



# Minnesota Ag News – Crop Progress & Condition

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Farmers welcomed widespread rain over most of the state, resulting in **4.6 days suitable for fieldwork** for the week ending October 15, 2023, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Harvest and fall tillage continued. Livestock were doing well with no issues reported.

**Topsoil moisture** supplies were rated 11 percent very short, 24 percent short, 60 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 16 percent very short, 45 percent short, 38 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

The **corn** crop was 98 percent mature. Corn harvested for grain reached 45 percent, 4 days ahead of last year and 6 days ahead of the 5-year average. Moisture content at harvest averaged 19 percent. Corn condition was rated 40 percent good to excellent.

**Soybean** harvest reached 76 percent, 1 day behind last year but 5 days ahead of the 5-year average.

**Dry edible beans** harvest was virtually complete at 96 percent. The **potato** crop was 92 percent harvested. **Sugarbeet** harvest was at 61 percent. **Sunflower** harvest reached 36 percent and condition was 55 percent good to excellent.

## Crop Condition as of October 15, 2023

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn .....	7	17	36	32	8
Pasture and range ...	25	37	29	9	0
Sugarbeets .....	0	2	6	24	68
Sunflowers .....	0	5	40	54	1

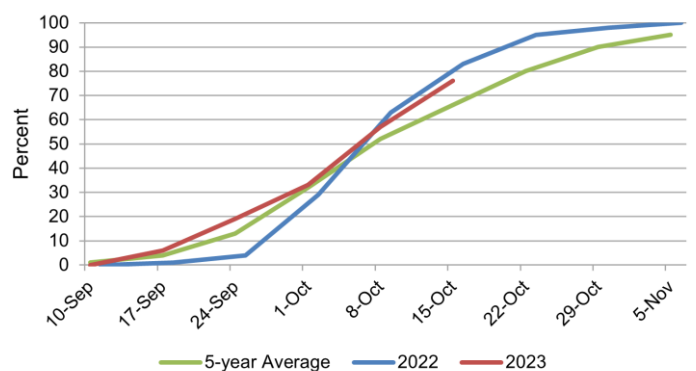
## Crop Progress as of October 15, 2023

Item	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn mature .....	98	94	95	92
Corn harvested for grain .....	45	31	33	32
Dry ed. beans harvested .....	96	90	96	91
Potatoes harvested .....	92	84	97	92
Soybeans harvested .....	76	57	80	66
Sugarbeets harvested .....	61	23	75	57
Sunflowers harvested .....	36	17	23	28

## Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of October 15, 2023

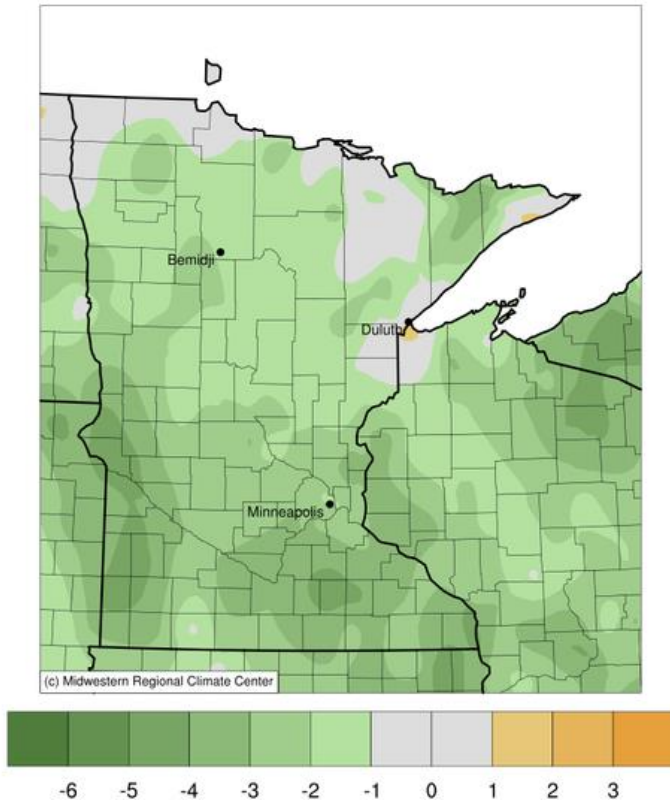
Item	This week	Last week	Last year
	(days)	(days)	(days)
Days suitable .....	4.6	4.7	6.1
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture			
Very short .....	11	18	12
Short .....	24	42	36
Adequate .....	60	38	50
Surplus .....	5	2	2
Subsoil moisture			
Very short .....	16	20	11
Short .....	45	54	34
Adequate .....	38	26	53
Surplus .....	1	0	2

Soybeans 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**  
October 09, 2023 to October 15, 2023



**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
October 09, 2023 to October 15, 2023

