



# Minnesota Crop Progress & Condition

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Dry conditions in northern Minnesota allowed for significant advancement of wheat harvest progress during the week ending August 30, 2020, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. There were **5.5 days suitable** for fieldwork. Other field activities included harvesting corn for silage and cutting hay.

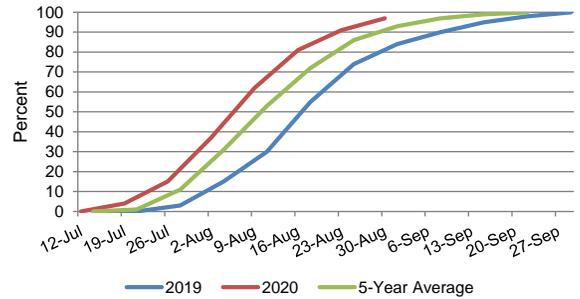
Rain in Central Minnesota slightly increased the statewide **topsoil moisture** condition to 3% very short, 11% short, 77% adequate and 9% surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 3% very short, 11% short, 78% adequate and 8% surplus.

**Corn** had reached the dough stage or beyond on 97% of the acres, remaining well ahead of last year and 9 days ahead of the 5-year average. Corn acreage was 63% at or beyond the dent stage, 16 days ahead of last year and 5 days ahead of average. There were scattered reports of corn starting to mature. Corn harvested for silage reached 15% complete, 19 days ahead of last year and one week ahead of normal. Corn condition dropped to 79% good to excellent, its lowest rating so far this year compared to the previous low of 81% during the third week of May. **Soybeans** were 25% turning color, 10 days ahead of last year and 3 days above average. Scattered accounts of soybeans dropping leaves were reported. Soybean condition dropped to 80% good to excellent, tying the lowest rating this year.

Nearly one-third of the **spring wheat** acres were harvested last week, advancing the total progress to 85% complete. This was 17 days ahead of last year and 1 day ahead of normal. The **oat** and **barley** harvests were nearly finished at 94% and 95% complete, respectively.

**Sunflower** condition increased to 75% good to excellent. The **potato** harvest advanced 3 percentage points to 26% complete, remaining ahead of last year and normal. Potato condition rated 92% good to excellent. Six percent of the **sugarbeet** acres have been harvested with condition remaining at 93% good to excellent. **Dry beans** dropping leaves was at 42% with condition improving to 83% good to excellent. **Pasture** condition decreased to 57% good to excellent.

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



**Crop Condition as of August 30, 2020**

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn.....	2	4	15	52	27
Dry beans .....	0	1	16	67	16
Pasture and range .....	4	8	31	49	8
Potatoes.....	0	1	7	58	34
Soybeans.....	1	4	15	57	23
Sugarbeets .....	1	2	4	40	53
Sunflowers .....	3	4	18	68	7

**Crop Progress as of August 30, 2020**

Item	This week	Last Week	Last Year	5-yr Avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley harvested.....	95	89	87	94
Corn dough.....	97	91	81	91
Corn dented.....	63	33	20	49
Corn harvested for silage.....	15	4	1	6
Dry beans dropping leaves .....	42	29	39	39
Oats harvested for grain .....	94	88	85	90
Potatoes harvested.....	26	23	14	20
Soybeans coloring .....	25	7	5	18
Spring wheat harvested.....	85	54	59	83
Sugarbeets harvested.....	6	3	4	4

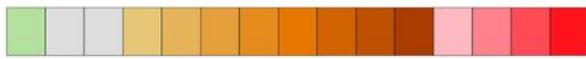
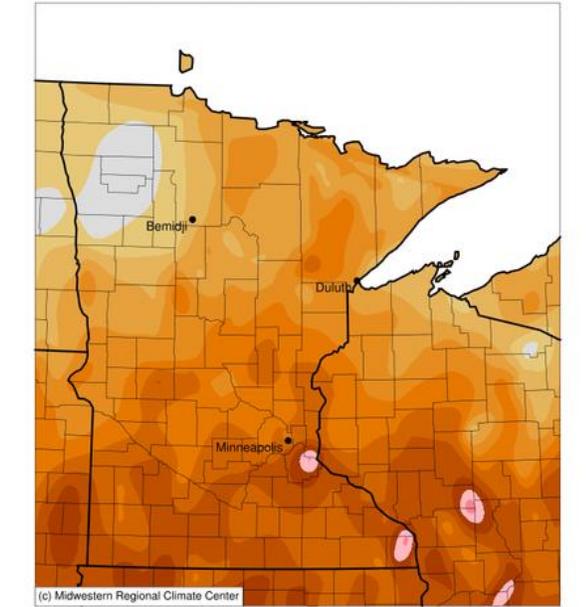
**Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of August 30, 2020**

Item	This week	Last Week	Last Year
	(days)	(days)	(days)
Days suitable .....	5.5	5.7	5.2
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture			
Very short .....	3	3	1
Short .....	11	13	13
Adequate .....	77	74	79
Surplus .....	9	10	7
Subsoil moisture			
Very short .....	3	3	1
Short .....	11	10	8
Adequate .....	78	79	82
Surplus .....	8	8	9

# Minnesota Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending August 30, 2020

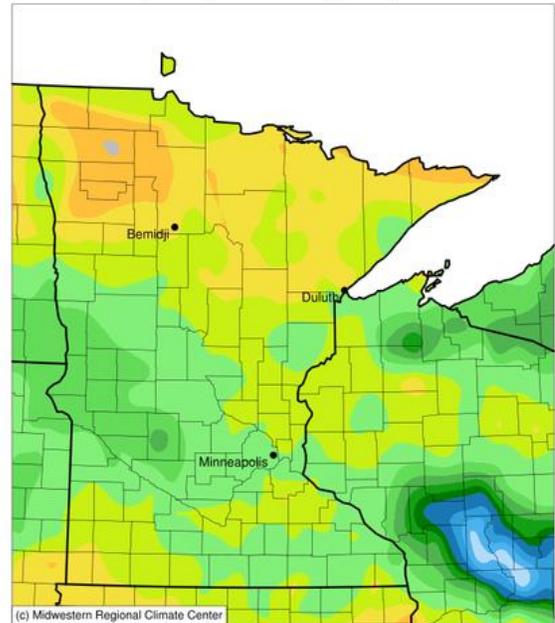
Maps from the *Midwestern Regional Climate Center* reflect data collected from 7:00 A.M. Central Time on August 24, 2020, through 7:00 A.M. Central Time on August 30, 2020.

**Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals**  
August 24, 2020 to August 30, 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 24, 2020 to August 30, 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/>