Winter cold and scattered precipitation led to only 3.5 days suitable for fieldwork during the week ending November 11, 2018, according to USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. When conditions allowed, field activities for the week included the ongoing harvest of corn, soybeans and sunflowers. Fall tillage activities were winding down as frozen ground reported in many areas halted tillage activity.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 70 percent adequate and 29 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 4 percent short, 69 percent adequate and 26 percent surplus.

Corn harvested for grain was 87 percent complete, 6 days ahead of last year. Corn moisture content of grain at harvest averaged 18 percent, unchanged from last week. Ninety-seven percent of the soybean crop was harvested, 9 days behind last year and 10 days behind average.

Sunflower harvest was 83 percent complete, 6 days behind average.
Minnesota Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending November 11, 2018

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals
November 05, 2018 to November 11, 2018

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
November 05, 2018 to November 11, 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/