



Minnesota Crop Progress & Condition

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Cool temperatures, clouds and rainfall were common throughout much of the state during the week ending October 7, 2018, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. There were **2.9 days suitable for fieldwork**. Field activities for the week included harvesting corn, soybeans, dry edible beans, potatoes, sunflowers and sugarbeets. There were several reports of the wet weather hindering harvest activity.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 61 percent adequate and 37 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 6 percent short, 65 percent adequate and 28 percent surplus.

Corn mature was at 96 percent, 13 days ahead of the five-year average. Harvest of corn for grain at 15 percent complete was over 2 weeks ahead of last year and 5 days ahead of average. **Corn for silage** harvest was 96 percent complete, 10 days ahead of average. Corn crop condition was rated 77 percent good to excellent. Ninety-eight percent of the **soybean** crop was dropping leaves, almost 2 weeks ahead of average. Thirty-seven percent of the soybean crop was harvested, 6 days ahead of last year but 3 days behind average. Soybean condition was rated 72 percent good to excellent.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Supplies as of October 7, 2018

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
Days suitable.....	2.9	3.8	2.3	(NA)
	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture.....	0	2	61	37
Subsoil moisture.....	1	6	65	28

(NA) Not available.

Crop Condition as of October 7, 2018

	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn.....	2	4	17	52	25
Soybeans.....	2	6	20	50	22
Sugarbeets.....	3	3	19	15	60
Sunflowers, all.....	0	2	35	53	10
Pasture and range.....	4	11	34	44	7

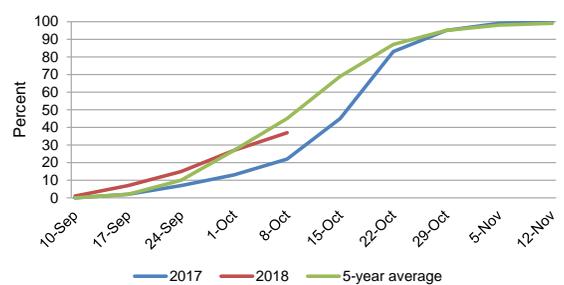
Field Work and Crop Progress as of October 7, 2018

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn mature.....	96	87	74	78
Corn harvested for grain....	15	8	4	10
Corn harvested for silage...	96	93	82	88
Dry beans harvested.....	97	94	89	87
Potatoes harvested.....	87	81	80	84
Soybeans dropping leaves	98	94	91	93
Soybeans harvested.....	37	27	21	45
Sugarbeets harvested.....	41	18	38	46
Sunflowers harvested.....	16	13	5	18

Ninety-seven percent of dry edible beans have been harvested, 12 days ahead of average. **Sunflower** harvest was 16 percent complete, 1 day behind average. Sunflower condition was rated at 63 percent good to excellent. **Potato** harvest was 87 percent complete, 2 days ahead of average. **Sugarbeet** harvest was 41 percent complete, 1 day behind average. Sugarbeet condition was unchanged, at 75 percent good to excellent.

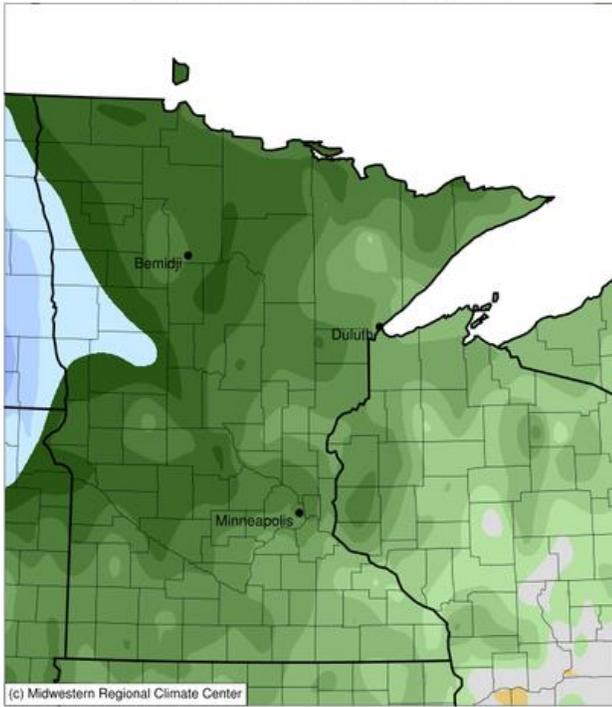
Pasture condition was rated 51 percent good to excellent.

Percent of Soybeans Harvested - Minnesota For the First Week of October

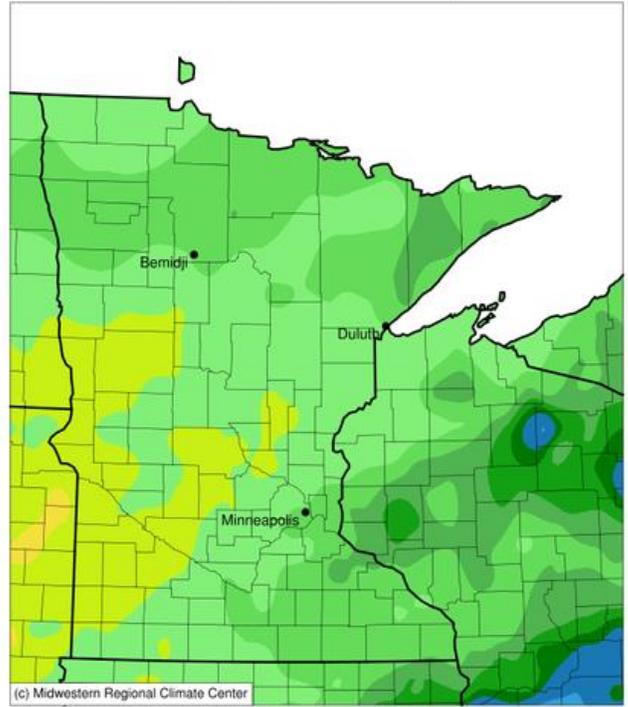


Minnesota Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending October 7, 2018

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals
October 01, 2018 to October 07, 2018



Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 01, 2018 to October 07, 2018



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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/>