



Minnesota Ag News – Crop Progress & Condition

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Hot, dry weather allowed Minnesota farmers **5.7 days suitable for fieldwork** the week ending July 28, 2024, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Fieldwork included cutting hay and small grains harvest. Livestock were doing well with no issues reported.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 27 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 3 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 23 percent surplus.

Corn silking reached 63 percent, 1 week behind last year and 4 days behind the 5-year average. Corn reaching the dough stage was at 13 percent. Corn condition remained 58 percent good to excellent. **Soybeans** blooming reached 73 percent, 8 days behind last year and 5 days behind the 5-year average. Soybeans setting pods reached 33 percent and condition of the crop rose to 60 percent good to excellent.

Barley reached 97 percent headed, 62 percent coloring, and harvest reached 3 percent. Condition of the barley crop was rated 83 percent good to excellent.

Oats were 80 percent coloring and harvest reached 23 percent. Oats condition was rated 77 percent good to excellent.

Spring wheat coloring was at 66 percent, with harvest beginning at 2 percent. Condition of the crop was rated 83 percent good to excellent.

Dry edible beans were 56 percent blooming and setting pods at 21 percent. Dry edible bean condition was rated at 74 percent good to excellent. The second cutting of **alfalfa hay** reached 72 percent.

All hay condition was 71 percent good to excellent and **pasture** condition was 76 percent good to excellent. Condition of the **potato** crop was rated 93 percent good to excellent. **Sugarbeet** condition remained 80 percent good to excellent. **Sunflower** condition was rated at 75 percent good to excellent.

Crop Condition as of July 28, 2024

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley	0	3	14	71	12
Corn	3	8	31	45	13
Dry edible beans	1	4	21	67	7
Hay, all	1	5	23	55	16
Oats	1	3	19	63	14
Pasture and range ...	2	4	18	56	20
Potatoes	0	1	6	65	28
Soybeans	1	10	29	49	11
Spring wheat	0	2	15	65	18
Sugarbeets	4	4	12	19	61
Sunflowers	0	1	24	56	19

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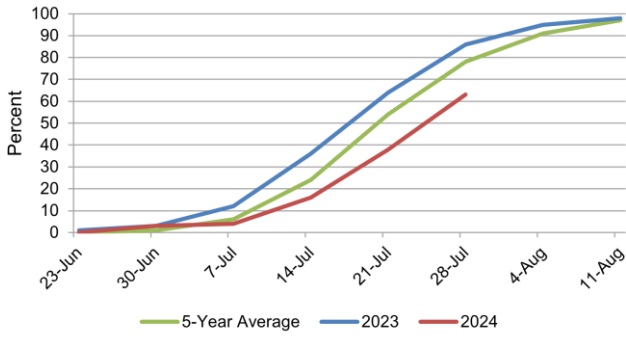
Item	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley headed	97	93	97	99
Barley coloring	62	43	82	78
Corn silking	63	38	86	78
Corn dough	13	3	33	17
Dry ed. beans blooming	56	40	85	85
Dry ed. beans setting pods	21	7	59	51
Hay, alfalfa, second cutting	72	57	82	80
Oats coloring	80	60	87	85
Oats harvested for grain	23	11	30	21
Soybeans blooming	73	60	85	83
Soybeans setting pods	33	20	55	46
Spring wheat coloring	66	43	79	74

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of July 28, 2024

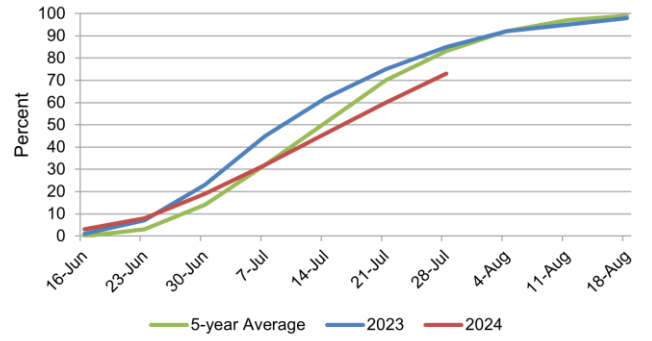
Item	This week	Last week	Last year
	(days)	(days)	(days)
Days suitable	5.7	5.6	5.9
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture			
Very short	0	0	25
Short	3	3	44
Adequate	70	61	30
Surplus	27	36	1
Subsoil moisture			
Very short	1	0	15
Short	3	3	48
Adequate	73	66	36
Surplus	23	31	1

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

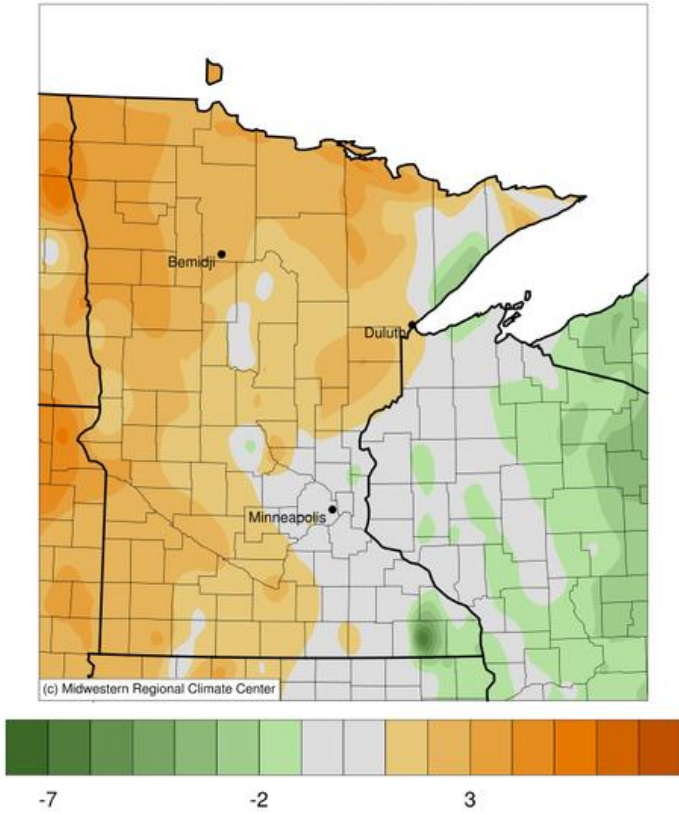
Corn Silking - Minnesota



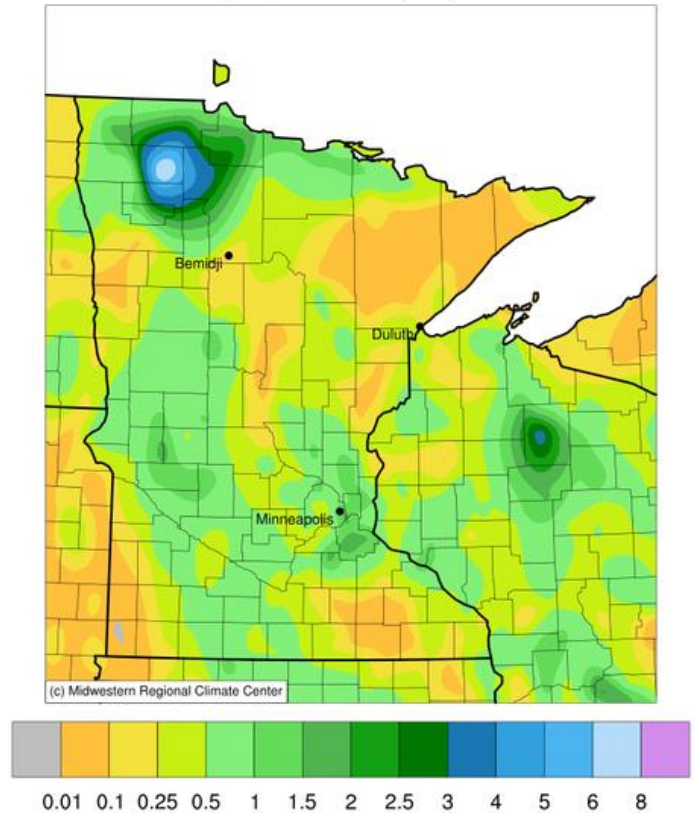
Soybeans Blooming - Minnesota



**Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals
July 22, 2024 to July 28, 2024**



**Accumulated Precipitation (in)
July 22, 2024 to July 28, 2024**



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