



Minnesota Crop Progress & Condition

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Excellent weather conditions continued Minnesota's rapid crop planting progress according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. There were **5.2 days suitable for fieldwork** statewide during the week ending May 3, 2020, the most days during this week since 2015's 6.1 days. Other field activities for the week were fertilizer application, tilling and crop planting.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 11 percent short, 78 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 5 percent short, 78 percent adequate, and 17 percent surplus.

Thirty-six percent of the state's **corn** acreage was planted during the week leading to a total of 76 percent of the crop in the ground. This is one month ahead of last year and two weeks ahead of the 5-year average. Three percent of the corn acreage has emerged. Thirty-five percent of the **soybean** acreage has been planted, the most planted by this date since estimates began in 1963, and slightly above 2015's 32 percent.

Spring Wheat planting was 21 percent complete, 6 days ahead of last year but two weeks behind average. Four percent of the spring wheat has emerged. Sixty-two percent of the **oat** crop planting progress was complete, 5 days ahead of average. Thirty-five percent of the oat crop has emerged. **Barley** was 24 percent planted with 10 percent emerged.

Potato planting progress moved ahead of the average pace by 1 day to 44 percent complete. **Sugarbeets** were 38 percent planted, 1 week ahead of last year but remaining behind the average pace by 9 days. **Dry beans** were 6 percent planted.

There were reports of slow pasture growth in northwest Minnesota while pastures turned green elsewhere in the state. Pasture conditions were rated 1 percent very poor, 9 percent poor, 23 percent fair, 57 percent good and 10 percent excellent.

Crop Condition as of May 3, 2020

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range	1	9	23	57	10

Crop Progress as of May 3, 2020

Item	This week	Last Week	Last Year	5-yr Avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley planted.....	24	11	4	37
Barley emerged	10	1	0	15
Corn planted.....	76	40	5	36
Dry edible beans planted	6	0	1	3
Oats planted	62	43	18	52
Oats emerged.....	35	4	2	26
Potatoes planted.....	44	17	18	41
Soybeans planted.....	35	5	0	10
Spring wheat planted.....	21	6	6	45
Sugarbeets planted.....	38	29	11	59

(NA) Not available.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of May 3, 2020

Item	This week	Last Week	Last Year
	(days)	(days)	(days)
Days suitable	5.2	4.9	2.1
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture			
Very short	0	0	0
Short	11	8	0
Adequate	78	76	58
Surplus	11	16	42
Subsoil moisture			
Very short	0	0	0
Short	5	4	1
Adequate	78	68	54
Surplus	17	28	45

Corn Planted - Minnesota For the First Week of May



