Below normal temperatures persisted but Minnesota farmers had 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork during the week ending May 2, 2021, according to USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. The primary field activity was planting with significant progress made in seeding small grains, row crops and potatoes.

**Topsoil moisture** supplies were rated 8% very short, 27% short, 60% adequate and 5% surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 8% very short, 27% short, 60% adequate and 5% surplus. Dry conditions continue to be reported.

During the week ending May 2, Minnesota farmers were able to plant over 40% of their expected corn crop for a total of 60% planted, 2 days behind last year but 10 days ahead of the 5-year average. **Soybeans** were 23% planted, 2 days behind last year but 1 week ahead of normal.

**Spring wheat** was 72% planted, over 2 weeks ahead of last year and 13 days ahead of the 5-year average. Spring wheat was 19% emerged, 11 days ahead of 2020 and 8 days ahead of normal. **Oats** were 69% planted, 4 days ahead of last year and 12 days ahead of average. Oats were 25% emerged, 1 day behind last year but 2 days ahead of normal. **Barley** was 63% planted, 2 weeks ahead of last year and 12 days ahead of the average. Barley was 6% emerged, 2 days behind the previous year and 1 day behind normal.

**Potato** planting was 44% complete, 1 day behind last year but 4 days ahead of the average. Over three-quarters of the **sugarbeet** crop has been planted at 79% complete statewide, almost 3 weeks ahead of last year and 12 days ahead of average. **Dry beans** were 5% planted, equal to last year but 4 days ahead of normal.

**Pasture condition** rated 6% very poor, 10% poor, 37% fair, 41% good and 6% excellent. Pasture growth has been slow in some areas. No problems were reported with livestock.
Minneapolis Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending May 2, 2021

Maps from the Midwestern Regional Climate Center reflect data collected from 7:00 A.M. Central Time on April 26, 2021, through 7:00 A.M. Central Time on May 2, 2021.

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals
April 26, 2021 to May 02, 2021

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 26, 2021 to May 02, 2021

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

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/