



Minnesota Ag News – Crop Progress & Condition

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Minnesota farmers experienced cooler than normal temperatures resulting in **5.3 days suitable for fieldwork** the week ending August 11, 2024, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Fieldwork included small grain harvest and hay cutting.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 7 percent short, 79 percent adequate, and 14 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 5 percent short, 79 percent adequate, and 16 percent surplus.

Corn silking reached 91 percent, 12 days behind last year and 1 week behind the 5-year average. Corn reaching the dough stage was at 49 percent and the dent stage began at 2 percent. Corn condition was 59 percent good to excellent. **Soybeans** blooming reached 92 percent, 6 days behind last year and 1 week behind the 5-year average. Soybeans setting pods reached 64 percent and condition of the crop was 62 percent good to excellent.

Barley reached 94 percent coloring, and harvest reached 11 percent. Condition of the barley crop remained 80 percent good to excellent.

Oats were 96 percent coloring and harvest reached 43 percent. Oats condition was rated 81 percent good to excellent.

Spring wheat coloring was at 95 percent and harvest was 9 percent complete. Condition of the crop was rated 89 percent good to excellent.

Dry edible beans were 88 percent blooming and 66 percent setting pods. Dry edible bean condition rose to 72 percent good to excellent. **Potato** harvest reached 4 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 74 percent good to excellent.

The second cutting of **alfalfa hay** reached 88 percent.

Crop Condition as of August 11, 2024

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley	0	1	19	70	10
Corn	2	8	31	46	13
Dry edible beans	1	3	24	65	7
Oats	1	3	15	69	12
Pasture and range ...	1	4	18	54	23
Potatoes	0	1	7	66	26
Soybeans	1	9	28	51	11
Spring wheat	0	1	10	63	26
Sugarbeets	4	4	12	19	61
Sunflowers	0	1	25	56	18

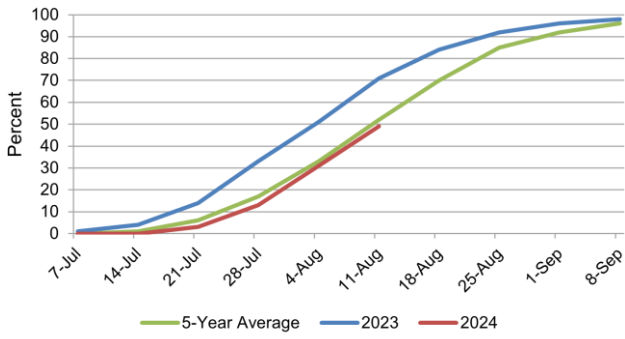
Crop Progress as of August 11, 2024

Item	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley coloring	94	80	99	97
Barley harvested	11	6	26	39
Corn silking	91	81	98	97
Corn dough	49	31	71	52
Dry ed. beans blooming	88	75	97	98
Dry ed. beans setting pods	66	40	85	89
Hay, alfalfa, second cutting	88	79	93	92
Oats coloring	96	92	99	98
Oats harvested for grain	43	34	56	55
Soybeans blooming	92	83	95	96
Soybeans setting pods	64	48	81	81
Spring wheat coloring	95	86	95	95
Spring wheat harvested	9	3	24	29

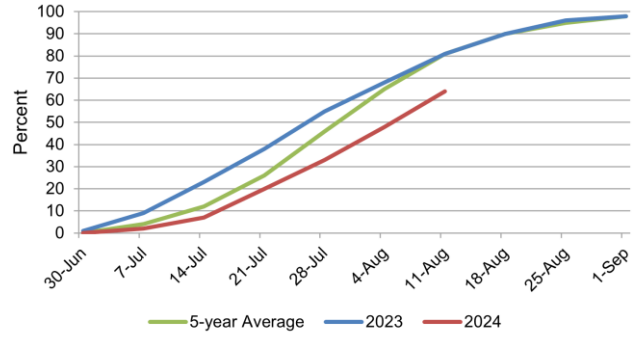
Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of August 11, 2024

Item	This week	Last week	Last year
	(days)	(days)	(days)
Days suitable	5.3	5.0	4.9
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture			
Very short	0	0	19
Short	7	7	39
Adequate	79	75	41
Surplus	14	18	1
Subsoil moisture			
Very short	0	0	17
Short	5	6	42
Adequate	79	76	40
Surplus	16	18	1

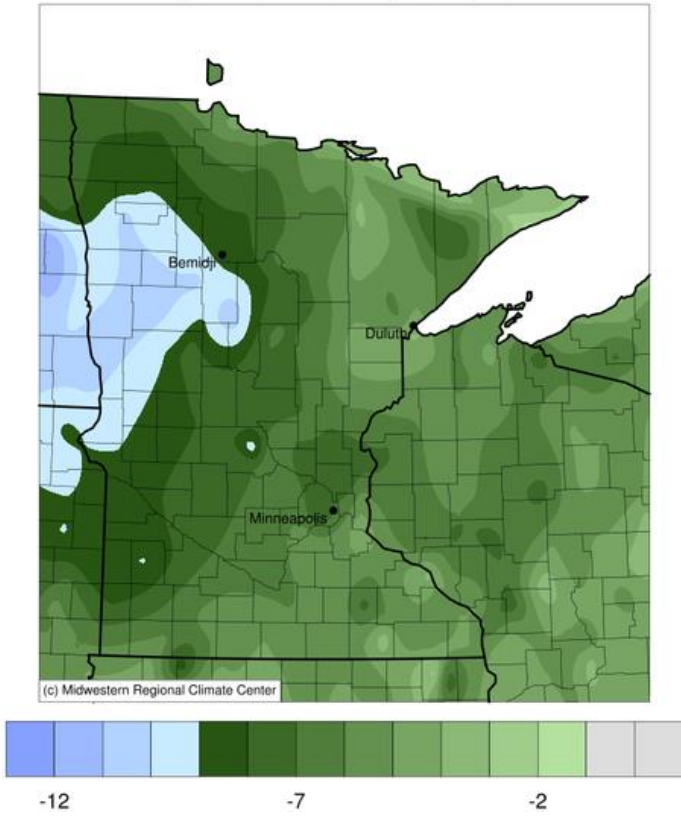
Corn Dough - Minnesota



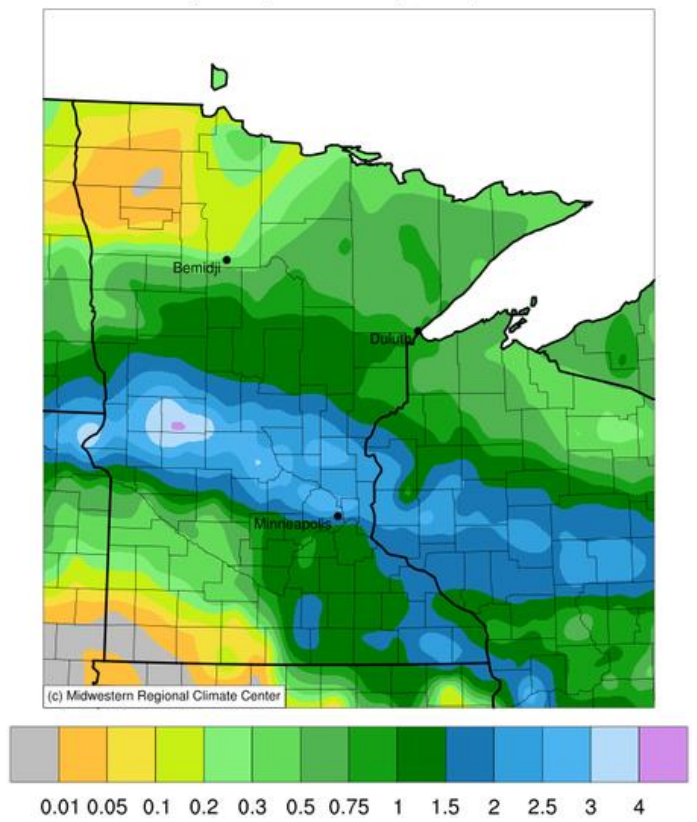
Soybeans Setting Pods - Minnesota



Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals
August 05, 2024 to August 11, 2024



Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 05, 2024 to August 11, 2024



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