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, sugar beets, 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 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 **sugar beet** 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.
Minnesota Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending October 4, 2020

Maps from the Midwestern Regional Climate Center reflect data collected from 7:00 A.M. Central Time on September 28, 2020, through 7:00 A.M. Central Time on October 4, 2020.

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/