Wet and cool weather allowed for only 1.6 days suitable for fieldwork during the week ending September 15, 2019, according to USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. There was limited harvest activity for corn silage, potatoes, sugar beets and dry beans when farmers were able to get into the fields.

Topsoil moisture condition was rated 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 55 percent adequate and 42 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture condition was rated 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 60 percent adequate and 37 percent surplus.

Ninety-five percent of the corn crop reached the dough stage or beyond, remaining behind last year and the 5-year average. Corn dented or beyond was 59 percent, 16 days behind last year and 2 weeks behind normal. Corn harvested for silage reached 10 percent this week, 12 days behind normal. Corn condition was rated 52 percent good to excellent, down slightly from the previous week. Forty-seven percent of soybeans were turning color or beyond, 10 days behind last year and 8 days behind average. Fourteen percent of soybeans have begun dropping leaves, 11 days behind last year and 8 days behind average. Soybean condition dropped slightly to 55 percent good to excellent.

Spring wheat harvested reached 83 percent, almost 2 weeks behind average. Ninety-seven percent of oats have been harvested, 6 days behind normal.

Dry edible beans dropping leaves or beyond reached 79 percent this week, 2 days behind average. Dry edible beans harvested reached 12 percent this week, 10 days behind normal. Dry edible bean condition rated 60 percent good to excellent, down from the previous week’s 68 percent. Sunflower condition rated 72 percent good to excellent. Potatoes harvested reached 26 percent, remaining 10 days behind average. Potato condition rated 90 percent good to excellent. Sugarbeet harvest was 9 percent complete, equal to normal. Sugarbeet condition was rated 83 percent good to excellent, unchanged from the previous week.

Pasture condition rated 64 percent good to excellent, improving slightly from the previous week.
Minnesota Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending September 15, 2019

Maps from the Midwestern Regional Climate Center reflect data collected from 7:00 A.M. Central Time on September 9, 2019, through 7:00 A.M. Central Time on September 15, 2019.

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals
September 09, 2019 to September 15, 2019

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 09, 2019 to September 15, 2019

Growing Degree Days can be found at https://mrcc.illinois.edu/U2U/gdd/

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