



Minnesota Crop Progress & Condition

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Wintry conditions arrived in Minnesota during the week ending October 29, 2017, but despite the weather, farmers were able to harvest nearly one-quarter of the corn for grain acreage according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Farmers took advantage of the **4.8 days suitable for fieldwork** almost finishing harvest of potatoes, soybeans and sugarbeets. Other field activities for the week included ditch and fence maintenance, fertilizer and manure application, and fall tillage.

Topsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 6 percent short, 78 percent adequate and 16 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies rated 1 percent very short, 6 percent short, 81 percent adequate and 12 percent surplus.

Corn for grain harvest was in full swing at 38 percent complete, 15 days behind the 5-year average and 12 days behind last year. **Corn moisture** content of grain at harvest averaged 20 percent. Corn condition rated 82 percent good to excellent. Ninety-five percent of the **soybean** acreage had been harvested.

Advancing 28 percentage points from the previous week, 79 percent of the **sunflower** acreage was harvested. **Potato** harvest was 97 percent complete. **Sugarbeets** were 98 percent lifted surpassing last year's and the average pace. **Pasture** condition rated 47percent good to excellent.

Soil Moisture Supplies as of October 29, 2017

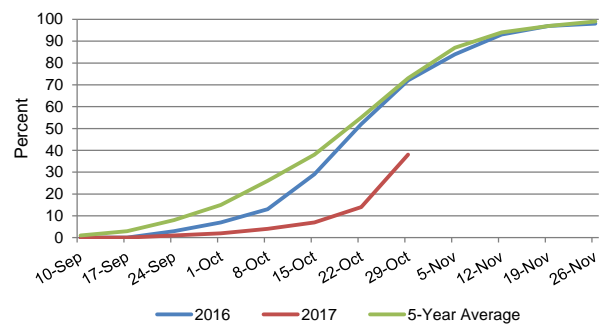
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil Moisture	0	6	78	16
Subsoil Moisture	1	6	81	12

Days Suitable and Crop Progress as of October 29, 2017

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Days suitable	4.8	5.6	3.8	4.6
Corn harvested for grain	38	14	72	73
Corn moisture content.....	20	22	17	(NA)
Potatoes harvested.....	97	94	100	99
Soybeans harvested	95	83	97	97
Sugarbeets harvested.....	98	85	94	95
Sunflowers harvested	79	51	78	76

(NA) Not available.

Corn for Grain Harvested - Minnesota

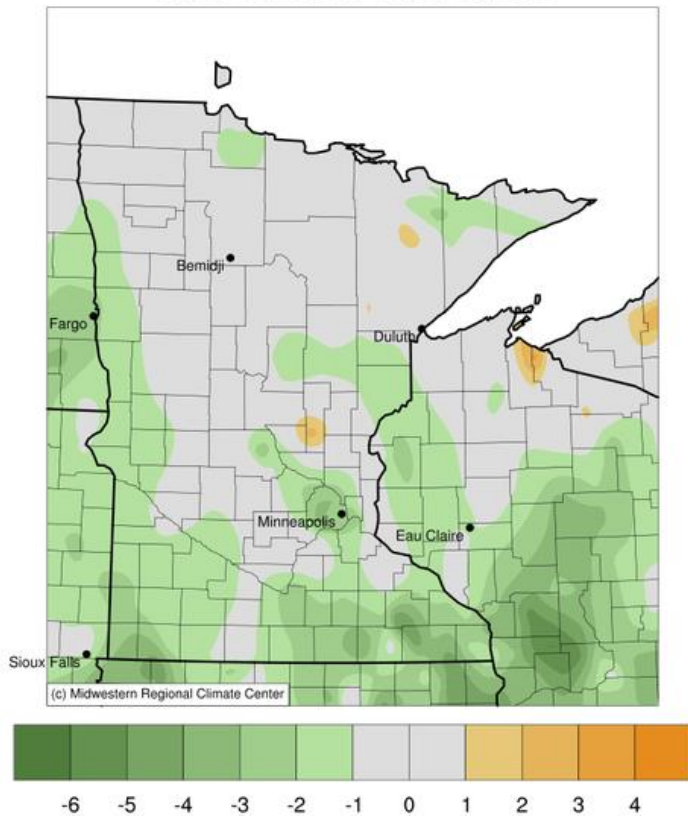


Crop Condition as of October 29, 2017

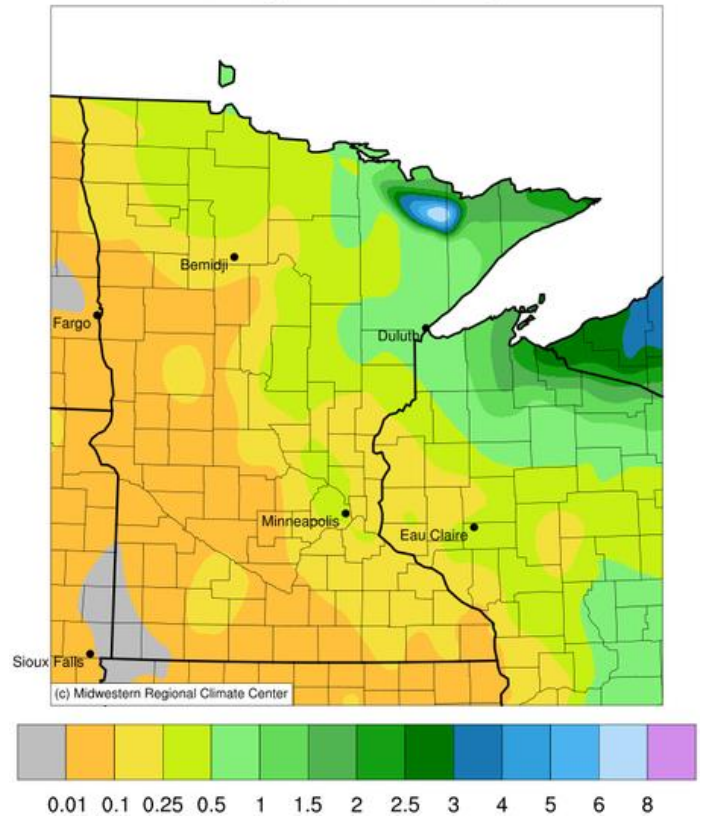
	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	1	3	14	65	17
Pasture	5	15	33	44	3

Minnesota Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending October 29, 2017

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals
October 23, 2017 to October 29, 2017



Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 23, 2017 to October 29, 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/>