



# Minnesota Crop Progress & Condition

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Minnesota farmers took advantage of the **4.2 days suitable for fieldwork** and made good progress in soybean, sunflower and sugarbeet harvests during the week ending October 15, 2017, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Muddy field conditions made harvest a challenge in some areas. This continued to lag harvest progress behind the 5-year average for all crops except dry edible beans. Harvest continued for corn for grain and silage, and potatoes.

**Topsoil moisture** supplies rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 74 percent adequate and 24 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies rated 2 percent very short, 5 percent short, 75 percent adequate and 18 percent surplus.

Eighty-nine percent of the **corn for grain** crop had reached maturity. Harvest progress of corn for grain at 7 percent complete was 2 weeks behind the 2016 pace and 22 days behind average. **Corn moisture** content of grain at harvest was 25 percent. **Corn harvested for silage** was 12 days behind average with 89 percent harvested. Corn condition improved 1 percentage point to 81 percent good to excellent. Nearly all of the **soybean** crop was dropping leaves with 45 percent harvested, remaining well behind last year. Soybean condition improved slightly to 70 percent good to excellent.

The **dry edible bean** crop harvest advanced to 96 percent complete, remaining ahead of the average of 95 percent. **Sunflower** harvest was 21 percent complete, 12 days behind average. Sunflower condition was unchanged at 84 percent good to excellent. **Potato** harvest was 91 percent complete. **Sugarbeets** were 74 percent lifted, surpassing last year's pace by 2 days. **Pasture** condition remained at 53 percent good to excellent.

## Soil Moisture Supplies as of October 15, 2017

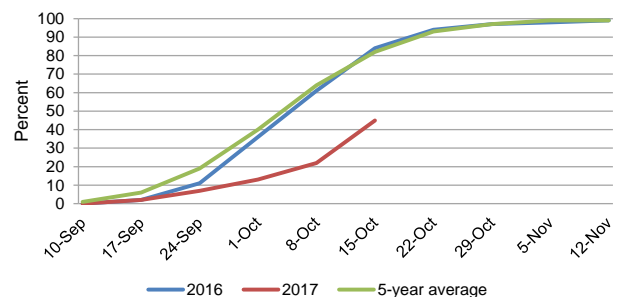
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil Moisture	0	2	74	24
Subsoil Moisture	2	5	75	18

## Days Suitable and Crop Progress as of October 15, 2017

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Days suitable .....	4.2	2.3	5.3	5.2
Corn mature.....	89	77	98	93
Corn harvested for grain ....	7	4	29	38
Corn moisture content.....	25	28	19	19
Corn harvested for silage...	89	83	99	97
Dry ed. beans harvested....	96	90	100	95
Potatoes harvested.....	91	82	97	94
Soybeans dropping leaves	98	93	100	98
Soybeans harvested .....	45	22	84	82
Sugarbeets harvested.....	74	41	67	77
Sunflowers harvested .....	21	6	48	46

(NA) Not available.

## Soybeans Harvested - Minnesota:

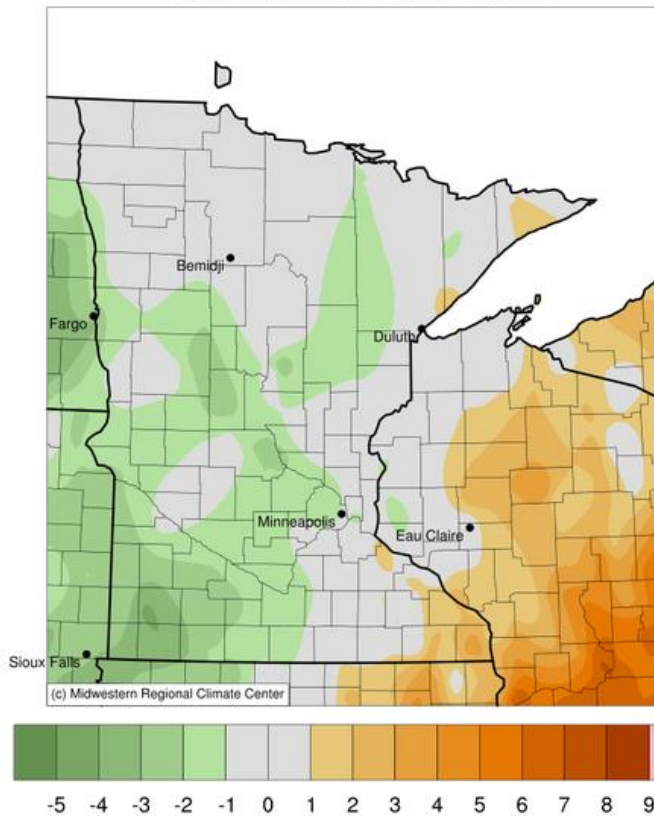


## Crop Condition as of October 15, 2017

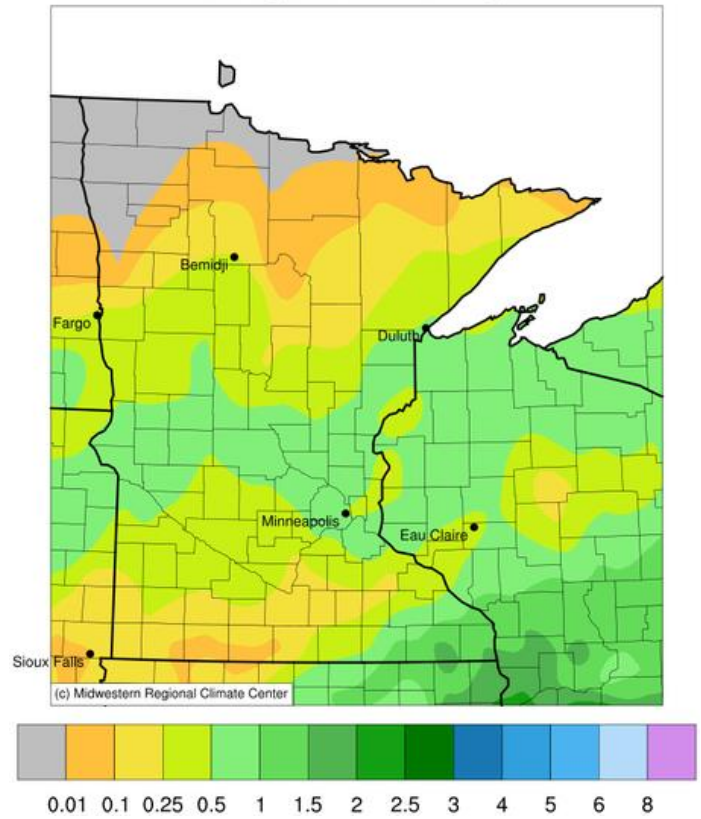
	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn .....	1	3	15	65	16
Pasture .....	3	14	30	49	4
Soybeans .....	1	7	22	58	12
Sunflowers....	0	1	15	62	22

# Minnesota Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending October 15, 2017

**Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals**  
October 09, 2017 to October 15, 2017



**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
October 09, 2017 to October 15, 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/>