



# Minnesota Ag News – Crop Progress & Condition

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Hot temperatures with a few scattered storms gave Minnesota farmers **5.0 days suitable for fieldwork** the week ending August 4, 2024, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Fieldwork included small grains harvest and hay cutting.

**Topsoil moisture** supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 7 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 18 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 6 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 18 percent surplus.

**Corn** silking reached 81 percent, 8 days behind last year and 5 days behind the 5-year average. Corn reaching the dough stage was at 31 percent. Corn condition remained 58 percent good to excellent. **Soybeans** blooming reached 83 percent, 8 days behind last year and 1 week behind the 5-year average. Soybeans setting pods reached 48 percent and condition of the crop rose to 63 percent good to excellent.

**Barley** reached 80 percent coloring, and harvest reached 6 percent. Condition of the barley crop was rated 80 percent good to excellent.

**Oats** were 92 percent coloring and harvest reached 34 percent. Oats condition was rated 79 percent good to excellent.

**Spring wheat** coloring was at 86 percent and harvest was 3 percent complete. Condition of the crop was rated 83 percent good to excellent.

**Dry edible** beans were 75 percent blooming and 40 percent setting pods. Dry edible bean condition was rated 66 percent good to excellent. **Potato** harvest began at 1 percent with condition of the crop was rating 92 percent good to excellent. **Sugarbeet** condition remained 80 percent good to excellent. **Sunflower** condition was rated at 71 percent good to excellent.

The second cutting of **alfalfa hay** reached 79 percent.

## Crop Condition as of August 4, 2024

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley .....	0	4	16	65	15
Corn .....	3	7	32	44	14
Dry edible beans .....	1	4	29	58	8
Oats .....	1	2	18	66	13
Pasture and range ...	2	4	17	52	25
Potatoes .....	0	1	7	62	30
Soybeans .....	1	8	28	51	12
Spring wheat .....	0	2	15	56	27
Sugarbeets .....	4	4	12	19	61
Sunflowers .....	0	2	27	47	24

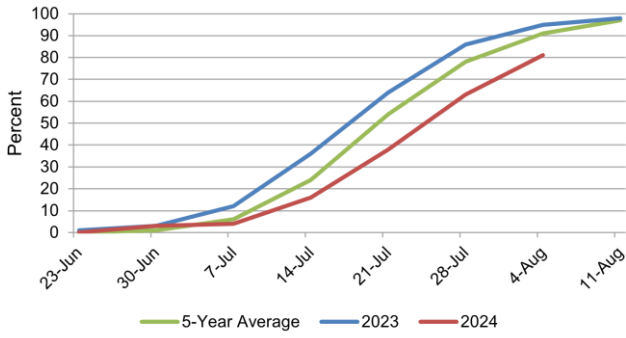
## Crop Progress as of August 4, 2024

Item	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley coloring .....	80	62	94	90
Barley harvested .....	6	3	14	20
Corn silking .....	81	63	95	91
Corn dough .....	31	13	51	33
Dry ed. beans blooming .....	75	56	92	93
Dry ed. beans setting pods .....	40	21	75	73
Hay, alfalfa, second cutting .....	79	72	88	87
Oats coloring .....	92	80	95	94
Oats harvested for grain .....	34	23	44	37
Soybeans blooming .....	83	73	92	92
Soybeans setting pods .....	48	33	68	65
Spring wheat coloring .....	86	66	89	87

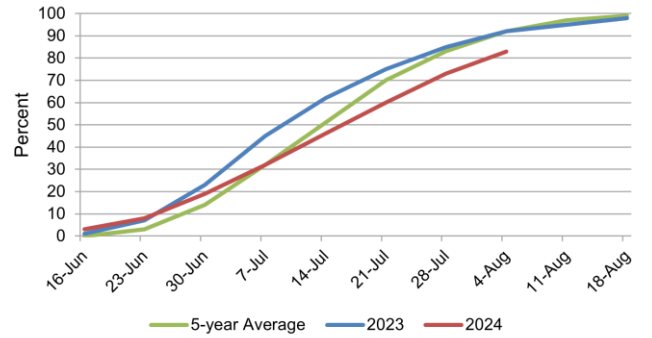
## Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of August 4, 2024

Item	This week	Last week	Last year
	(days)	(days)	(days)
Days suitable .....	5.0	5.7	6.1
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture			
Very short .....	0	0	25
Short .....	7	3	43
Adequate .....	75	70	32
Surplus .....	18	27	0
Subsoil moisture			
Very short .....	0	1	19
Short .....	6	3	47
Adequate .....	76	73	33
Surplus .....	18	23	1

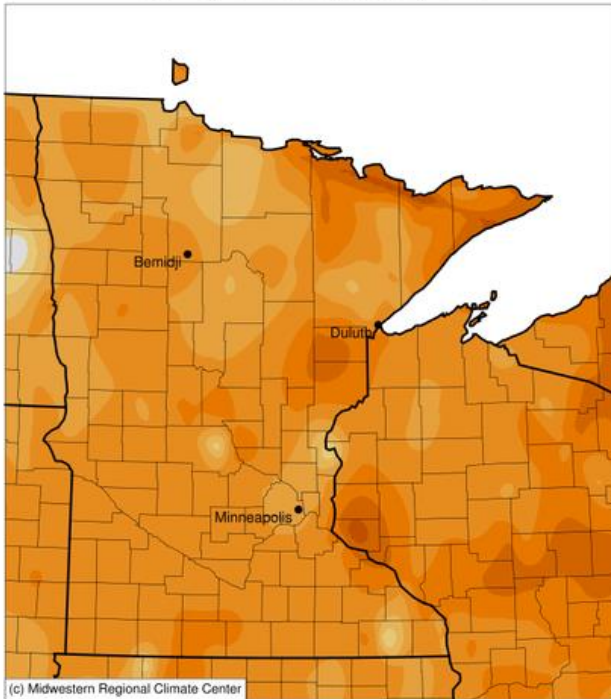
**Corn Silking - Minnesota**



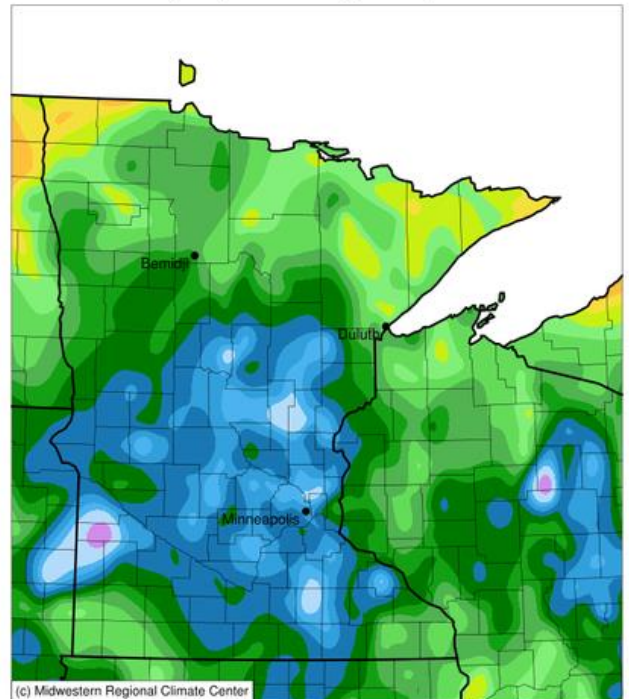
**Soybeans Blooming - Minnesota**



**Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals  
July 29, 2024 to August 04, 2024**



**Accumulated Precipitation (in)  
July 29, 2024 to August 04, 2024**



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