Minnesota had 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending August 7, 2022, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Weekend storms in the southern half of the state provided some relief to dry fields.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 9 percent very short, 19 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated 6 percent very short, 17 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus.

Corn silking was at 90 percent, 5 days behind the 5-year average. Corn dough reached 26 percent. Corn condition was 3 percent very poor, 6 percent poor, 29 percent fair, 51 percent good, and 11 percent excellent. Soybeans blooming or beyond reached 91 percent, 5 days behind average. Soybeans setting pods reached 60 percent. Soybean condition was 2 percent very poor, 5 percent poor, 30 percent fair, 53 percent good, and 10 percent excellent.

Oats were 85 percent coloring and 30 percent harvested. Oat condition was 2 percent very poor, 6 percent poor, 28 percent fair, 52 percent good, and 12 percent excellent. Spring wheat was 70 percent coloring. Spring wheat condition was 0 percent very poor, 0 percent poor, 26 percent fair, 67 percent good, and 7 percent excellent. Barley was 75 percent coloring and 7 percent harvested. Barley condition was 0 percent very poor, 1 percent poor, 32 percent fair, 59 percent good, and 8 percent excellent.

Dry edible beans were 97 percent blooming and 72 percent setting pods. Dry edible bean condition was 0 percent very poor, 2 percent poor, 31 percent fair, 55 percent good, and 12 percent excellent. Sunflower condition was 0 percent very poor, 0 percent poor, 16 percent fair, 77 percent good, and 7 percent excellent. Alfalfa hay second cutting was at 87 percent.

Potato condition was 0 percent very poor, 0 percent poor, 4 percent fair, 69 percent good, and 27 percent excellent. Sugarbeet condition was 2 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 23 percent fair, 16 percent good, and 55 percent excellent.

All hay condition was rated at 2 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 20 percent fair, 58 percent good, and 16 percent excellent. Pasture condition was rated at 3 percent very poor, 10 percent poor, 22 percent fair, 55 percent good, and 10 percent excellent.
Temperature and Precipitation Maps, courtesy of the Midwestern Regional Climate Center, are available at: https://mrcc.purdue.edu/CLIMATE/