Continued widespread rain events allowed 4.2 days suitable for fieldwork during the week ending September 5, 2021, according to USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Reports indicated the recent rainfall greened pastures and revitalized some crops affected by drought conditions. Field activities for the week included cutting corn for silage.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 15% very short, 26% short, 54% adequate and 5% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated 22% very short, 37% short, 40% adequate and 1% surplus.

Corn dented reached 71%, four days behind last year but three days ahead of average. Corn mature reached 18%, one day behind last year but 7 days ahead of the average. Corn harvested for silage reached 48%, three days ahead of last year and over a week ahead of the 5-year average. Corn condition rated 37% good to excellent.

Soybeans coloring reached 66%, two days ahead of last year and over a week ahead of the 5-year average. Soybeans dropping leaves reached 25%, four days ahead of last year and a week ahead of the average. Soybeans condition rated 34% good to excellent.

Dry beans dropping leaves reached 79%. Dry bean harvest was 10% complete. Potatoes were 28% harvested. Potato condition rated 56% good to excellent. Sunflower condition rated 45% good to excellent. Sugar beets reached 5% harvested. Sugar beet condition rated 73% good to excellent.

Pasture condition was 35% very poor, 34% poor, 24% fair, 4% good and 3% excellent. No livestock losses were reported.
Maps from the Midwestern Regional Climate Center reflect data collected from 7:00 A.M. Central Time on August 30, 2021, through 7:00 A.M. Central Time on September 5, 2021.

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals
August 30, 2021 to September 05, 2021

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 30, 2021 to September 05, 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/