



Minnesota Ag News – Crop Progress & Condition

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Cooler temperatures and little precipitation in Minnesota resulted in **6.2 days suitable for fieldwork** for the week ending September 17, 2023, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Fieldwork included row crop harvest, chopping corn for silage, and nearly wrapping up small grains harvest. Some producers reported pulling cattle off pastures.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 31 percent very short, 44 percent short, 25 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 26 percent very short, 50 percent short, 24 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus.

Corn in the dent stage reached 93 percent, about 1 week ahead of last year and the 5-year average. The corn crop was 60 percent mature. Corn harvested for grain reached 6 percent. Corn condition rating was 41 percent good to excellent. **Corn for silage** harvest reached 79 percent.

Soybeans turning color were at 86 percent, 5 days ahead of last year and 2 days ahead of the 5-year average. Soybeans dropping leaves reached 59 percent and harvest reached 6 percent. Soybean condition was 46 percent good to excellent.

Spring wheat harvest was virtually complete at 98 percent.

Dry edible beans reached 93 percent dropping leaves with 40 percent of the crop harvested. Dry edible beans condition remained 58 percent good to excellent. The **potato** crop was 46 percent harvested with condition of the crop rating 85 percent good to excellent. **Sugarbeet** harvest was at 12 percent and the condition was rated 93 percent good to excellent. **Sunflower** condition was 60 percent good to excellent.

Crop Condition as of September 17, 2023

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	7	17	35	33	8
Dry edible beans	1	9	32	53	5
Pasture and range ...	27	39	26	8	0
Potatoes	0	1	14	59	26
Soybeans	5	13	36	38	8
Sugarbeets	0	2	5	30	63
Sunflowers	0	3	37	59	1

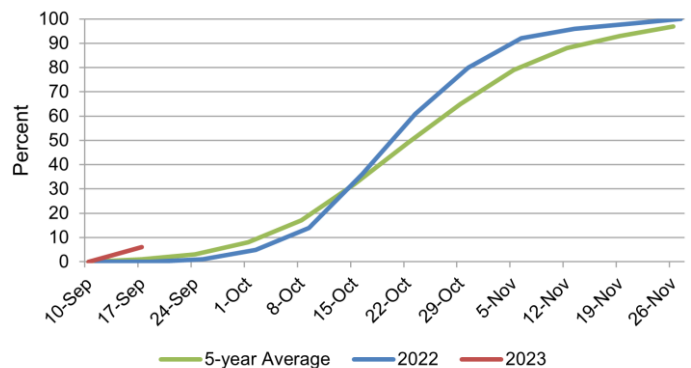
Crop Progress as of September 17, 2023

Item	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn dented	93	86	84	86
Corn mature	60	37	19	35
Corn harvested for grain	6	1	0	1
Corn harvested for silage	79	60	40	57
Dry ed. beans drop leaves	93	85	77	88
Dry ed. beans harvested	40	18	36	38
Potatoes harvested	46	29	47	41
Soybeans coloring	86	67	72	81
Soybeans dropping leaves	59	31	27	47
Soybeans harvested	6	0	1	4
Spring wheat harvested	98	94	90	95
Sugarbeets harvested	12	8	7	9

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of September 17, 2023

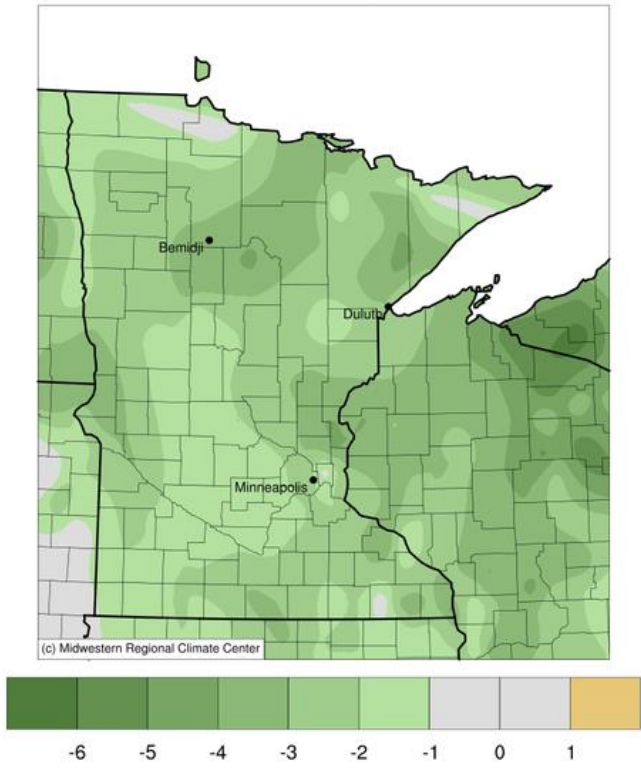
Item	This week	Last week	Last year
	(days)	(days)	(days)
Days suitable	6.2	6.3	6.0
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture			
Very short	31	31	7
Short	44	44	26
Adequate	25	25	65
Surplus	0	0	2
Subsoil moisture			
Very short	26	25	7
Short	50	51	22
Adequate	24	24	68
Surplus	0	0	3

Corn For Grain Harvested - Minnesota



The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications.

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals
September 11, 2023 to September 17, 2023



Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 11, 2023 to September 17, 2023

