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 advance 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 3 days below normal harvest pace. Soybean condition dropped to its lowest rating of the year to 76% good to excellent compared to last week’s 77%.

**Soybean** 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 **sugar beet** 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% compete, 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.
Minnesota Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending September 20, 2020

Maps from the Midwestern Regional Climate Center reflect data collected from 7:00 A.M. Central Time on September 14, 2020, through 7:00 A.M. Central Time on September 20, 2020.

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/