



Minnesota Ag News – Crop Progress & Condition

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Minnesota farmers received a small amount of rain the week ending October 27, 2024, averaging 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. 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.

Crop Condition as of October 27, 2024

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range ...	11	20	37	29	3

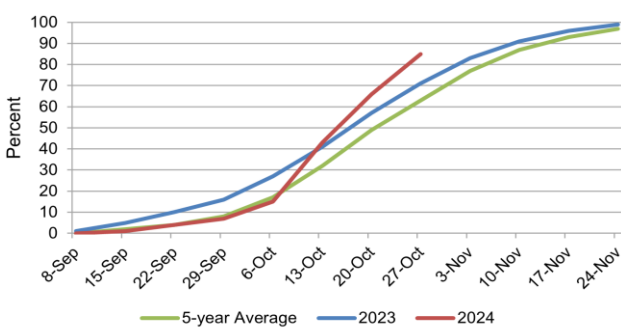
Crop Progress as of October 27, 2024

Item	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn harvested for grain	85	66	71	63
Sugarbeets harvested	98	90	98	87
Sunflowers harvested	65	39	71	63

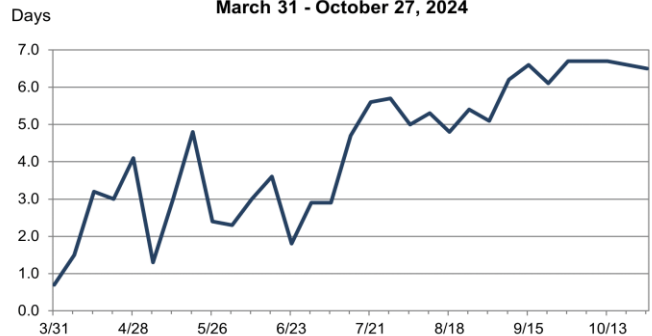
Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of October 27, 2024

Item	This week	Last week	Last year
	(days)	(days)	(days)
Days suitable	6.5	6.6	3.9
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture			
Very short	32	31	10
Short	44	42	22
Adequate	24	27	63
Surplus	0	0	5
Subsoil moisture			
Very short	23	20	12
Short	40	37	39
Adequate	36	42	47
Surplus	1	1	2

Corn Harvested for Grain - Minnesota



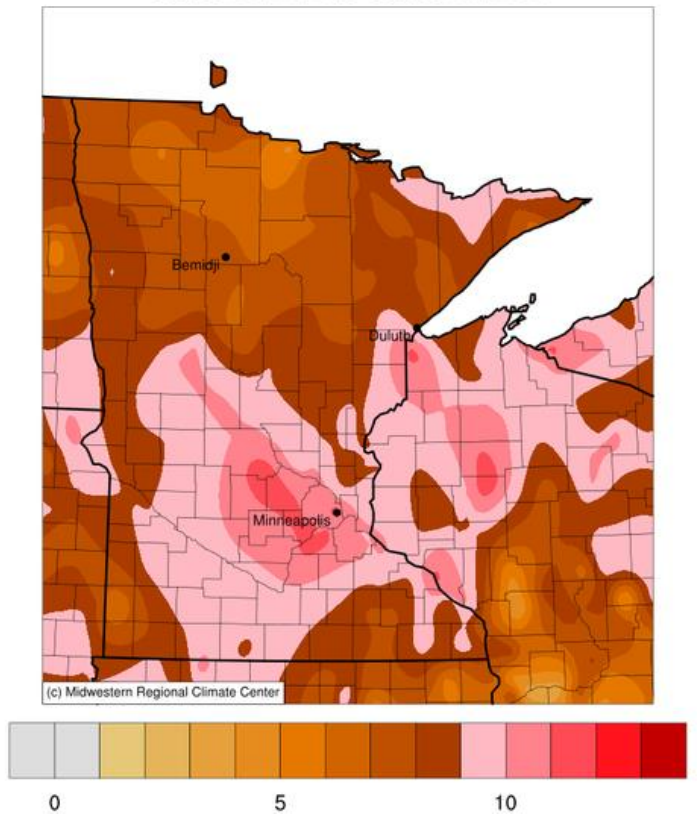
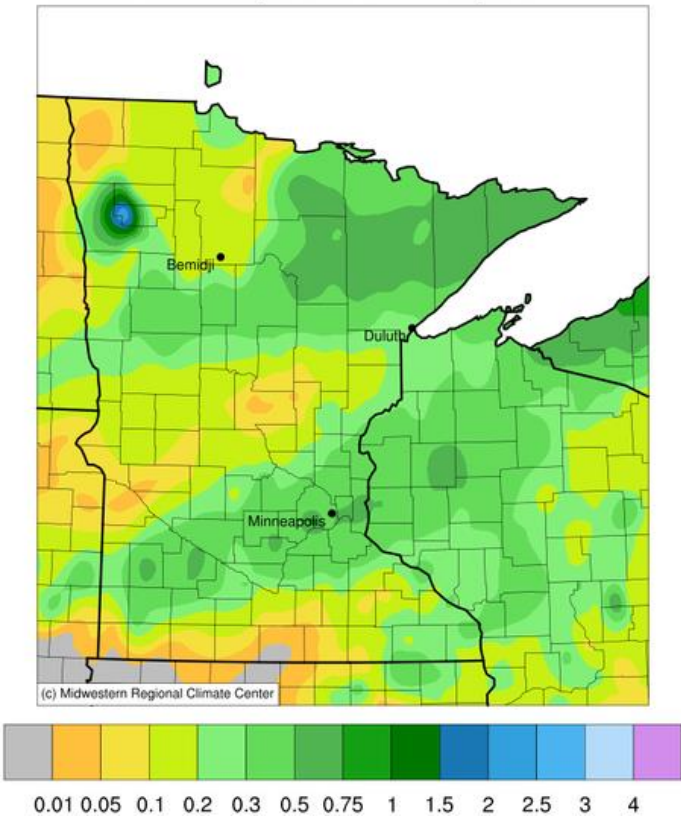
Days Suitable for Fieldwork - Minnesota State Average March 31 - October 27, 2024



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

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 21, 2024 to October 27, 2024

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals
October 21, 2024 to October 27, 2024



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