



Minnesota Crop Progress & Condition

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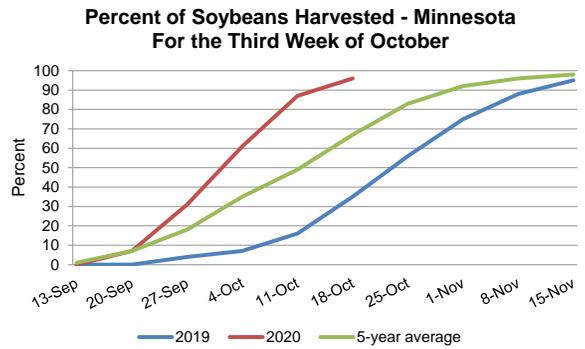
There were scattered rain showers in the eastern half of Minnesota, but otherwise mostly dry conditions advanced harvest progress during the week ending October 18, 2020, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. There were **5.7 days suitable for fieldwork**. Field activities included fall tillage, harvesting corn for grain, soybeans, sugarbeets, and sunflowers.

Topsoil moisture condition rated to 5% very short, 15% short, 76% adequate and 4% surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 4% very short, 14% short, 78% adequate and 4% surplus.

Corn for grain harvest was 63% complete, 23 days ahead of last year and 2 weeks ahead of the 5-year average. Corn moisture content of grain at harvest averaged 18%, falling 1 percentage point from last week. Corn condition fell marginally to 80% good to excellent. **Soybeans** were 96% harvested, 29 days ahead of last year and 20 days ahead of average.

Sunflowers were 77% harvested, over a month ahead of last year and 18 days ahead of normal. **Sugarbeet** harvest advanced to 98% complete. This was just over 3 weeks ahead of last year and the average.

Pasture condition declined to 45% good to excellent.



Crop Condition as of October 18, 2020

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn.....	1	3	16	52	28
Pasture and range	5	12	38	42	3

Crop Progress as of October 18, 2020

Item	This week	Last Week	Last Year	5-yr Avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn harvested for grain	63	34	9	29
Corn moisture content	18	19	(NA)	(NA)
Soybeans harvested	96	87	35	67
Sugarbeets harvested.....	98	86	42	71
Sunflowers harvested	77	41	1	39

(NA) Not available.

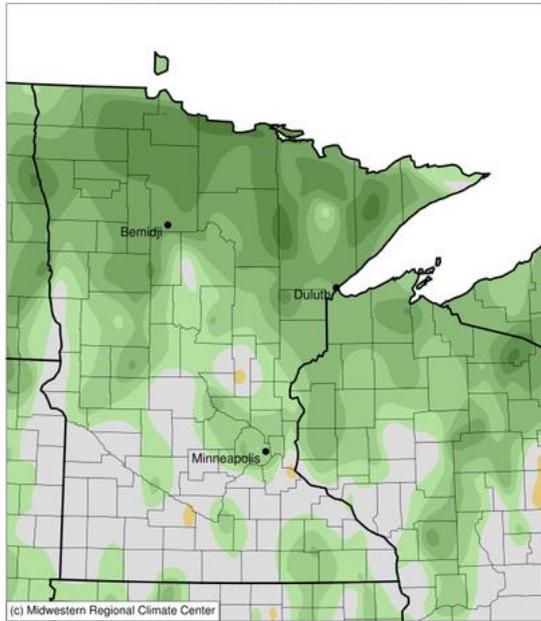
Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of October 18, 2020

Item	This week	Last Week	Last Year
	(days)	(days)	(days)
Days suitable	5.7	6.5	3.7
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture			
Very short	5	3	0
Short	15	17	0
Adequate	76	76	53
Surplus	4	4	47
Subsoil moisture			
Very short	4	4	0
Short	14	14	0
Adequate	78	78	55
Surplus	4	4	45

Minnesota Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending October 18, 2020

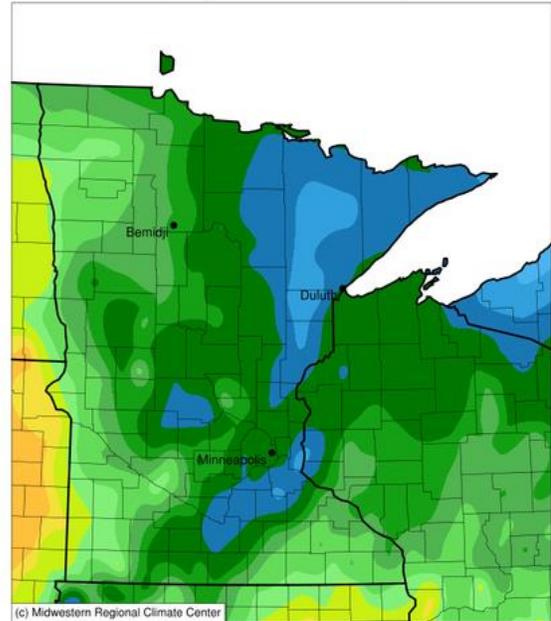
Maps from the *Midwestern Regional Climate Center* reflect data collected from 7:00 A.M. Central Time on October 12, 2020, through 7:00 A.M. Central Time on October 18, 2020.

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normal
October 12, 2020 to October 18, 2020



Stations from the following networks used: WBAN, COOP, FAA, GHCN, ThreadEx, CoCoRaHS, WMO, ICAO, NWSLI,
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Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 12, 2020 to October 18, 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/>