



Minnesota Crop Progress & Condition

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Minnesota farmers had just **3.7 days suitable for fieldwork** during the week ending July 8, 2018, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Scattered rain along with saturated soils and standing water limited field activities for many. Field activities for the week included spraying and cutting hay.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 67 percent adequate and 30 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 4 percent short, 68 percent adequate and 28 percent surplus.

Eight percent of the **corn** crop was in the silking stage, 3 days ahead of average. Corn crop condition decreased slightly with a rating of 79 percent good to excellent. Thirty-two percent of the **soybean** crop was blooming, 3 days ahead of last year and 2 days ahead of average. Soybean condition also decreased slightly from last week and rated 75 percent good to excellent.

Spring wheat headed reached 92 percent, 9 days ahead of average. Eleven percent of the spring wheat crop was coloring, 1 day behind last year and 2 days behind average. Spring wheat condition rated 85 percent good to excellent. **Oats** were 97 percent jointed, 3 days ahead of average with 85 percent headed, 3 days behind last year but 2 days ahead of average. Fifteen percent of the oat crop was in the coloring stage, 2 days behind average. Oats condition rated 79 percent good to excellent. **Barley** headed reached 87 percent, 5 days ahead of average. Eleven percent of the crop was coloring, 1 day behind last year and 4 days behind average. Barley condition rated 82 percent good to excellent.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Supplies as of July 8, 2018

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
Days suitable.....	3.7	3.8	5.7	5.2
	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture	0	3	67	30
Subsoil moisture	0	4	68	28

Crop Condition as of July 8, 2018

	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley	0	1	17	55	27
Corn	1	4	16	53	26
Dry edible beans	0	1	14	49	36
Hay, all	1	2	16	64	17
Oats	0	2	19	62	17
Potatoes, all	0	0	5	48	47
Soybeans	1	4	20	55	20
Spring wheat	0	0	15	44	41
Sugarbeets	3	3	19	18	57
Sunflowers, all	0	0	31	44	25
Pasture and range	0	3	18	62	17

Field Work and Crop Progress as of July 8, 2018

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley headed	87	70	91	77
Barley coloring	11	5	12	15
Corn silking	8	1	3	4
Dry beans blooming	18	5	7	18
Hay, alfalfa, first cutting	96	91	100	96
Hay, alfalfa, second cutting	40	22	63	35
Oats headed	85	66	90	82
Oats coloring	15	2	23	21
Soybeans blooming	32	13	23	26
Spring wheat headed	92	73	92	79
Spring wheat coloring	11	6	13	15

(NA) Not available.

Eighteen percent of the **dry edible bean** crop was blooming with 85 percent of the crop rated in good to excellent condition. **Sunflower** condition rated 69 percent good to excellent. **Potato** condition was rated 95 percent good to excellent. **Sugarbeet** condition was rated 75 percent good to excellent.

The first cutting of **alfalfa hay** was 96 percent complete, equal to average. The second cutting of alfalfa hay was 40 percent complete, 1 week behind last year but 2 days ahead of average. **All hay** condition rated 81 percent good to excellent. **Pasture conditions** were rated 79 percent good to excellent.

Percent of Soybeans Blooming - Minnesota For the Second Week of July



