

This is Dan Lofthus, Minnesota State Statistician for the USDA NASS Upper Midwest Regional Field Office with the weekly crop progress and condition report for the week ending October 27, 2024.

Minnesota farmers received a small amount of rain the week but still averaged 6.5 **days suitable for fieldwork**. Harvest was winding down and some fall small grain seeding was underway. Fall tillage and fertilizer applications continued. Livestock were starting to be brought in from pasture for winter.

**Topsoil moisture** supplies were rated 32 percent very short, 44 percent short, 24 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 23 percent very short, 40 percent short, 36 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

**Corn** harvested for grain reached 85 percent, 9 days ahead of last year and 12 days ahead of the 5-year average, with moisture content averaging 16 percent.

**Sugarbeet** harvest was virtually complete at 98 percent while **sunflower** harvest reached 65 percent.

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