



# Minnesota Crop Progress & Condition

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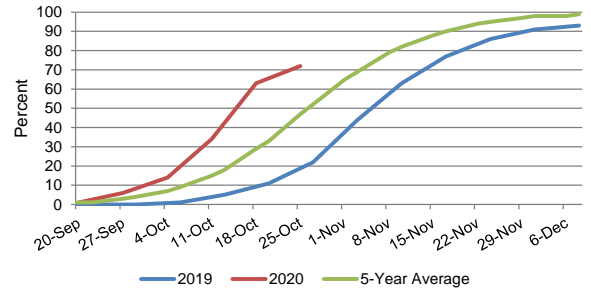
Below average temperatures and numerous snowfall events throughout Minnesota slowed the season's rapid corn for grain harvest progress pace during the week ending October 25, 2020, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Muddy fields and pastures occurred statewide. There were **2.6 days suitable for fieldwork**, the fewest days for any week since the two days during the week ending April 19, 2020. When producers were able to work in the fields their activities included harvesting corn for grain, soybeans, and sunflowers; applying fertilizer and manure; and fall tillage.

The widespread precipitation increased both topsoil and subsoil moisture supplies. **Topsoil moisture** condition rated to 3% very short, 9% short, 79% adequate and 9% surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 5% very short, 11% short, 79% adequate and 5% surplus.

**Corn** for grain harvest was 72% complete, three weeks ahead of last year and 10 days ahead of the 5-year average. Corn moisture content of grain at harvest averaged 17%, falling 1 percentage point from last week. The **soybean** harvest was nearly complete at 98% harvested, 27 days ahead of last year and 18 days ahead of average.

The **sunflower** harvest was also nearly complete at 95% harvested, 45 days ahead of last year and 30 days ahead of normal. The weather events reduced pasture condition by two percentage points due to snow accumulation and mud. **Pasture** condition rated 43% good to excellent.

Percent of Corn Harvested for Grain - Minnesota  
For the Fourth Week of October



## Crop Condition as of October 25, 2020

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range .....	14	10	33	39	4

## Crop Progress as of October 25, 2020

Item	This week	Last Week	Last Year	5-yr Avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn harvested for grain .....	72	63	19	47
Corn moisture content .....	17	18	25	19
Sunflowers harvested .....	95	77	15	58

(NA) Not available.

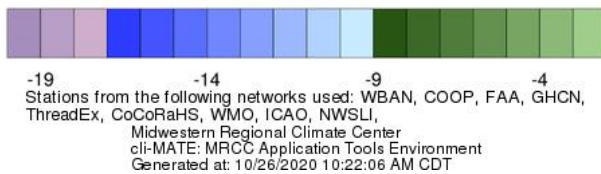
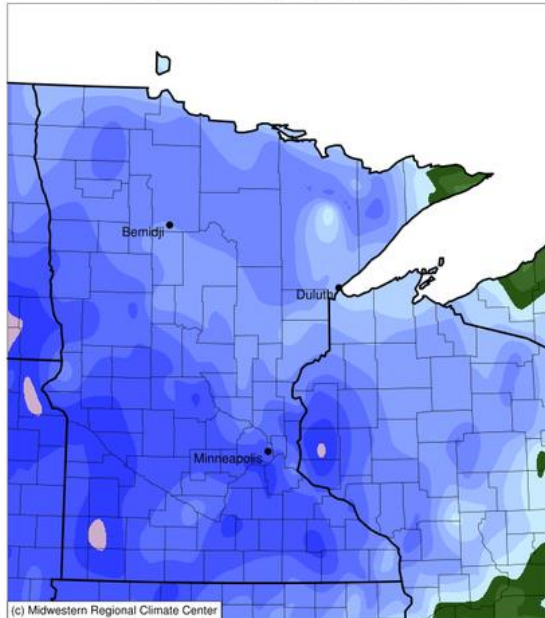
## Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of October 25, 2020

Item	This week	Last Week	Last Year
	(days)	(days)	(days)
Days suitable .....	2.6	5.7	4.0
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture			
Very short .....	3	5	0
Short .....	9	15	0
Adequate .....	79	76	53
Surplus .....	9	4	47
Subsoil moisture			
Very short .....	5	4	0
Short .....	11	14	1
Adequate .....	79	78	53
Surplus .....	5	4	46

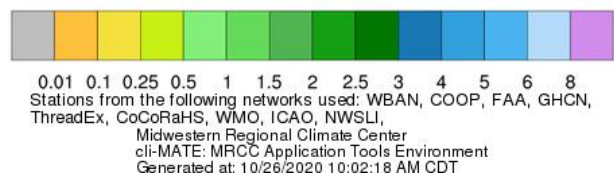
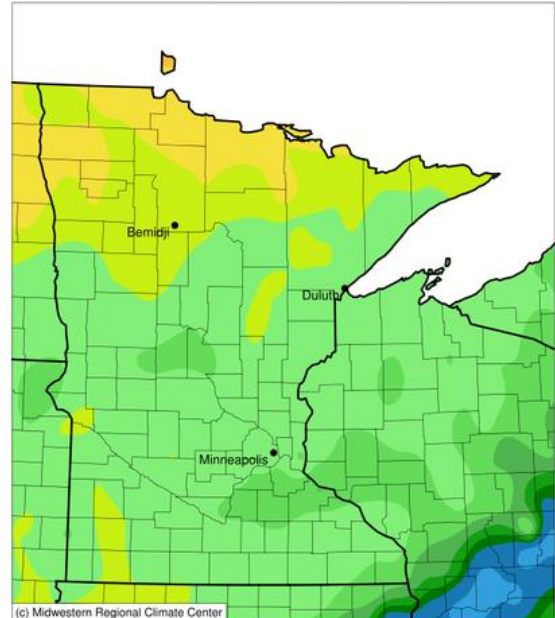
## Minnesota Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending October 25, 2020

Maps from the *Midwestern Regional Climate Center* reflect data collected from 7:00 A.M. Central Time on October 19, 2020, through 7:00 A.M. Central Time on October 25, 2020.

**Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normal**  
October 19, 2020 to October 25, 2020



**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
October 19, 2020 to October 25, 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/>