

This is Brian Gallagher, State Statistician for the USDA NASS Minnesota Field Office with the weekly crop progress and condition report for the week ending October 18, 2020.

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.

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