



# Minnesota Ag News – Crop Progress & Condition

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Minnesota farmers had **5.9 days suitable for fieldwork** for the week ending July 23, 2023, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. The lack of precipitation over the majority of the State and storm damage where it did rain affected most crop conditions. Livestock were doing well with no issues reported.

**Topsoil moisture** supplies were rated 25 percent very short, 44 percent short, 30 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 15 percent very short, 48 percent short, 36 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

**Corn** silking reached 91 percent, 9 days ahead of last year and 5 days ahead of the 5-year average. The dough stage reached 39 percent and the dent stage began at 3 percent. Corn condition dropped to 47 percent good to excellent.

**Soybeans** were 88 percent blooming, 6 days ahead of last year and 1 day ahead of the 5-year average. Soybeans reached 60 percent setting pods. Soybean condition fell to 48 percent good to excellent.

**Barley** was 98 percent headed, 88 percent coloring, and 9 percent of the crop was harvested. Barley condition rated 57 percent good to excellent.

**Oats** were 91 percent coloring and harvest of the crop was at 35 percent. Oat condition dropped to 34 percent good to excellent.

**Spring wheat** was 84 percent coloring, while harvest remained at 1 percent. Spring wheat condition dropped to 54 percent good to excellent.

**Dry edible beans** reached 90 percent blooming with 66 percent of the crop setting pods. Dry edible beans condition fell to 39 percent good to excellent. Condition of the **potato** crop was 78 percent good to excellent. **Sugarbeet** condition was 90 percent good to excellent. **Sunflower** condition was 60 percent good to excellent.

The second cutting of **alfalfa hay** was at 84 percent. **All hay** condition was rated 19 percent good to excellent, and **pasture** condition was rated 17 percent good to excellent.

## Crop Condition as of July 30, 2023

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley .....	2	7	34	51	6
Corn .....	4	13	36	40	7
Dry edible beans .....	2	5	54	34	5
Hay, all .....	9	24	48	17	2
Oats .....	7	17	42	29	5
Pasture and range ...	12	32	39	15	2
Potatoes .....	0	0	22	53	25
Soybeans .....	3	10	39	42	6
Spring wheat .....	1	7	38	53	1
Sugarbeets .....	0	2	8	24	66
Sunflowers .....	0	2	38	59	1

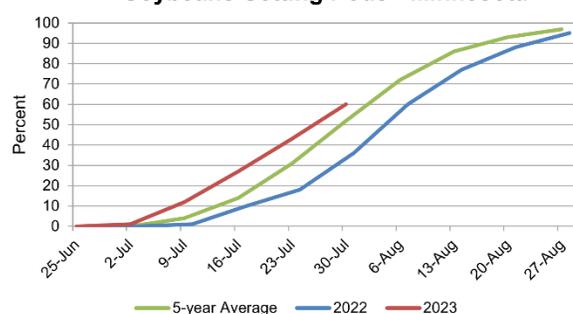
## Crop Progress as of July 30, 2023

Item	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley headed .....	98	95	97	99
Barley coloring .....	88	67	45	83
Barley harvested .....	9	6	4	10
Corn silking .....	91	72	71	83
Corn dough .....	39	18	12	19
Dry ed. beans blooming .....	90	74	88	85
Dry ed. beans setting pods .....	66	40	40	55
Hay, alfalfa, second cutting .....	84	77	78	84
Oats coloring .....	91	78	73	88
Oats harvested for grain .....	35	18	15	22
Soybeans blooming .....	88	78	79	86
Soybeans setting pods .....	60	43	33	52
Spring wheat coloring .....	84	68	42	79

## Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of July 30, 2023

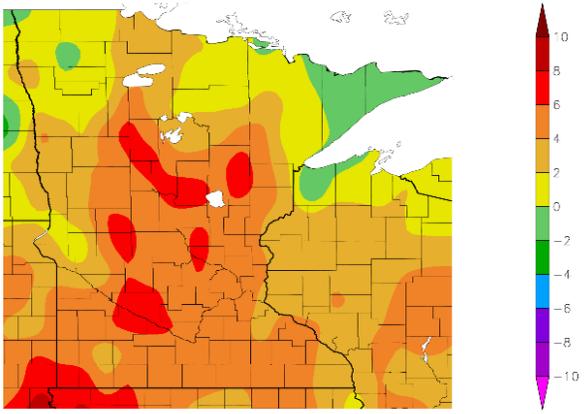
Item	This week	Last week	Last year
	(days)	(days)	(days)
Days suitable .....	5.9	6.4	6.0
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture			
Very short .....	25	22	8
Short .....	44	42	20
Adequate .....	30	35	66
Surplus .....	1	1	6
Subsoil moisture			
Very short .....	15	19	5
Short .....	48	42	19
Adequate .....	36	38	71
Surplus .....	1	1	5

Soybeans Setting Pods - Minnesota



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

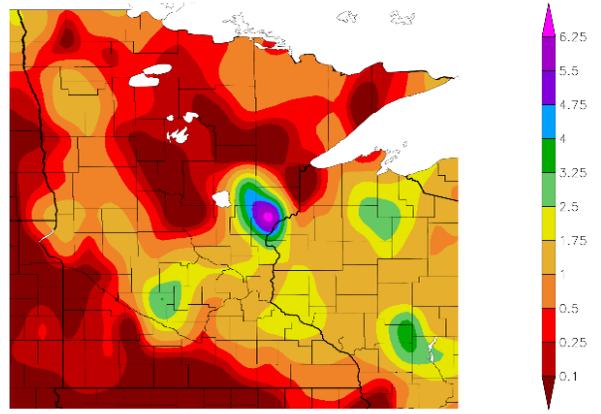
Departure from Normal Temperature (F)  
7/24/2023 - 7/30/2023



7/31/2023 at HPRCC using provisional data.

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Precipitation (in)  
7/24/2023 - 7/30/2023



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