



Minnesota Crop Progress & Condition

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Cool, wet conditions did not hamper small grain harvest progress during the week ending August 16, 2020, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. There were **4.8 days suitable** for fieldwork, the fewest since the week ending July 12. Other field activities included cutting hay and harvesting potatoes, fruits and vegetables.

The wet weather recharged soil moisture in central Minnesota. Statewide **topsoil moisture** condition rated 2% very short, 12% short, 73% adequate and 13% surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 2% very short, 8% short, 81% adequate and 9% surplus.

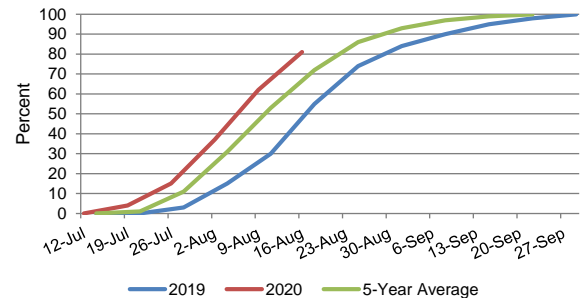
Corn had reached the dough stage or beyond on 81% of the acres, 2 weeks ahead of last year and 6 days ahead of the 5-year average. Twelve percent of the corn acreage was at or beyond the dent stage, 11 days ahead of last year but equal to average. There were scattered reports corn silage harvest has begun. Corn condition rated 83% good to excellent. **Soybeans** setting pods were almost complete at 97%, remaining ahead of last year and average. Scattered observations of soybeans turning color were reported. Soybean condition rated 84% good to excellent.

Spring wheat harvest was 31% complete, 6 days ahead of last year but 6 days behind normal. Spring wheat condition rated 76% good to excellent. The **oat** harvest was 78% complete, 10 days ahead of last year and 6 days ahead of average. Nearly one-third of the total **barley** for grain acreage was harvested during the week, advancing the statewide total to 70% complete. Barley condition rated 74% good to excellent.

Sunflower condition rated 74% good to excellent. The **potato** harvest advanced 3 percentage points to 18% complete, remaining well ahead of last year and normal. Potato condition improved to 92% good to excellent. **Sugarbeet** condition remained at 93% good to excellent. A few reports of sugarbeet harvest was received. **Dry beans** setting pods were nearly complete at 99% with 13% dropping leaves. Dry bean condition improved to 81% good to excellent.

Minnesota's second cutting of **alfalfa hay** was 94% complete. **Pasture** condition increased to 67% good to excellent.

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



Crop Condition as of August 16, 2020

Item	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Barley	1	3	22	64	10
Corn	1	2	14	52	31
Dry beans	0	1	18	70	11
Pasture and range	3	6	24	58	9
Potatoes.....	0	1	7	61	31
Soybeans.....	1	2	13	58	26
Spring wheat...	2	4	18	64	12
Sugarbeets	1	2	4	40	53
Sunflowers.....	3	5	18	67	7

Crop Progress as of August 16, 2020

Item	This week (percent)	Last Week (percent)	Last Year (percent)	5-yr Avg (percent)
Barley harvested.....	70	39	31	66
Corn dough.....	81	62	48	67
Corn dented.....	12	2	1	12
Dry beans setting pods	99	94	88	93
Dry beans dropping leaves	13	1	1	4
Hay, alfalfa, second cutting.....	94	91	96	98
Oats harvested for grain	78	64	44	65
Potatoes harvested.....	21	18	4	10
Soybeans setting pods	97	91	83	90
Spring wheat harvested	31	19	12	50

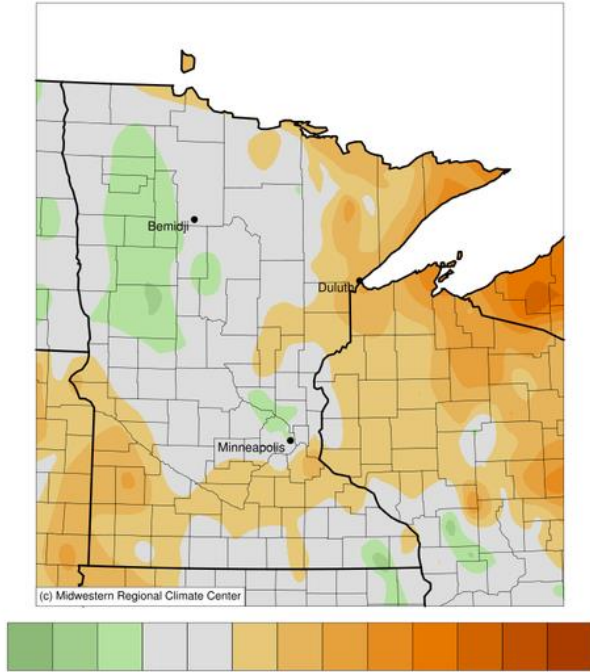
**Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture
Condition as of August 16, 2020**

Item	This week (days)	Last Week (days)	Last Year (days)
Days suitable	4.8	5.8	4.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	2	3	1
Short	12	14	11
Adequate	73	74	81
Surplus	13	9	7
Subsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	2	2	1
Short	8	10	7
Adequate	81	79	83
Surplus	9	9	9

Minnesota Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending August 16, 2020

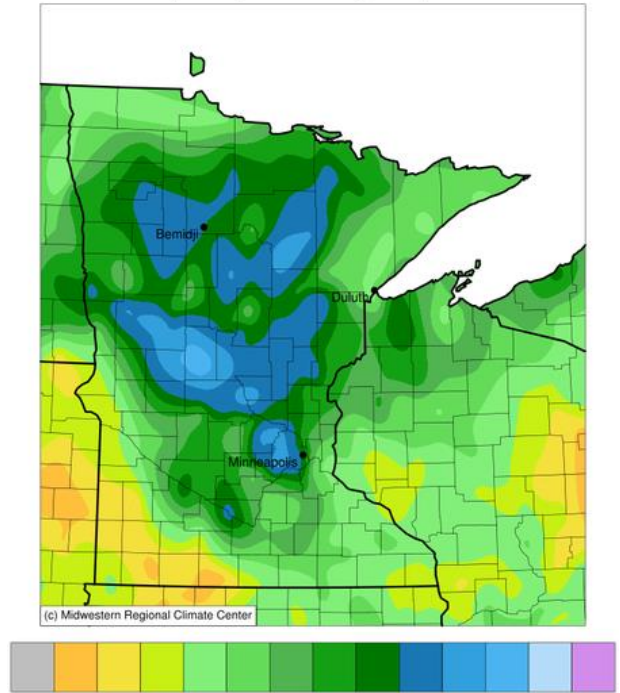
Maps from the *Midwestern Regional Climate Center* reflect data collected from 7:00 A.M. Central Time on August 10, 2020, through 7:00 A.M. Central Time on August 16, 2020.

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals
August 10, 2020 to August 16, 2020



Stations from the following networks used: WBAN, COOP, FAA, GHCN, ThreadEx, CoCoRaHS, WMO, ICAO, NWSLI, Midwestern Regional Climate Center
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Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 10, 2020 to August 16, 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/>