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.

Soybean harvest was 33 percent complete, 6 days behind average. Soybean condition improved slightly to 72 percent good to excellent.

Sunflower harvest was 33 percent complete, 6 days behind average. Sunflower condition was rated 95 percent complete, 1 week behind average.

Pasture condition was rated 52 percent good to excellent.
Minnesota Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending October 21, 2018

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals
October 15, 2018 to October 21, 2018

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 15, 2018 to October 21, 2018

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/