



# Minnesota Ag News – Crop Progress & Condition

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Minnesota farmers had **6.4 days suitable for fieldwork** for the week ending July 23, 2023, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Continued lack of rain and insect activity were top concerns. Livestock were doing well with no issues reported.

**Topsoil moisture** supplies were rated 22 percent very short, 42 percent short, 35 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 19 percent very short, 42 percent short, 38 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

**Corn** silking reached 72 percent, 1 week ahead of last year and 2 days ahead of the 5-year average. Corn in the dough stage reached 18 percent. Corn condition was 54 percent good to excellent.

**Soybeans** were 78 percent blooming, 6 days ahead of last year and 2 days ahead of the 5-year average. Soybeans reached 43 percent setting pods. Soybean condition was 56 percent good to excellent.

**Barley** was 95 percent headed, 67 percent coloring, and 6 percent of the crop was harvested. Barley condition fell to 59 percent good to excellent.

**Oats** were 78 percent coloring and harvest of the crop was at 18 percent. Oat condition was 43 percent good to excellent.

**Spring wheat** coloring was at 68 percent and harvest began at 1 percent. Spring wheat condition was 74 percent good to excellent.

**Dry edible beans** reached 74 percent blooming with 40 percent of the crop setting pods. Dry edible beans condition dropped to 59 percent good to excellent. The second cutting of **alfalfa hay** was at 77 percent.

**All hay** condition was rated 38 percent good to excellent, and **pasture** condition was rated 32 percent good to excellent. Condition of the **potato** crop was 86 percent good to excellent. **Sugarbeet** condition was 91 percent good to excellent. **Sunflower** condition was 83 percent good to excellent.

## Crop Condition as of July 23, 2023

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley .....	1	4	36	54	5
Corn .....	3	10	33	43	11
Dry edible beans .....	1	3	37	52	7
Hay, all .....	5	19	38	35	3
Oats .....	4	11	42	40	3
Pasture and range ...	9	23	36	29	3
Potatoes .....	1	1	12	62	24
Soybeans .....	2	8	34	49	7
Spring wheat .....	0	4	22	72	2
Sugarbeets .....	0	2	7	22	69
Sunflowers .....	0	1	16	79	4

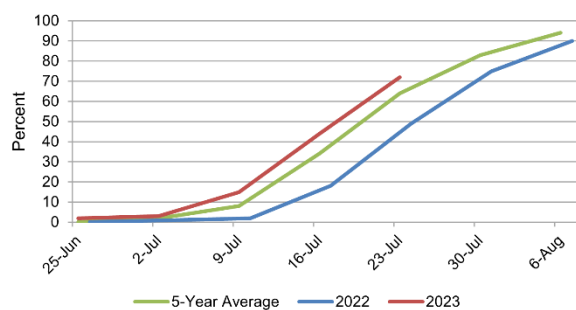
## Crop Progress as of July 23, 2023

Item	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley headed .....	95	93	88	97
Barley coloring .....	67	40	27	67
Barley harvested .....	6	3	3	2
Corn silking .....	72	44	45	64
Corn dough .....	18	5	4	6
Dry ed. beans blooming .....	74	64	70	73
Dry ed. beans setting pods .....	40	25	11	31
Hay, alfalfa, second cutting .....	77	63	66	73
Oats coloring .....	78	59	56	73
Oats harvested for grain .....	18	6	9	10
Soybeans blooming .....	78	66	66	74
Soybeans setting pods .....	43	27	17	31
Spring wheat coloring .....	68	41	20	60

## Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of July 23, 2023

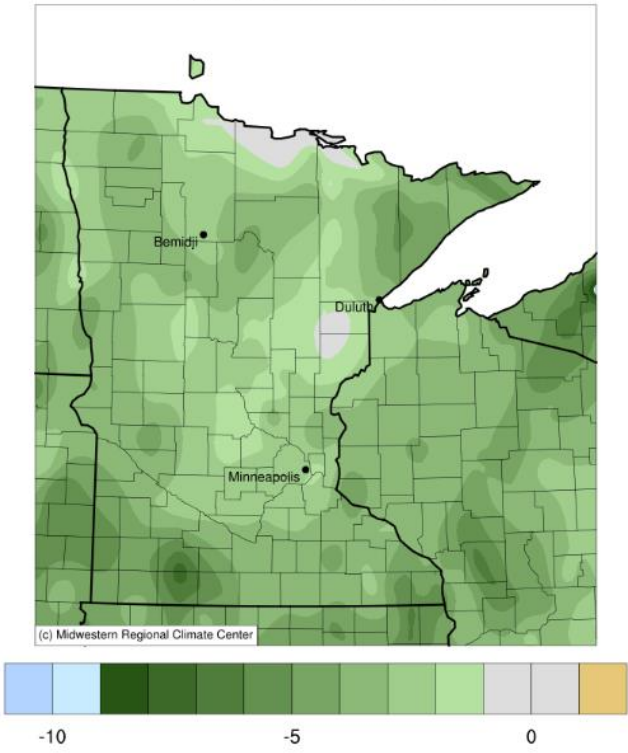
Item	This week	Last week	Last year
	(days)	(days)	(days)
Days suitable .....	6.4	5.7	5.7
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture			
Very short .....	22	14	7
Short .....	42	40	17
Adequate .....	35	45	70
Surplus .....	1	1	6
Subsoil moisture			
Very short .....	19	13	4
Short .....	42	42	17
Adequate .....	38	44	75
Surplus .....	1	1	4

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The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at [www.nass.usda.gov/Publications](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications).

**Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals**  
July 17, 2023 to July 23, 2023



**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
July 17, 2023 to July 23, 2023

