

This is Dan Lofthus, State Statistician for the USDA NASS Minnesota Field Office with the weekly crop progress and condition report for the week ending November 5, 2017.

Minnesota farmers took full advantage of the 4.7 days suitable for fieldwork and harvested 19 percent of the statewide corn acreage during the week ending November 12, 2017, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Other field activities included baling corn stalks, moving cattle off pasture, spreading fertilizer, and working on fall tillage.

Topsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 84 percent adequate and 14 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 6 percent short, 82 percent adequate and 11 percent surplus.

Corn for grain harvest advanced 19 percentage points, but remained 12 days behind the 5-year average, bringing the total harvest to 79 percent complete. Corn moisture content of grain at harvest averaged 18 percent. The sunflower harvest was 93 percent complete, 4 days ahead of last year's pace.

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