	85	91	(NA)
Potatoes harvested.....	48	39	45	45
Soybeans coloring	81	47	88	81
Soybeans dropping leaves	36	13	51	49
Sugarbeets harvested.....	8	6	12	9

(NA) Not available.

Soybeans Dropping Leaves - Minnesota:

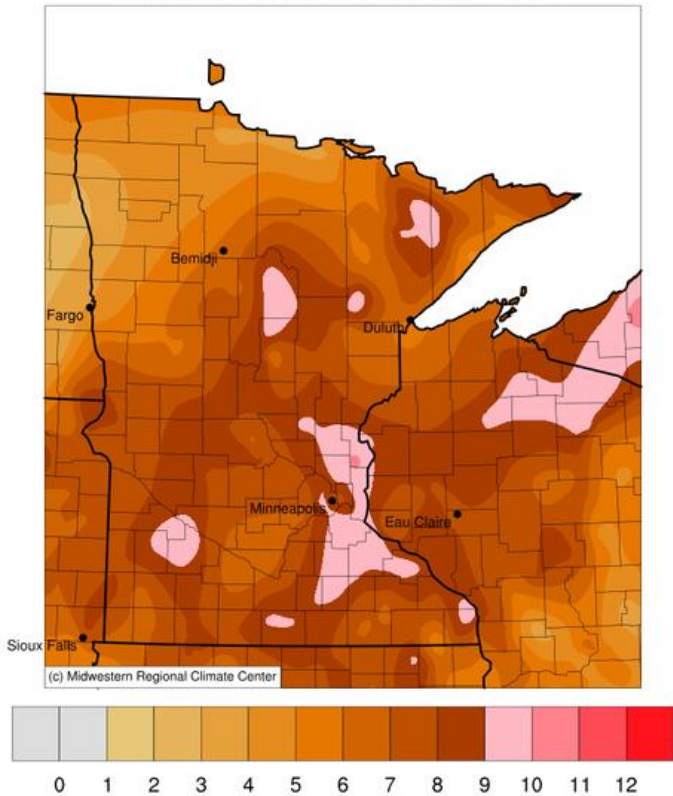


Crop Condition as of September 17, 2017

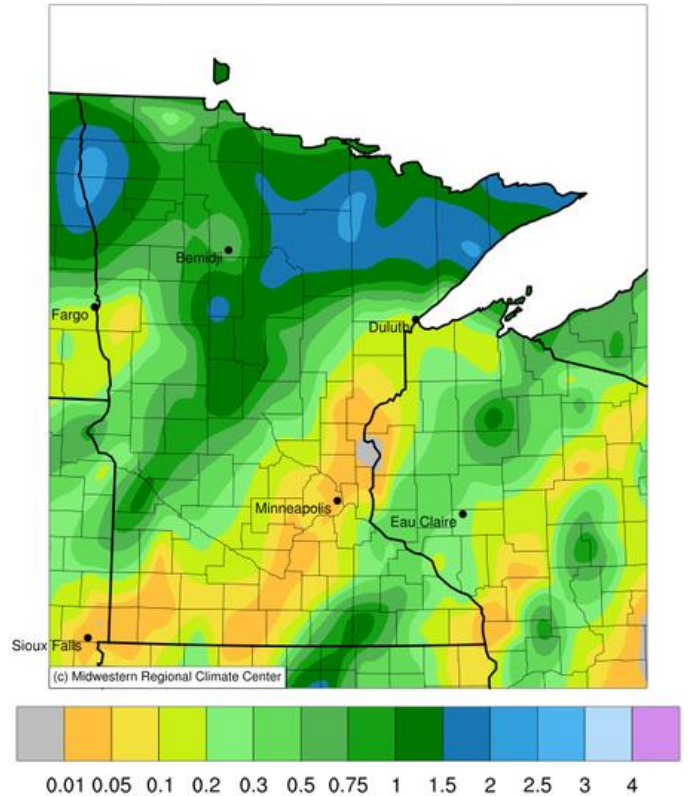
	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	1	3	15	65	16
Dry ed. beans	1	5	28	60	6
Pasture	4	13	29	49	5
Potatoes	0	1	7	61	31
Soybeans	1	6	21	59	13
Sugarbeets ...	2	2	7	37	52
Sunflowers....	0	1	13	64	22

Minnesota Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending September 17, 2017

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals
September 11, 2017 to September 17, 2017



Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 11, 2017 to September 17, 2017



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/>