



# Minnesota Crop Progress & Condition

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Dry conditions in Northern Minnesota allowed for the start of wheat and barley harvesting during the week ending August 2, 2020, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. There were **5.7 days suitable** for fieldwork, tying the week ending June 7 for the most of this season. Field activities included cutting hay and harvesting small grains.

**Topsoil moisture** supplies were rated 2% very short, 10% short, 75% adequate and 13% surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 2% very short, 7% short, 80% adequate and 11% surplus.

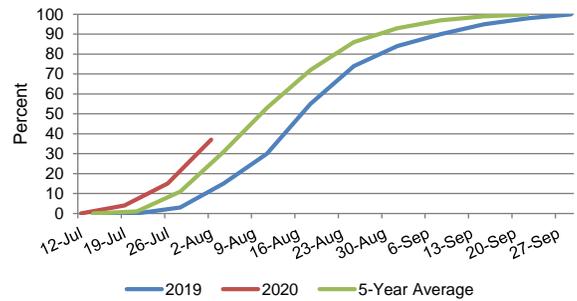
Silked **corn** progress was nearly complete at 97%. Corn was 37% at the dough stage or beyond, 11 days ahead of last year and 4 days ahead of the 5-year average. Corn condition improved slightly to 85% good to excellent. **Soybeans** blooming progress was almost complete at 96%. Soybeans were 74% setting pods, 9 days ahead of last year and 4 days ahead of the average. Soybean condition remained at 84% good to excellent.

**Spring wheat** turning color was 3 days ahead of last year at 93%. The wheat harvest was 7% complete, 8 days ahead of last year but 1 day behind normal. Spring wheat condition improved slightly to 76% good to excellent. **Oats** turning color was 98% complete. The oat harvest was 40% complete, 13 days ahead of last year and 6 days ahead of average. The oat crop condition dropped to 68% good to excellent. **Barley** was 98% coloring with 16% of the crop harvested. Barley condition remained at 75% good to excellent.

**Sunflower** condition rating increased to 75% good to excellent. The **Potato** harvest was ahead of last year and the average at 10% complete. Potato condition remained at 89% good to excellent. **Sugarbeet** condition increased slightly to 93% good to excellent. **Dry beans** blooming progress was just about complete at 96%, with 79% setting pods. Dry bean condition improved to 84% good to excellent.

Minnesota's second cutting of **alfalfa hay** was 87% complete, 1 day ahead of last year but 4 days behind average. **Pasture** condition decreased to 68% good to excellent.

**Corn Dough - Minnesota  
For the First Week of August**



### Crop Condition as of August 2, 2020

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley .....	1	2	22	65	10
Corn .....	1	2	12	57	28
Dry beans .....	0	1	15	70	14
Oats .....	2	4	26	57	11
Pasture and range .....	2	5	25	59	9
Potatoes .....	0	1	10	56	33
Soybeans .....	1	2	13	62	22
Spring wheat ...	2	2	20	66	10
Sugarbeets .....	1	2	4	40	53
Sunflowers .....	2	4	19	68	7

### Crop Progress as of August 2, 2020

Item	This week	Last Week	Last Year	5-yr Avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley coloring .....	98	87	94	96
Barley harvested .....	16	2	3	16
Corn silking .....	97	90	75	89
Corn dough .....	37	15	12	25
Dry beans blooming .....	96	88	81	90
Dry beans setting pods .....	79	57	52	63
Hay, alfalfa, second cutting .....	87	79	85	91
Oats coloring .....	98	90	92	95
Oats harvested for grain .....	40	19	9	25
Potatoes harvested .....	10	8	1	3
Soybeans blooming .....	96	89	84	91
Soybeans setting pods .....	74	55	46	63
Spring wheat coloring .....	93	72	88	94
Spring wheat harvested .....	7	1	1	8

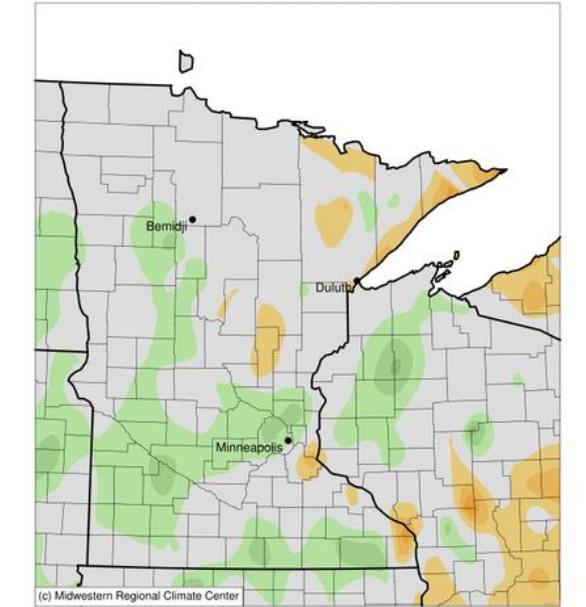
### Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of August 2, 2020

Item	This week	Last Week	Last Year
	(days)	(days)	(days)
Days suitable .....	5.7	5.1	5.7
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture			
Very short .....	2	2	1
Short .....	10	7	9
Adequate .....	75	73	79
Surplus .....	13	18	11
Subsoil moisture			
Very short .....	2	1	1
Short .....	7	6	6
Adequate .....	80	80	76
Surplus .....	11	13	17

## Minnesota Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending August 2, 2020

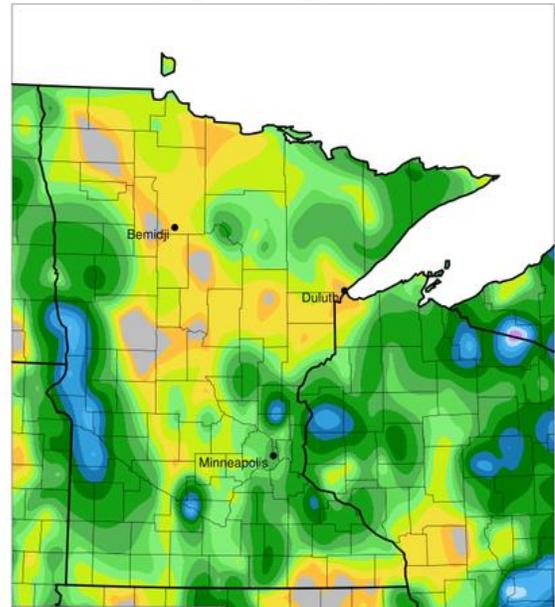
Maps from the *Midwestern Regional Climate Center* reflect data collected from 7:00 A.M. Central Time on July 27, 2020, through 7:00 A.M. Central Time on August 2, 2020.

**Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals**  
July 27, 2020 to August 02, 2020



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**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
July 27, 2020 to August 02, 2020



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National Weather Service data, courtesy of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources State Climatology Office, is available at:

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/>