



# Minnesota Ag News – Crop Progress & Condition

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Minnesota farmers averaged 4.8 days suitable for fieldwork the week ending August 18, 2024, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Fieldwork included small grain harvest and hay cutting.

**Topsoil moisture** supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 8 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 15 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 5 percent short, 79 percent adequate, and 15 percent surplus.

**Corn** silking reached 95 percent. Corn reaching the dough stage was at 62 percent, 10 days behind last year and 3 days behind average. Corn in the dent stage reached 6 percent and 1 percent of the crop was mature. Corn condition was 61 percent good to excellent. **Corn for silage** harvest began at 4 percent.

**Soybeans** blooming reached 96 percent. Soybeans setting pods reached 78 percent, 9 days behind both last year and the average. Condition of the crop was 64 percent good to excellent.

**Barley** reached 97 percent coloring, and harvest reached 30 percent. Condition of the barley crop remained 80 percent good to excellent.

**Oats** harvested reached 56 percent and condition was rated 79 percent good to excellent.

**Spring wheat** harvest was 31 percent complete. Condition of the crop was rated 87 percent good to excellent.

**Dry edible** beans were 94 percent blooming, 79 percent setting pods, and began dropping leaves at 3 percent. Dry edible bean condition was 68 percent good to excellent. **Potato** harvest reached 6 percent with condition of the crop rating 91 percent good to excellent. **Sugarbeet** harvest began at 1 percent, and condition remained 80 percent good to excellent. **Sunflower** condition was rated at 72 percent good to excellent.

The second cutting of **alfalfa hay** reached 91 percent.

## Crop Condition as of August 18, 2024

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley .....	0	2	18	69	11
Corn .....	3	7	29	47	14
Dry edible beans .....	1	3	28	61	7
Oats .....	1	3	17	64	15
Pasture and range ...	3	6	19	50	22
Potatoes .....	0	1	8	64	27
Soybeans .....	1	7	28	52	12
Spring wheat .....	0	1	12	62	25
Sugarbeets .....	4	4	12	19	61
Sunflowers .....	0	1	27	58	14

## Crop Progress as of August 18, 2024

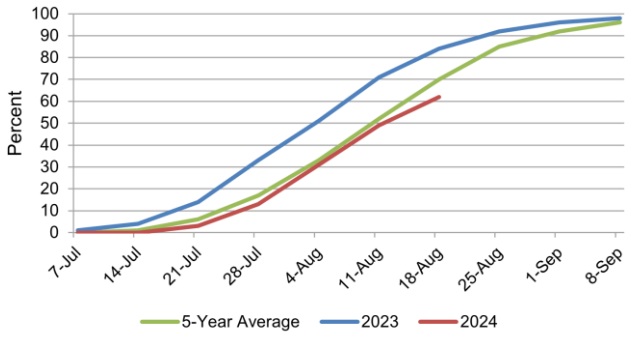
Item	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley coloring .....	97	94	100	100
Barley harvested .....	30	11	41	53
Corn silking .....	95	91	100	99
Corn dough .....	62	49	84	70
Corn dented .....	6	2	28	15
Dry ed. beans blooming .....	94	88	99	100
Dry ed. beans setting pods .....	79	66	91	95
Hay, alfalfa, second cutting .....	91	88	97	95
Oats harvested for grain .....	56	43	69	69
Potatoes harvested .....	6	4	8	12
Soybeans blooming .....	96	92	98	98
Soybeans setting pods .....	78	64	90	90
Spring wheat harvested .....	31	9	37	41

## Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of August 18, 2024

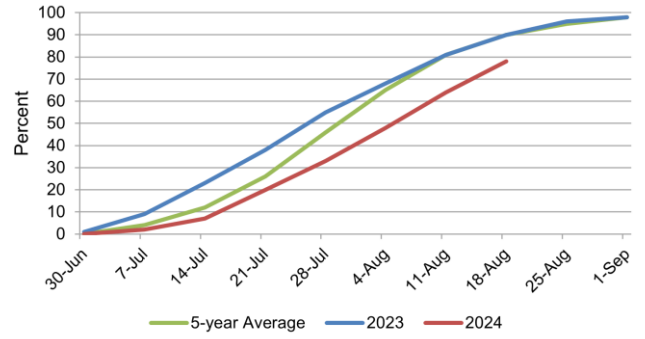
Item	This week	Last week	Last year
	(days)	(days)	(days)
Days suitable .....	4.8	5.3	6.0
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture			
Very short .....	1	0	19
Short .....	8	7	37
Adequate .....	76	79	44
Surplus .....	15	14	0
Subsoil moisture			
Very short .....	1	0	16
Short .....	5	5	44
Adequate .....	79	79	40
Surplus .....	15	16	0

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

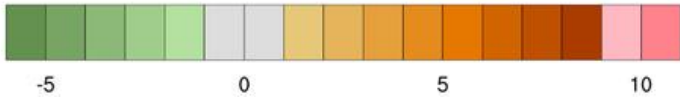
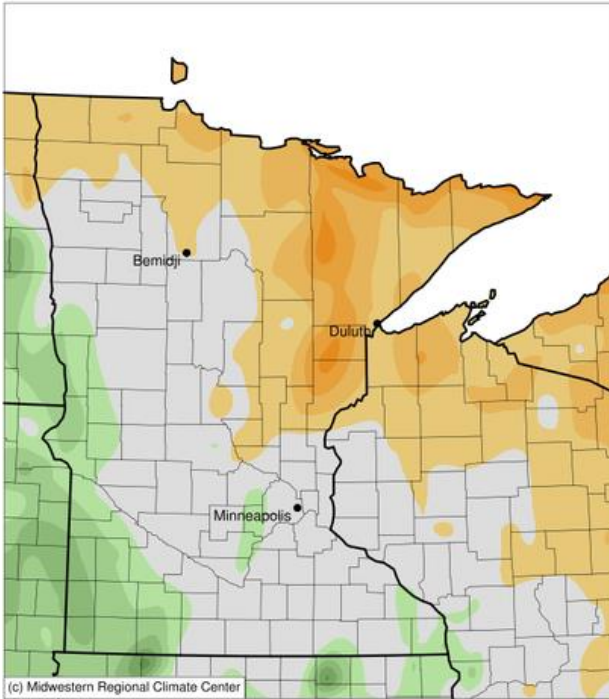
**Corn Dough - Minnesota**



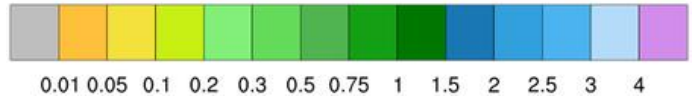
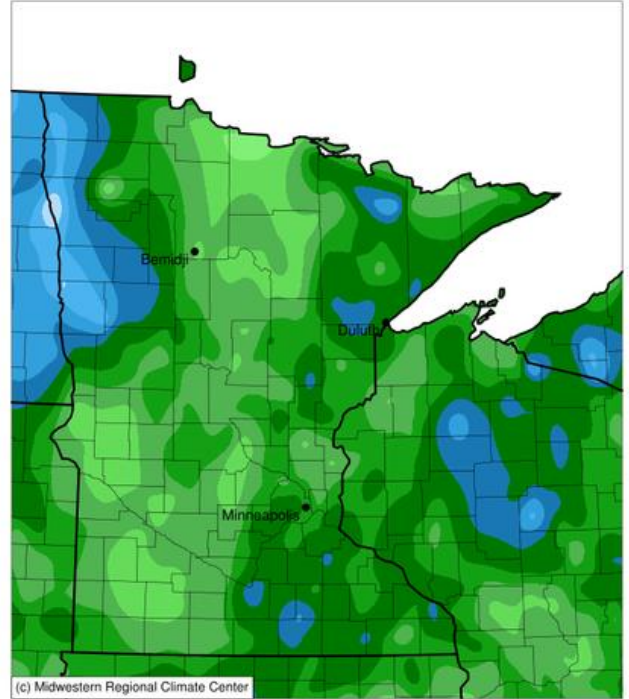
**Soybeans Setting Pods - Minnesota**



**Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals  
August 12, 2024 to August 18, 2024**



**Accumulated Precipitation (in)  
August 12, 2024 to August 18, 2024**



Temperature and Precipitation Maps, courtesy of the Midwestern Regional Climate Center, are available at: <https://mrcc.purdue.edu/CLIMATE/>