According to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, scattered rainfall allowed 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork during the week ending October 3, 2021. Harvesting crops was the week’s primary activity.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 7 percent very short, 24 percent short, 67 percent adequate and 2 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated 15 percent very short, 37 percent short, 47 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus.

Ninety percent of the corn crop was mature, two days behind last year but eleven days ahead of the 5-year average. Corn harvested for grain reached 20 percent, three days ahead of last year and eleven days ahead of the average. Moisture content of field corn being harvested for grain was at 21 percent. Corn silage harvested neared completion at 97 percent. Corn condition rated 39 percent good to excellent.

Soybeans dropping leaves reached 97 percent, five days ahead of last year and ten days ahead of the 5-year average. Soybeans harvested reached 62 percent, two days ahead of last year and two weeks ahead of the average. Soybean condition rated 36 percent good to excellent.

Dry beans harvest was 86 percent complete. Potatoes were 73 percent harvested. Sunflowers reached 16 percent harvested. Sunflower condition rated 40 percent good to excellent. Sugarbeets reached 14 percent harvested. Sugarbeets condition rated 74 percent good to excellent.

Pasture condition was 22 percent very poor, 29 percent poor, 37 percent fair, 12 percent good and 0 percent excellent. No reports of livestock concerns were received.
Minnesota Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending October 3, 2021

Maps from the Midwestern Regional Climate Center reflect data collected from 7:00 A.M. Central Time on September 27, 2021, through 7:00 A.M. Central Time on October 3, 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/