



# Minnesota Crop Progress & Condition

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Mild weather in much of the state aided small grain harvest while some much needed precipitation supported row crop development during the week ending August 26, 2018, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Despite scattered areas receiving significant precipitation, there were **5.1 days suitable for fieldwork**. Field activities for the week included harvesting small grains, corn silage, and potatoes.

**Topsoil moisture** supplies were rated 5 percent very short, 19 percent short, 70 percent adequate and 6 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 6 percent very short, 18 percent short, 67 percent adequate and 9 percent surplus.

Ninety-two percent of the **corn** has reached the dough stage or beyond, 10 days ahead of the five-year average. Corn dented was at 45 percent, 5 days ahead of average. **Corn for silage** harvest was 11 percent complete, 10 days ahead of average. Corn crop condition was rated 75 percent good to excellent. Fifteen percent of the **soybean** crop was turning color or beyond, 4 days ahead of average. Soybean condition improved to 72 percent good to excellent.

Ninety-four percent of **spring wheat** has been harvested, almost three weeks ahead of average. Eighty-eight percent of the **oats** for grain have been harvested, 4 days ahead of last year. Ninety-six percent of **barley** has been harvested, just over two weeks ahead of average.

## Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Supplies as of August 26, 2018

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
Days suitable.....	5.1	5.7	3.3	4.7
	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture.....	5	19	70	6
Subsoil moisture.....	6	18	67	9

## Crop Condition as of August 26, 2018

	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn.....	2	5	18	50	25
Dry edible beans.....	3	3	20	42	32
Potatoes, all.....	0	1	7	37	55
Soybeans.....	2	5	21	51	21
Sugarbeets.....	3	6	16	15	60
Sunflowers, all.....	0	1	29	50	20
Pasture and range.....	5	12	28	48	7

## Field Work and Crop Progress as of August 26, 2018

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley harvested.....	96	89	90	80
Corn dough.....	92	82	83	79
Corn dented.....	45	26	30	32
Corn harvested for silage...	11	5	0	2
Dry beans dropping leaves	36	18	26	12
Oats harvested.....	88	78	73	83
Potatoes harvested.....	8	5	22	18
Soybeans coloring.....	15	5	5	9
Spring wheat harvested.....	94	76	62	67

Thirty-six percent of the **dry edible bean** crop was dropping leaves or beyond, 8 days ahead of average. Dry edible bean condition rated 74 percent good to excellent. **Sunflower** condition improved slightly to 70 percent good to excellent. **Potato** harvest was 8 percent complete, almost 2 weeks behind average. Potato condition was rated 92 percent good to excellent. **Sugarbeet** condition was rated 75 percent good to excellent.

**Pasture conditions** were rated 55 percent good to excellent.

Percent of Corn Dented - Minnesota For the Fourth Week of August



