



Minnesota Crop Progress & Condition

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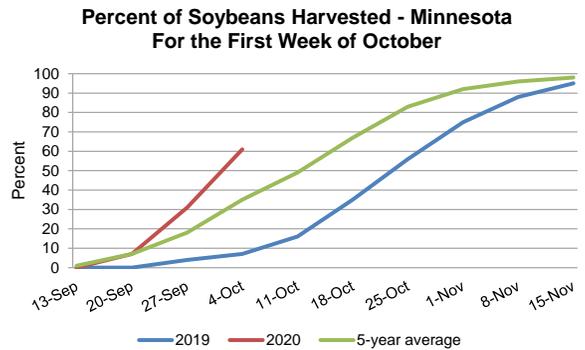
Dry and cool conditions advanced crop maturity and harvest progress during the week ending October 4, 2020, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. There were **5.4 days suitable for fieldwork**. Field activities included harvesting corn for grain, soybeans, corn for silage, potatoes, sugarbeets, sunflowers, and dry beans.

Topsoil moisture condition rated to 2% very short, 12% short, 80% adequate and 6% surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 3% very short, 12% short, 79% adequate and 6% surplus.

Corn for grain had reached maturity on 94% of the acres, three weeks ahead of last year and two weeks ahead of the 5-year average. The corn for grain harvest was 14% complete, 18 days ahead of last year and one week ahead of average. Corn moisture content of grain at harvest averaged 22%. Corn harvested for silage was nearly complete at 95% complete, 23 days ahead of last year and 13 days ahead of normal. Corn condition improved to 81% good to excellent. **Soybean** acres were 95% dropping leaves, 12 days ahead of last year and five days above average. Soybeans were 61% harvested, 23 days ahead of last year and 12 days ahead of average. Soybean condition improved slightly to 79% good to excellent.

Sunflowers were 24% harvested, 25 days ahead of last year and 6 days ahead of normal. Sunflower condition improved to 79% good to excellent. The **potato** harvest was 87% complete, 13 days ahead of last year and 6 days ahead of normal. Half of the **sugarbeet** acres have been harvested with their condition remaining at 93% good to excellent.

The **dry bean** harvest was 88% complete, more than 5 weeks ahead of last year and 5 days above average. **Pasture** condition decreased to 53% good to excellent.



Crop Condition as of October 4, 2020

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn.....	1	3	15	56	25
Pasture and range	4	7	36	48	5
Soybeans.....	1	3	17	57	22
Sugarbeets	1	2	4	40	53
Sunflowers	3	4	14	72	7

Crop Progress as of October 4, 2020

Item	This week	Last Week	Last Year	5-yr Avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn mature	94	85	34	74
Corn harvested for grain	14	6	1	7
Corn moisture content	22	24	(NA)	(NA)
Corn harvested for silage.....	95	91	54	83
Dry beans harvested.....	88	71	45	84
Potatoes harvested.....	87	68	65	78
Soybeans dropping leaves.....	95	90	74	90
Soybeans harvested.....	61	31	7	35
Sugarbeets harvested.....	50	18	17	30
Sunflowers harvested	24	7	0	14

(NA) Not available.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of October 4, 2020

Item	This week	Last Week	Last Year
	(days)	(days)	(days)
Days suitable	5.4	5.9	1.5
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture			
Very short	2	3	0
Short	12	12	1
Adequate	80	79	44
Surplus	6	6	55
Subsoil moisture			
Very short	3	3	0
Short	12	10	1
Adequate	79	80	53
Surplus	6	7	46

