



# Minnesota Ag News – Crop Progress & Condition

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Widespread rain last week slowed harvest a bit, giving Minnesota farmers **4.6 days suitable for fieldwork** for the week ending October 1, 2023, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Fieldwork included corn, soybean, sunflower, and potato harvest.

**Topsoil moisture** supplies were rated 20 percent very short, 44 percent short, 35 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 22 percent very short, 54 percent short, 24 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus.

The **corn** crop was 90 percent mature, 1 week ahead of last year and 11 days ahead of the 5-year average. Corn harvested for grain reached 18 percent and moisture content at harvest averaged 22 percent. Corn condition was rated 39 percent good to excellent. **Corn for silage** harvest reached 95 percent.

**Soybeans** dropping leaves reached 93 percent, 6 days ahead of both last year and the 5-year average. Soybeans were 33 percent harvested. Soybean condition was 43 percent good to excellent.

**Dry edible beans** harvest reached 84 percent. The **potato** crop was 75 percent harvested. **Sugarbeet** harvest was at 16 percent and condition was 93 percent good to excellent. **Sunflower** harvest began at 5 percent and condition was 53 percent good to excellent.

## Crop Condition as of October 1, 2023

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn .....	7	17	37	32	7
Pasture and range ...	27	38	28	7	0
Soybeans .....	4	13	40	36	7
Sugarbeets .....	0	2	5	20	73
Sunflowers .....	0	3	44	52	1

## Crop Progress as of October 1, 2023

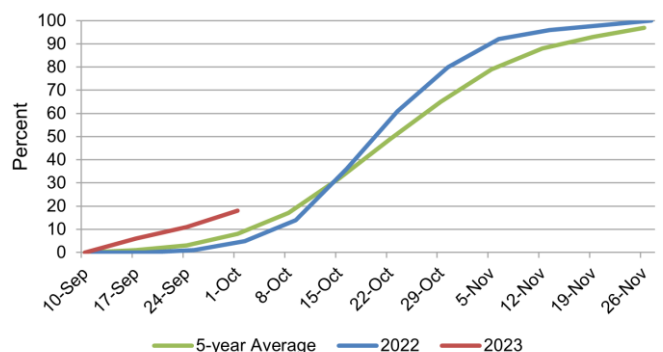
Item	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn mature .....	90	80	71	72
Corn harvested for grain .....	18	11	4	8
Corn harvested for silage .....	95	91	82	82
Dry ed. beans harvested .....	84	71	74	74
Potatoes harvested .....	75	64	80	74
Soybeans dropping leaves .....	93	81	82	86
Soybeans harvested .....	33	19	25	32
Sugarbeets harvested .....	16	15	12	20
Sunflowers harvested .....	5	0	0	8

(NA) Not available.

## Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of October 1, 2023

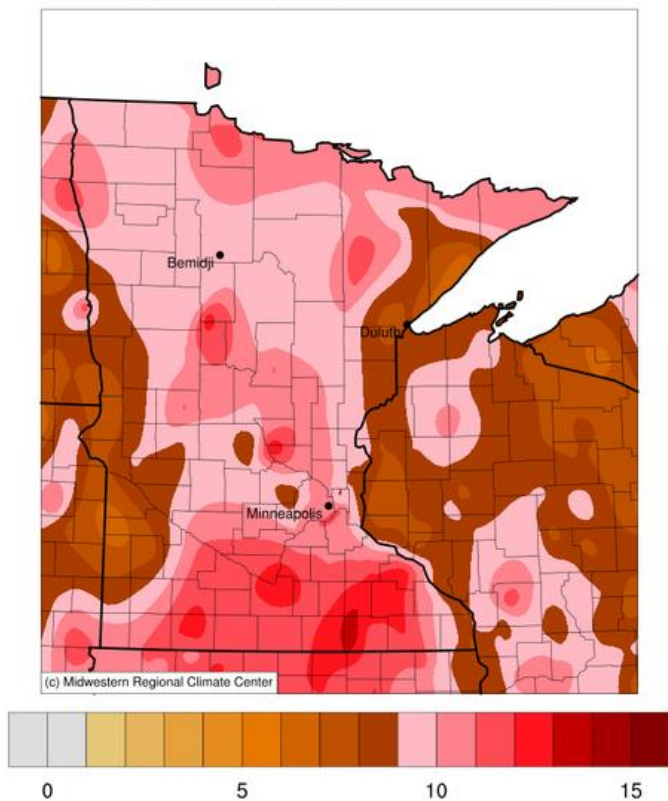
Item	This week	Last week	Last year
	(days)	(days)	(days)
Days suitable .....	4.6	5.4	6.3
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture			
Very short .....	20	25	8
Short .....	44	45	29
Adequate .....	35	29	61
Surplus .....	1	1	2
Subsoil moisture			
Very short .....	22	27	8
Short .....	54	53	26
Adequate .....	24	20	64
Surplus .....	0	0	2

Corn For Grain Harvested - Minnesota



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**  
September 25, 2023 to October 01, 2023



**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
September 25, 2023 to October 01, 2023

