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# **Michigan Crop Weather**

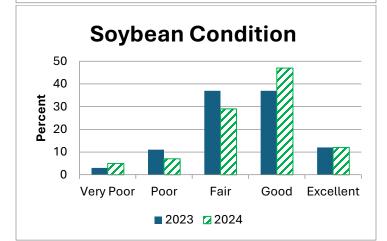
# **Field Crops**

Welcomed moisture across the State improved harvest conditions for many crops last week, according to Marlo D. Johnson, Director, USDA NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. There were 4.9 days suitable for fieldwork in Michigan during the week ending September 29, 2024. Corn harvested for grain reached 9 percent. Sixty-five percent of the crop is in good to excellent condition. Corn silage harvest hastened as remaining fields dried down quickly. Soybean harvest was nearly one quarter completed, significantly ahead of the five-year average. Winter wheat planting was ahead of last year and slightly ahead of the 5-year average. Dry bean harvest began wrapping up in many areas. Nineteen percent of sugarbeets have been harvested. Fifty percent of the crop is in good to excellent condition. Above-average temperatures slowed potato harvest. Growers remained pleased with quality and yields. Approximately one-third of the crop was in storage. Recent rain improved hay fields allowing a few producers to make final cuttings. Other activities last week included planting cover crops, hauling hay, chopping alfalfa for haylage, alfalfa seeding, fall tillage, tending to livestock, and farm planning for next year.

## Fruit

Growers worked around the rain last week to harvest fruit. Rain was welcomed as it has been so dry. Golden Delicious and Red Delicious were being harvested in the West Central region. In the Southwest, growers were focusing on the late season varieties. IdaRed and Golden Delicious were nearly done. Romes and Braeburn were not far behind. In the Grand Rapids, Ambrosia, Jonagold, Red Delicious and Golden Delicious were mature. Aztec Fujis, Mutsu/Crispin, and Evercrisp apples were close to mature.

# Corn Condition



Crop Condition: Week Ending 09/29/24

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent			
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)			
Corn	3	3	29	41	24			
Soybeans	5	7	29	47	12			
Sugarbeets	0	5	45	45	5			
Range and Pasture	3	22	47	25	3			

## Crop Progress: Week Ending 09/29/24

	Percent Completed							
Crop/Activity	This	Last	Last	5 Year				
	week	week	year	average				
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	4.9	6.5	-	-				
Corn Dented	95	91	89	89				
Corn Mature	69	50	31	44				
Corn Harvested for Grain	9	3	5	6				
Corn Harvested for Silage	76	59	61	68				
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	87	68	69	77				
Soybeans Harvested	24	9	4	11				
Winter Wheat Planted	26	17	12	24				
Winter Wheat Emerged	7	0	4	6				
Dry Edible Beans Harvested	84	59	47	46				
Alfalfa Hay 3rd Cutting	97	92	93	91				
Alfalfa Hay 4th Cutting	56	51	64	NA				
Other Hay 3rd Cutting	70	65	73	71				
Other Hay 4th Cutting	20	18	NA	NA				
Sugarbeets Harvested	19	15	13	21				

### Soil Moisture: Week Ending 09/29/24

Item	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus		
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)		
Topsoil moisture	13	27	56	4		
Subsoil moisture	14	32	52	2		

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	Week Ending 2024-09-29				29	Since April 1						
	Temperature		Precipitation		Precipitation		GDD Base 50					
	High	Low	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Day s	Total	DFN	
Upper Peninsula												
HANCOCK HOUGHTON COUNTY AP	80	40	60	9	0.00	0	16.17	1.01	58	1896	399	
IRONWOOD	81	36	57	6	0.00	0	18.82	-1.99	82	1793	124	
CHATHAM EXPERIMENT FARM 2	81	36	56	3	0.26	1	22.58	3.70	69	1709	99	
PICKFORD 3NE	80	38	59	6	0.44	2	22.32	4.34	67	2001	335	
Northwest LP							-					
BEULAH 7SSW	80	44	61	4	0.26	3	17.69	-3.11	68	2190	68	
FRANKFORT 2NE	67	53	61	5	0.19	1	15.48	-4.02	51	2276	254	
TRAVERSE CITY CHERRY CAPITAL AP	80	48	64	8	0.27	2	12.84	-5.51	69	2691	622	
Northeast LP												
ALPENA COUNTY REGIONAL AP	78	46	61	7	0.67	2	21.70	4.93	72	2288	479	
GAYLORD 9SSW	76	45	60	8	0.13	1	20.94	1.37	73	2119	353	
GLENNIE 2SE	76	44	60	7	0.86	2	20.52	-0.38	64	1983	235	
HALE LOUD DAM	77	46	62	8	0.86	3	22.32	3.91	69	2362	421	
West Central LP												
MUSKEGON COUNTY AP	84	51	66	8	4.43	1	20.53	2.30	66	2975	554	
Central LP												
CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY	72	53	63	6	0.00	0	11.00	-8.19	49	2467	145	
GLADWIN	79	48	63	8	1.24	3	18.28	-1.24	64	2486	318	
MIDLAND	72	47	61	3	0.15	1	14.14	-5.01	57	2224	-264	
East Central LP												
BAD AXE	76	50	64	8	0.57	4	17.31	-2.26	77	2495	337	
SAGINAW #3	78	52	65	7	0.77	5	18.15	-1.94	78	2802	306	
SAGINAW MBS INTL AP	78	50	65	7	0.30	2	13.99	-4.87	64	2933	525	
VASSAR	79	48	65	9	1.26	2	9.11	-11.98	18	689	-1460	
Southwest LP							_					
BENTON HARBOR	80	51	67	7	0.26	3	24.54	3.31	69	3084	373	
GRAND RAPIDS GERALD R FORD INTL AP	83	49	66	7	0.43	2	19.98	-2.64	72	2964	308	
GULL LAKE BIOLOGICAL STATION	73	51	63	3	0.66	5	17.78	-5.67	54	1935	-910	
HOLLAND TULIP CITY AP	82	49	66	7	1.93	2	20.62	-0.14	72	2900	230	
South Central LP												
COLDWATER ST SCHOOL	78	53	65	8	1.51	4	31.57	8.65	70	2848	375	
HASTINGS	75	48	63	6	0.75	4	23.82	1.87	73	2717	390	
JACKSON REYNOLDS FIELD	75	52	64	6	0.33	3	26.73	7.12	69	2812	324	
LANSING CAPITAL CITY AP	77	49	64	7	0.11	2	20.72	1.42	68	2898	382	
THREE RIVERS	75	53	65	6	1.33	5	29.39	6.39	68	2910	254	
Southeast LP												
ADRIAN 2 NNE	78	56	67	9	0.73	4	18.19	-3.52	73	2970	556	
ANN ARBOR U OF MICH	77	53	65	5	0.55	5	25.92	4.95	75	2892	153	
CHELSEA	86	53	65	8	0.42	4	26.53	7.17	67	2939	483	
FARMINGTON	81	56	65	8	0.69	4	27.26	8.05	66	2892	429	
MANCHESTER	86	56	66	8	0.75	3	19.17	-1.18	58	2283	-171	
PORT HURON	73	61	66	7	0.40	2	18.56	-1.03	51	2928	385	
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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.