Most of Minnesota received needed moisture which meant farmers had just 2.4 days suitable for fieldwork during the week ending April 11, 2021, according to USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Field activities included applying fertilizer, tilling, seeding hay and planting small grains.

Spring wheat was 7% planted, over 2 weeks ahead of last year and 6 days ahead of the 5-year average. Oats were 19% planted, 10 days ahead of last year and 9 days ahead of normal. Scattered reports of barley, potato and sugarbeet planting were received.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 4% very short, 19% short, 64% adequate and 13% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated 4% very short, 27% short, 61% adequate and 8% surplus. Some reports mentioned continued dry conditions.

Pastures continued to green up with the warm temperatures. Pasture conditions were 4% very poor, 13% poor, 43% fair, 36% good and 4% excellent. Livestock conditions were good.
Minnesota Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending April 11, 2021

Maps from the Midwestern Regional Climate Center reflect data collected from 7:00 A.M. Central Time on April 5, 2021, through 7:00 A.M. Central Time on April 11, 2021.

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals
April 05, 2021 to April 11, 2021

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 05, 2021 to April 11, 2021

Growing Degree Days can be found at https://mrcc.illinois.edu/U2U/gdd/

Temperature and Precipitation Maps, courtesy of the Midwestern Regional Climate Center, are available at: http://mrcc.isws.illinois.edu/CLIMATE/

National Weather Service data, courtesy of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources State Climatology Office, is available at: http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/climate/historical/summary.html