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# Michigan Crop Weather

August 26, 2024

## Field Crops

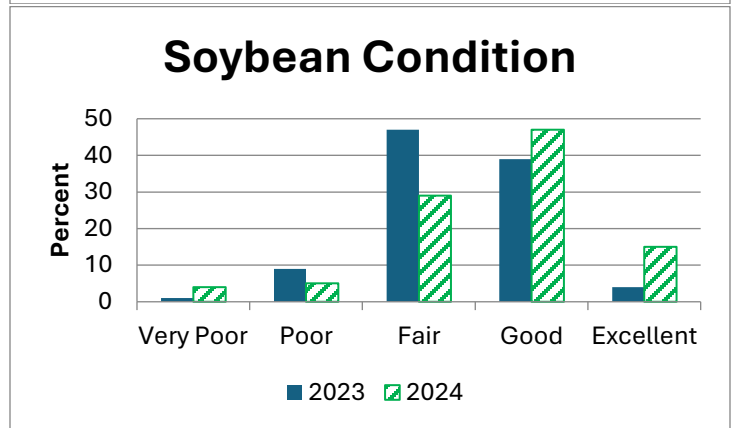
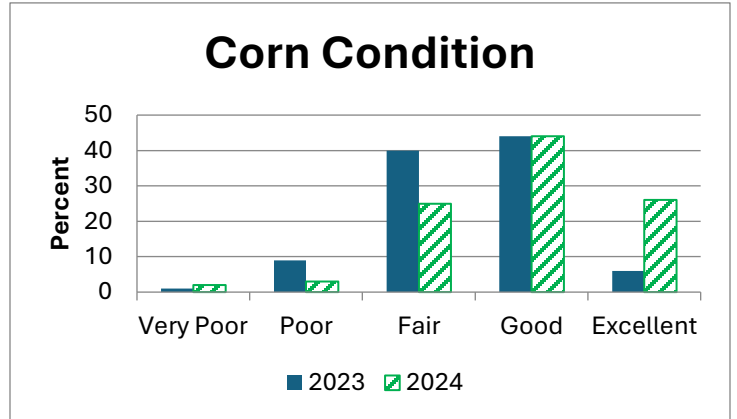
A mostly dry week with cooler than normal temperatures benefitted oat and hay harvests, according to Marlo D. Johnson, Director, USDA NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. There were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork in Michigan during the week ending August 25, 2024. **Corn** was rated 70 percent good to excellent, down slightly from the previous week. Soybeans were rated 62 percent good to excellent, up slightly from the previous week. Both soybeans and dry beans were beginning to drop leaves. Dry bean producers anticipated harvest to begin soon. **Sugarbeet** condition improved last week to 79 percent good to excellent. Early campaign harvest was expected to begin soon. **Potato** harvest continued under favorable conditions. **Hay** harvest benefitted from the dry weather last week; some producers in southern Michigan began their fourth cutting. Other activities last week included scouting for pests, planting cover crops, baling straw, hauling hay, chopping alfalfa for silage, alfalfa seeding, and tending to livestock.

## Fruit

The Michigan **apple** crop was predicted to be up to two weeks early in 2024 due to warm temperatures before and in the month after bloom. Crop loads were generally good with some growers reporting a reduced crop due to poor pollination conditions during bloom. Early Gala strains were harvested in the South, with main varieties expected to begin harvest soon. MacIntosh, Honeycrisp, and other major variety harvest were also anticipated to begin harvest soon. Hot weather at the end of the week, and predicted for the coming week, was anticipated to delay harvest. Growers were considering applying ‘stop drop’ materials to delay harvest on some varieties to help manage harvest and to delay harvest to allow for fruit to achieve a better color. **Peach** harvest was wrapping up. Demand and quality were good. **Blueberry** harvest was nearly complete with a few later season varieties harvested.

## Vegetables

Vegetable producers across the State were busy with late-season harvest. Brassicas, such as **broccoli** and **kale**, and salad greens continued to hit the market, while additional leafy greens were being planted for autumn harvest. **Cabbage** producers reported significant problems with white mold. Weather conditions were favorable for the development of purple spot in **asparagus**. **Pumpkins** continued growing as producers managed powdery mildew. Heavy **cucumber** and moderate **zucchini** supply was flowing to market as producers managed downy mildew; **onion** harvest was also underway. In **sweet corn**, corn leaf aphids have been reported in the East Central region, while corn earworm activity increased in the western portion of the State.



Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn.....	2	3	25	44	26
Soybeans .....	4	5	29	47	15
Dry Edible Beans.....	0	11	40	40	9
Sugarbeets .....	0	1	20	50	29
Range and Pasture ....	1	3	20	47	29

Crop/Activity	Percent Completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Days Suitable for Fieldwork..	6.2	4.8	-	-
Corn Dough .....	72	55	59	69
Corn Dented .....	29	14	21	23
Corn Harvested for Silage .....	1	NA	6	3
Soybeans Setting Pods.....	96	90	83	88
Soybeans Dropping Leaves ...	3	0	1	2
Dry Edible Beans Setting Pods	89	78	60	81
Dry Edible Beans Drop. Leaves	15	7	11	11
Alfalfa Hay 3rd Cutting.....	65	54	62	61
Alfalfa Hay 4th Cutting.....	13	2	7	3
Other Hay 2nd Cutting .....	91	84	80	85
Other Hay 3rd Cutting .....	34	23	32	28
Other Hay 4th Cutting .....	1	0	0	0
Oats Harvested .....	91	83	55	72

Item	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture.....	6	25	65	4
Subsoil moisture.....	5	13	77	5

Weather Summary For Michigan

Week Ending 2024-08-25

Since April 1

	Temperature			Precipitation			Precipitation			GDD Base 50	
	High	Low	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN
<b>Upper Peninsula</b>											
HANCOCK HOUGHTON COUNTY AP	82	45	65	1	0.22	2	14.58	3.31	59	1400	170
IRONWOOD	83	43	62	-2	0.00	0	17.21	0.97	75	1324	-62
CHATHAM EXPERIMENT FARM 2	82	37	57	-6	0.00	0	20.59	6.46	59	1271	-43
PICKFORD 3NE	84	39	62	-2	0.00	0	20.62	7.15	57	1538	180
<b>Northwest LP</b>											
BEULAH 7SSW	82	45	63	-4	0.00	0	16.59	0.34	60	1738	39
FRANKFORT 2NE	77	51	65	-2	0.00	0	14.25	-0.38	44	1720	108
TRAVERSE CITY CHERRY CAPITAL AP	91	47	66	-1	0.00	0	12.16	-2.11	61	2056	381
<b>Northeast LP</b>											
ALPENA COUNTY REGIONAL AP	82	46	64	-1	0.01	1	20.24	6.95	63	1775	293
GAYLORD 9SSW	85	43	62	-2	0.00	0	20.24	4.79	65	1610	155
GLENNIE 2SE	79	45	60	-4	0.02	1	19.31	2.80	59	1532	84
HALE LOUD DAM	81	48	64	-2	0.01	1	21.02	6.40	62	1808	226
<b>West Central LP</b>											
MUSKEGON COUNTY AP	87	50	67	-3	0.00	0	14.61	0.83	60	2313	359
<b>Central LP</b>											
CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY	78	49	62	-6	0.08	1	10.23	-5.20	46	1892	-13
GLADWIN	82	47	63	-4	0.00	0	16.54	1.07	55	1953	173
MIDLAND	71	46	59	-10	0.00	0	13.22	-1.65	51	1653	-373
<b>East Central LP</b>											
BAD AXE	82	47	63	-4	0.11	1	15.74	0.60	68	1903	153
SAGINAW #3	84	51	65	-4	0.05	1	16.22	0.53	68	2172	149
SAGINAW MBS INTL AP	88	47	66	-2	0.00	0	12.57	-1.87	58	2297	333
VASSAR	77	46	60	-6	0.00	0	7.85	-8.97	16	539	-1209
<b>Southwest LP</b>											
BENTON HARBOR	91	48	67	-4	0.00	0	22.44	5.77	61	2471	294
GRAND RAPIDS GERALD R FORD INTL AP	90	49	66	-4	0.00	0	18.17	0.43	66	2298	138
HOLLAND TULIP CITY AP	88	48	66	-4	0.00	0	17.02	0.69	65	2268	106
<b>South Central LP</b>											
COLDWATER ST SCHOOL	79	46	62	-6	0.82	1	29.43	10.78	63	2189	170
HASTINGS	85	46	64	-5	0.09	1	22.66	5.10	66	2134	239
JACKSON REYNOLDS FIELD	88	44	64	-5	0.01	1	24.44	8.86	60	2208	184
LANSING CAPITAL CITY AP	88	46	65	-4	0.00	0	19.55	4.27	61	2265	216
THREE RIVERS	87	49	65	-5	0.06	1	27.10	8.50	59	2275	113
<b>Southeast LP</b>											
ADRIAN 2 NNE	81	45	63	-6	0.01	1	16.22	-1.20	63	2323	359
ANN ARBOR U OF MICH	90	42	64	-6	0.07	1	20.94	3.99	62	2293	81
CHELSEA	84	45	64	-5	0.58	1	24.89	9.40	59	2313	314
FARMINGTON	85	48	64	-5	0.05	1	24.27	9.04	59	2260	255
MANCHESTER	86	45	64	-5	0.06	1	17.62	1.33	52	1693	-304
PORT HURON	69	63	66	-4	0.00	0	17.38	2.15	44	2188	161

Note:

Summary based on NOAA Regional Climate Centers (RCCs) data. Climate normals used are for the 1991-2020 period. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Air temperature in degrees fahrenheit.