According to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, scattered storms gave farmers 4.4 days suitable for fieldwork during the week ending October 17, 2021. Field activities for the week included combining, tilling, and manure applications.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 3 percent very short, 17 percent short, 74 percent adequate and 6 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated 9 percent very short, 32 percent short, 57 percent adequate and 2 percent surplus.

Corn harvested for grain reached 53 percent, two days behind last year but eleven days ahead of the average. Corn moisture content of grain at harvest averaged 18 percent. Corn condition rated 37 percent good to excellent.

Soybeans harvested reached 91 percent, three days behind last year but two weeks ahead of the average.

Dry beans harvest was 97 percent complete. Potatoes were 92 percent harvested. Sunflowers reached 40 percent harvested. Sunflower condition rated 47 percent good to excellent. Sugarbeets reached 38 percent harvested. Sugarbeets condition rated 74 percent good to excellent.

Pasture condition was 14 percent very poor, 23 percent poor, 39 percent fair, 19 percent good and 5 percent excellent. No reports of livestock losses were received.
Minnesota Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending October 17, 2021

Maps from the Midwestern Regional Climate Center reflect data collected from 7:00 A.M. Central Time on October 11, 2021, through 7:00 A.M. Central Time on October 17, 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/

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