Minnesota Crop Progress & Condition

Minnesota farmers nearly completed small grain harvest and made a good start on harvesting dry edible beans and corn for silage during the week ending September 2, 2018, according to USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Scattered precipitation and wet fields allowed for 4.8 days suitable for fieldwork. Field activities for the week included preparing for sugarbeet harvest as well as harvesting small grains, corn silage, dry edible beans and potatoes.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 5 percent very short, 15 percent short, 70 percent adequate and 10 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated 6 percent very short, 16 percent short, 67 percent adequate and 11 percent surplus.

Sixty-seven percent of the corn has reached the dent stage or beyond, 5 days ahead of the five-year average. Corn mature was at 6 percent, 1 week ahead of average. Corn for silage harvest was 20 percent complete, 12 days ahead of last year. Corn crop condition was rated 75 percent good to excellent. Thirty-six percent of the soybean crop was turning color or beyond, 4 days ahead of average. Nine percent of the soybean crop was dropping leaves, 5 days ahead of average. Soybean condition declined slightly to 69 percent good to excellent.

Ninety-eight percent of spring wheat has been harvested, 10 days ahead of last year. Ninety-five percent of the oats for grain have been harvested, one week ahead of last year. Barley harvest was virtually complete.

Fifty-nine percent of the dry edible bean crop was dropping leaves or beyond, 1 week ahead of average. Eleven percent of dry edible beans have been harvested, 5 days ahead of average. Dry edible bean condition rated 63 percent good to excellent. Sunflower condition decreased to 62 percent good to excellent. Potato harvest was 12 percent complete, 2 weeks behind average. Potato condition was rated 94 percent good to excellent. Sugarbeet condition was rated 75 percent good to excellent.

Pasture conditions were rated 52 percent good to excellent.
Minnesota Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending September 2, 2018

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals
August 27, 2018 to September 02, 2018

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 27, 2018 to September 02, 2018

National Weather Service data, courtesy of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources State Climatologist 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/