



# Minnesota Ag News – Crop Progress & Condition

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Warm, sunny days granted Minnesota farmers an average of **6.6 days suitable for fieldwork** the week ending September 15, 2024, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Farmers started harvest of row crops as small grains harvest wrapped up. Other fieldwork included chopping corn for silage and harvest of dry beans, potatoes, and sugarbeets.

**Topsoil moisture** supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 23 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 14 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus.

**Corn** in or past the dough stage was at 95 percent. Corn in or past the dent stage reached 69 percent, 12 days behind last year and 1 week behind average. Twenty-seven percent of the crop was mature and harvest began at 1 percent. Corn condition was 63 percent good to excellent. **Corn for silage** harvest reached 36 percent.

**Soybeans** coloring or beyond reached 61 percent, 1 week behind last year and 4 days behind average. Leaves dropping were at 23 percent and harvest began at 1 percent. Condition of the crop was 66 percent good to excellent.

Small grains harvest was virtually complete with **barley** harvest reaching 95 percent, **oats** harvest at 97 percent, and **spring wheat** harvest was 99 percent.

**Dry edible beans** dropping leaves or beyond was at 65 percent, and harvest reached 17 percent. Dry edible bean condition was 72 percent good to excellent. **Potato** harvest reached 33 percent with condition of the crop rating 87 percent good to excellent. **Sugarbeet** harvest reached 7 percent, and condition was 82 percent good to excellent. **Sunflower** condition was rated at 79 percent good to excellent.

## Crop Condition as of September 15, 2024

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn .....	3	7	27	50	13
Dry edible beans .....	1	3	24	65	7
Pasture and range ...	3	6	27	50	14
Potatoes .....	1	2	10	60	27
Soybeans .....	1	7	26	54	12
Sugarbeets .....	3	3	12	18	64
Sunflowers .....	0	1	20	62	17

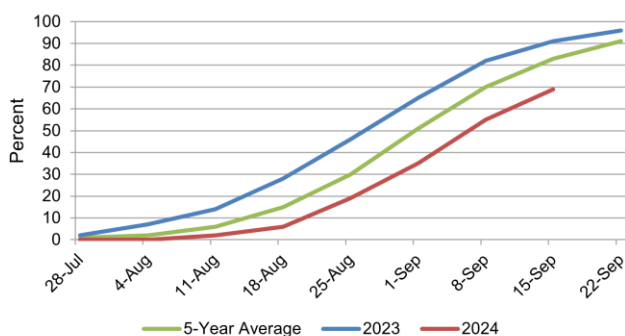
## Crop Progress as of September 15, 2024

Item	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley harvested .....	95	90	97	96
Corn dough .....	95	93	100	99
Corn dented .....	69	55	91	83
Corn mature .....	27	12	53	33
Corn harvested for silage .....	36	19	74	53
Dry ed. beans drop leaves .....	65	51	91	85
Dry ed. beans harvested .....	17	5	34	29
Oats harvested for grain .....	97	94	99	98
Potatoes harvested .....	33	16	41	37
Soybeans coloring .....	61	33	81	74
Soybeans dropping leaves .....	23	4	51	39
Spring wheat harvested .....	99	89	97	92
Sugarbeets harvested .....	7	6	11	9

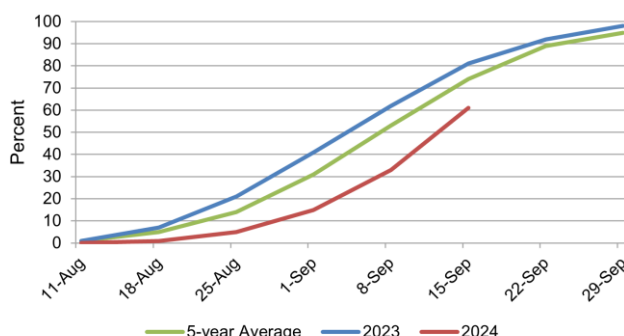
## Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of September 15, 2024

Item	This week	Last week	Last year
	(days)	(days)	(days)
Days suitable .....	6.6	6.2	6.2
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture			
Very short .....	2	2	31
Short .....	23	14	44
Adequate .....	69	74	25
Surplus .....	6	10	0
Subsoil moisture			
Very short .....	2	2	26
Short .....	14	9	50
Adequate .....	77	79	24
Surplus .....	7	10	0

Corn Dent - Minnesota

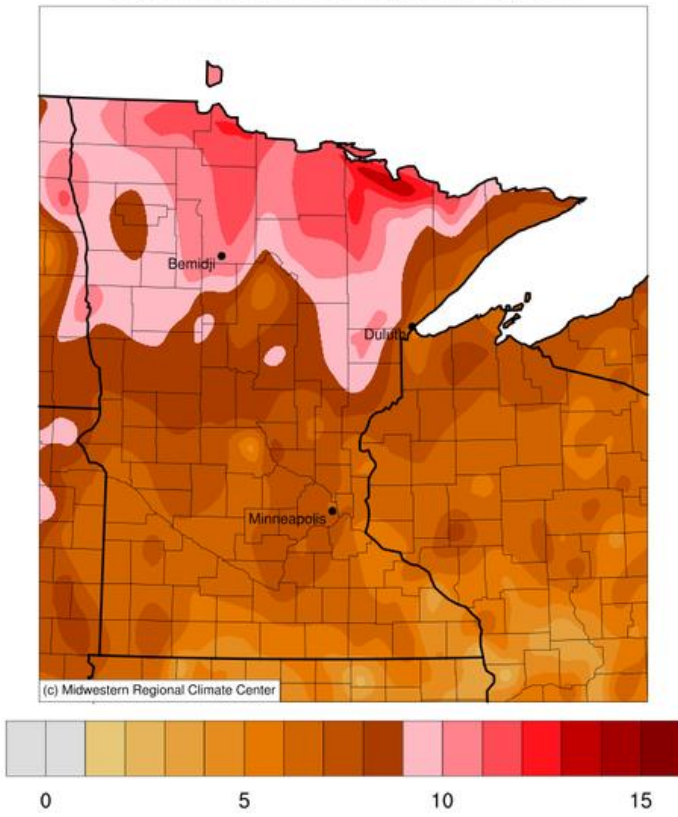


Soybeans Coloring - Minnesota

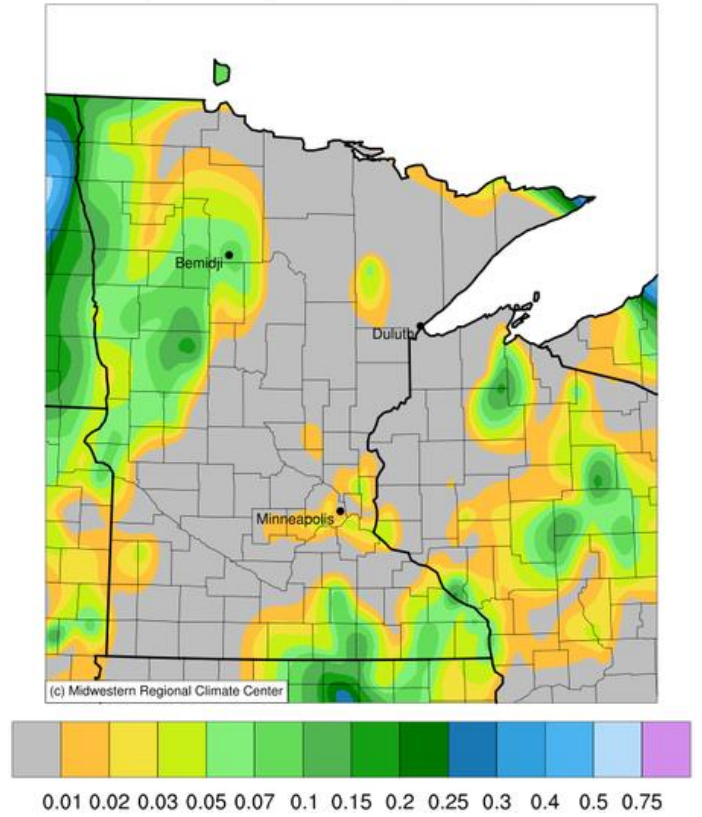


The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at [www.nass.usda.gov/Publications](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications).

**Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals**  
September 09, 2024 to September 15, 2024



**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
September 09, 2024 to September 15, 2024



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