



Minnesota Crop Progress & Condition

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Drier conditions prevailed this week slightly increasing the number of **days suitable for fieldwork** to 3.7 during the week ending October 20, 2019, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Drier weather and cooler than normal temperatures allowed fields to dry somewhat, but the moisture content of crops is still measuring above optimal percent's. Field activities for the week mostly revolved around harvesting crops.

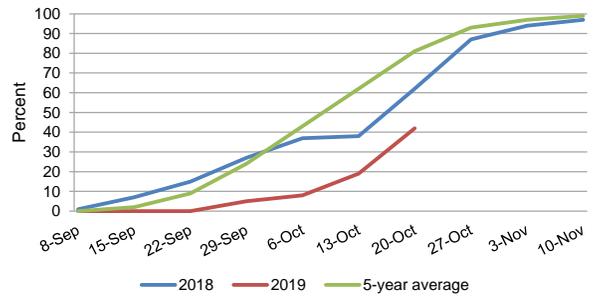
Topsoil moisture condition was rated 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 53 percent adequate and 47 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition was rated 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 55 percent adequate and 45 percent surplus.

Eighty-nine percent of the **corn** crop was mature, 18 days behind last year and 10 days behind normal. Corn harvested for grain reached 11 percent, 17 days behind last year and 13 days behind the average. Corn harvested for silage reached 90 percent this week, 12 days behind average. Corn condition was rated 53 percent good to excellent, a slight improvement from the previous week. Nearly all **soybeans** have dropped their leaves, 6 days behind normal. Forty-two percent of the soybean crop has been harvested, 2 weeks behind average. Soybean condition was rated 53 percent good to excellent, remaining steady when compared to the previous week.

Dry edible beans harvested reached 68 percent this week, 26 days behind the average. **Sunflower** harvest finally kicked off this week. Sunflower condition rated 68 percent good to excellent, declining from the previous week. **Potatoes** harvested reached 90 percent, 10 days behind normal. **Sugarbeet** harvest was 47 percent complete, 13 days behind average. Sugarbeet condition was rated 81 percent good to excellent.

Pasture condition remained steady at 53 percent good to excellent.

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



Crop Condition as of October 20, 2019

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	3	10	34	44	9
Pasture and range	3	17	27	46	7
Soybeans	2	10	35	46	7
Sugarbeets	2	3	14	26	55
Sunflowers	1	4	27	61	7

Crop Progress as of October 20, 2019

Item	This week	Last week	Last year	5-yr avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn mature	89	66	100	97
Corn harvested for grain	11	5	33	35
Corn harvested for silage	90	78	100	97
Dry ed. beans harvested	68	62	100	99
Potatoes harvested	90	82	95	96
Soybeans dropping leaves	99	92	100	100
Soybeans harvested	42	19	59	81
Sugarbeets harvested	47	31	69	86

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of October 20, 2019

Item	This week	Last week	Last year
	(days)	(days)	(days)
Days suitable	3.7	2.7	4.8
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture			
Very short	0	0	0
Short	0	0	3
Adequate	53	49	67
Surplus	47	51	30
Subsoil moisture			
Very short	0	0	1
Short	0	0	5
Adequate	55	54	68
Surplus	45	46	26

