



Minnesota Crop Progress & Condition

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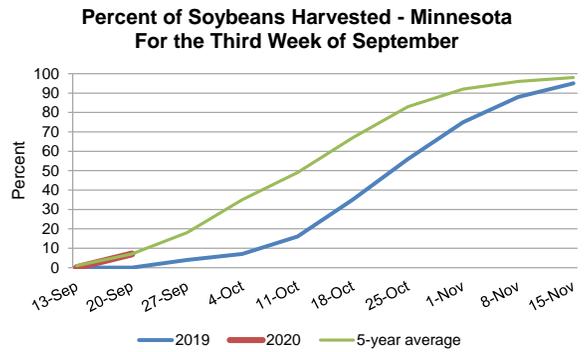
Cool, dry conditions allowed for the start of the soybean harvest and helped advance crop maturity elsewhere during the week ending September 20, 2020, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. There were **6.2 days suitable** for fieldwork. Other field activities included cutting hay and harvesting potatoes, sugarbeets, dry beans, and corn for silage.

Topsoil moisture condition rated to 3% very short, 8% short, 83% adequate and 6% surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 4% very short, 9% short, 80% adequate and 7% surplus.

Corn had reached maturity on 63% of the acres, 23 days ahead of last year and 10 days ahead of the 5-year average. There were scattered reports of corn for grain harvesting in southern Minnesota. Corn harvested for silage reached 82% complete, 26 days ahead of last year and 13 days ahead of normal. Corn condition improved slightly to 77% good to excellent. Nearly all the **soybean** acres were turning color at 96%. This was 16 days ahead of last year and 8 days above average. Soybean acres were 71% dropping leaves, 13 days ahead of last year and 5 days above average. Soybeans were 7% harvested, 13 days ahead of last year but equal to the average harvest pace. Soybean condition dropped to its lowest rating of the year to 76% good to excellent compared to last week's 77%.

Sunflower condition was 76% good to excellent. The **potato** harvest was 52% complete, one week ahead of last year and 2 days ahead of normal. Potato condition remained at 92% good to excellent. Fourteen percent of the **sugarbeet** acres have been harvested with condition remaining at 93% good to excellent.

Dry beans dropping leaves was at 94%, 8 days ahead of last year but 1 day behind average. The dry bean harvest was 46% complete, 15 days ahead of last year but 3 days behind average. Dry bean condition declined slightly to 80% good to excellent. **Pasture** condition decreased to its lowest rating of the year to 55% good to excellent, slightly less than 57% at the end of August.



Crop Condition as of September 20, 2020

| Item | Very poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Corn..... | 2 | 4 | 17 | 53 | 24 |
| Dry beans | 0 | 1 | 19 | 66 | 14 |
| Pasture and range | 3 | 7 | 35 | 50 | 5 |
| Potatoes..... | 0 | 0 | 8 | 60 | 32 |
| Soybeans..... | 1 | 4 | 19 | 59 | 17 |
| Sugarbeets | 1 | 2 | 4 | 40 | 53 |
| Sunflowers | 3 | 4 | 17 | 70 | 6 |

Crop Progress as of September 20, 2020

| Item | This week | Last Week | Last Year | 5-yr Avg |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Corn mature | 63 | 45 | 6 | 35 |
| Corn harvested for silage..... | 82 | 66 | 18 | 56 |
| Dry beans dropping leaves | 94 | 85 | 88 | 95 |
| Dry beans harvested..... | 46 | 20 | 18 | 57 |
| Potatoes harvested..... | 52 | 38 | 32 | 48 |
| Soybeans coloring | 96 | 85 | 67 | 87 |
| Soybeans dropping leaves..... | 71 | 41 | 30 | 57 |
| Soybeans harvested | 7 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| Sugarbeets harvested..... | 14 | 10 | 10 | 11 |

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of September 20, 2020

| Item | This week | Last Week | Last Year |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | (days) | (days) | (days) |
| Days suitable | 6.2 | 4.8 | 3.7 |
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Topsoil moisture | | | |
| Very short | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| Short | 8 | 8 | 2 |
| Adequate | 83 | 80 | 55 |
| Surplus | 6 | 10 | 43 |
| Subsoil moisture | | | |
| Very short | 4 | 3 | 0 |
| Short | 9 | 10 | 2 |
| Adequate | 80 | 78 | 59 |
| Surplus | 7 | 9 | 39 |

