



Minnesota Crop Progress & Condition

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Dry weather conditions allowed for rapid harvest progress during the week ending October 21, 2018, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. There were **4.8 days suitable for fieldwork**. Field activities for the week included harvesting corn, soybeans, potatoes, sunflowers and sugarbeets.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 67 percent adequate and 30 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 5 percent short, 68 percent adequate and 26 percent surplus.

Corn harvested for grain was 35 percent complete, one week ahead of last year but equal to the 5-year average. **Corn moisture** content of grain at harvest averaged 20 percent, down 2 percentage points from last week. Corn crop condition was rated 76 percent good to excellent. Sixty-two percent of the **soybean** crop was harvested, 2 days behind last year and 10 days behind average. Soybean condition improved slightly to 72 percent good to excellent.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Supplies as of October 21, 2018

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
Days suitable.....	4.8	1.1	5.6	5.7
	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture	0	3	67	30
Subsoil moisture	1	5	68	26

Crop Condition as of October 21, 2018

	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn.....	2	5	17	52	24
Sunflowers, all.....	0	2	29	53	16
Pasture and range.....	6	12	30	46	6

Field Work and Crop Progress as of October 21, 2018

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn harvested for grain....	35	18	13	35
Corn moisture content	20	22	22	19
Potatoes harvested.....	95	93	94	96
Soybeans harvested.....	62	38	78	87
Sugarbeets harvested.....	73	43	83	87
Sunflowers harvested.....	33	17	47	49

Sunflower harvest was 33 percent complete, 6 days behind average. Sunflower condition was rated at 69 percent good to excellent. **Potato** harvest was nearing completion at 95 percent. **Sugarbeet** harvest was 73 percent complete, 1 week behind average.

Pasture condition was rated 52 percent good to excellent.

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



