



Minnesota Crop Progress & Condition

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Northwest Minnesota received substantial rainfall while other of parts of the state remained dry enough to begin soybean harvest during the week ending September 24, 2017, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. There were **4.4 days suitable for fieldwork**. Harvest continued for corn silage, dry beans, potatoes, sugarbeets and alfalfa hay.

Topsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 9 percent short, 76 percent adequate and 14 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies rated 3 percent very short, 12 percent short, 79 percent adequate and 6 percent surplus.

Ninety-three percent of the **corn for grain** crop reached the dent stage, 6 days behind the 5-year average. Thirty-three percent had reached maturity, 9 days behind average. There were scattered reports of corn for grain being harvested in southeast Minnesota. **Corn harvested for silage** was 60 percent complete, one week behind average. Corn condition was unchanged at 81 percent good to excellent. Ninety-three percent of the **soybean** crop was turning color with 64 percent dropping leaves. Soybeans were 7 percent harvested. Soybean condition declined slightly to 71 percent good to excellent.

The **dry edible bean** crop harvest advanced to 69 percent complete, surpassing the average of 64 percent but remaining behind last year's pace of 81 percent. **Sunflower** condition was 85 percent good to excellent. **Potato** harvest was 58 percent complete. **Sugarbeets** were 10 percent lifted, 5 days behind average. Sugarbeet condition was unchanged at 89 percent good to excellent.

The third cutting of **alfalfa hay** was 89 percent complete. **Pasture** condition declined to 53 percent good to excellent.

Soil Moisture Supplies as of September 24, 2017

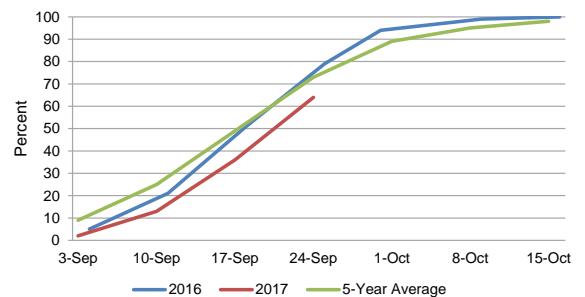
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil Moisture	1	9	76	14
Subsoil Moisture	3	12	79	6

Days Suitable and Crop Progress as of September 24, 2017

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)
Days suitable	4.4	5.7	3.1	5.3
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn dented	93	86	98	96
Corn mature	33	13	66	54
Corn harvested for silage ...	60	30	79	74
Dry ed. beans harvested ...	69	44	81	64
Hay, alfalfa, third cutting	89	87	94	(NA)
Potatoes harvested	58	48	51	59
Soybeans coloring	93	81	96	93
Soybeans dropping leaves	64	36	79	73
Soybeans harvested	7	2	11	19
Sugarbeets harvested	10	8	14	12

(NA) Not available.

Soybeans Dropping Leaves - Minnesota:

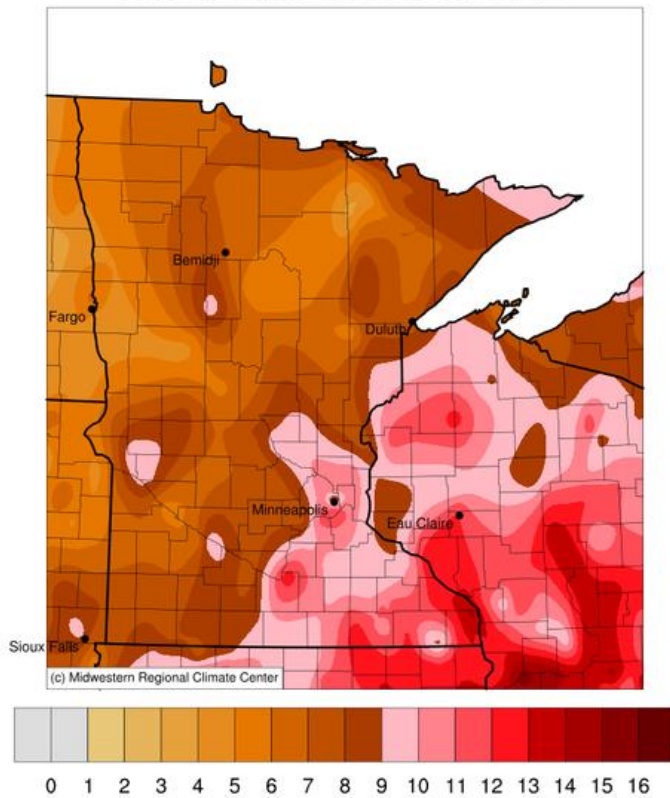


Crop Condition as of September 24, 2017

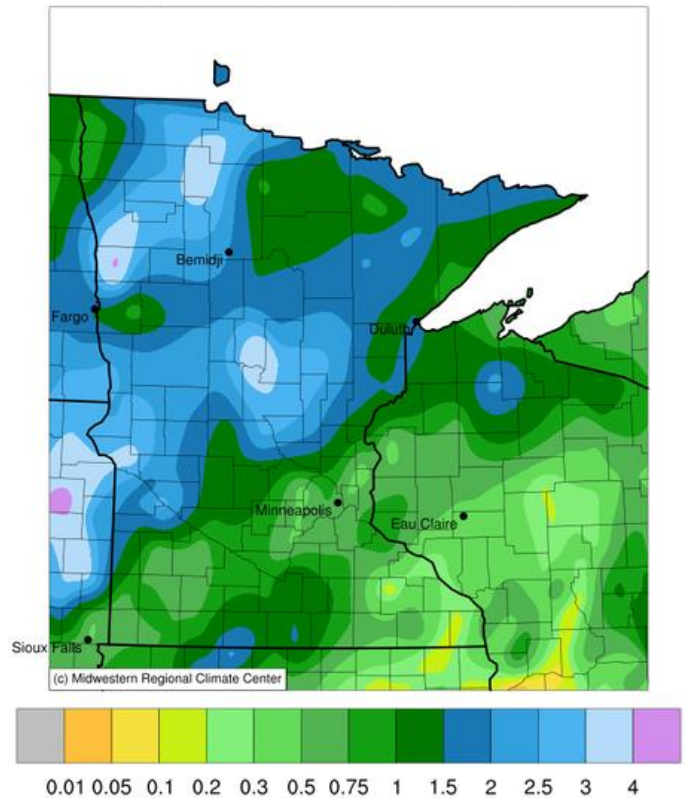
	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	1	3	15	65	16
Pasture	5	16	26	49	4
Soybeans	1	6	22	59	12
Sugarbeets ...	2	2	7	37	52
Sunflowers....	0	1	14	63	22

Minnesota Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending September 24, 2017

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals
September 18, 2017 to September 24, 2017



Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 18, 2017 to September 24, 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/>