Warm weather followed by rain towards the weekend allowed for 3.7 days suitable for fieldwork during the week ending September 22, 2019, according to USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. The much warmer than normal temperatures across Minnesota aided crop development in a much needed way. Harvest progress was made for most crops, but was limited due to rain towards the end of the week. Small grain harvest is nearing completion, while other crops are slowly starting to be harvested as farmers await drier conditions.

**Topsoil moisture** condition was rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 55 percent adequate and 43 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition was rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 59 percent adequate and 39 percent surplus.

**Corn** dented or beyond was 75 percent, 16 days behind last year and 2 weeks behind the 5-year average. Eight percent of corn was mature, 19 days behind last year and 2 weeks behind normal. Corn harvested for silage reached 21 percent this week, 13 days behind average. Corn condition was rated 55 percent good to excellent, rising slightly from the previous week. Seventy-five percent of **soybeans** were turning color or beyond, 9 days behind last year and 1 week behind the average. Thirty-six percent of soybeans have begun dropping leaves, 10 days behind last year and 1 week behind normal. Soybean condition remained steady at 55 percent good to excellent, unchanged from the previous week.

**Spring wheat** harvested reached 94 percent, 9 days behind average. **Oats** harvested were nearly complete, 8 days behind normal.

**Dry edible beans** dropping leaves or beyond reached 91 percent this week, on par with the average. Dry edible beans harvested reached 20 percent this week, 13 days behind normal. Dry edible bean condition rated 68 percent good to excellent, up from the previous week. **Potatoes** harvested reached 35 percent, remaining 10 days behind average. Potato condition rated 90 percent good to excellent. **Sugarcane** harvest was 11 percent complete. Sugarcane condition was rated 83 percent good to excellent.

**Pasture condition** rated 60 percent good to excellent, declining from the previous week.
Maps from the Midwestern Regional Climate Center reflect data collected from 7:00 A.M. Central Time on September 16, 2019, through 7:00 A.M. Central Time on September 22, 2019.