



Minnesota Ag News – Crop Progress & Condition

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Warm, dry conditions gave Minnesota farmers an average of **6.7 days suitable for fieldwork** the week ending October 6, 2024, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Harvest, fall tillage, and fertilizer applications kept farmers busy in their fields.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 17 percent very short, 40 percent short, 42 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 12 percent very short, 28 percent short, 58 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus.

Corn in the dent stage reached 97 percent. Eighty-two percent of the crop was mature, 10 days behind last year but slightly ahead of the 5-year average. Corn harvested for grain reached 15 percent with moisture content averaging 19 percent. Corn condition was 63 percent good to excellent. **Corn for silage** harvest reached 92 percent.

Soybeans coloring reached 98 percent and leaves were dropping at 91 percent. Harvest reached 68 percent, 6 days ahead of last year and 1 week ahead of the five-year average.

Dry edible beans harvested reached 86 percent. **Potato** harvest reached 77 percent. **Sugarbeet** harvest reached 21 percent, and condition was 80 percent good to excellent. **Sunflower** harvest was at 5 percent and condition was rated at 72 percent good to excellent.

Crop Condition as of October 6, 2024

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	3	7	27	50	13
Pasture and range ...	7	13	36	40	4
Sugarbeets	4	4	12	20	60
Sunflowers	0	1	27	63	9

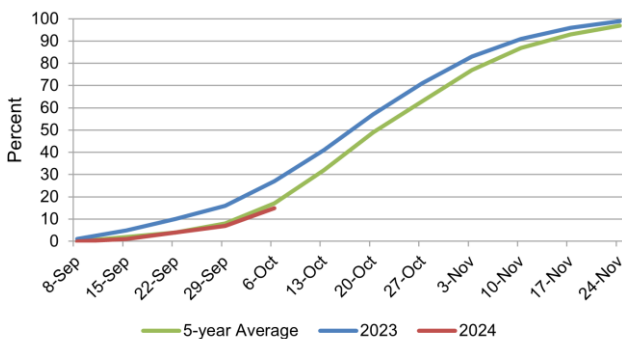
Crop Progress as of October 6, 2024

Item	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn dented	97	93	100	99
Corn mature	82	67	93	81
Corn harvested for grain	15	7	27	17
Corn harvested for silage	92	83	99	88
Dry ed. beans harvested	86	66	88	79
Potatoes harvested	77	68	81	81
Soybeans coloring	98	93	100	99
Soybeans dropping leaves	91	78	96	92
Soybeans harvested	68	35	50	49
Sugarbeets harvested	21	16	21	27
Sunflowers harvested	5	1	14	14

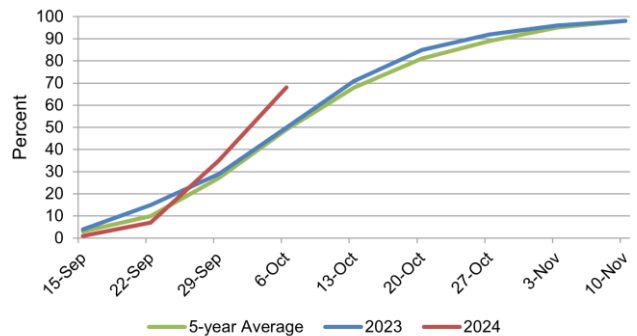
Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of October 6, 2024

Item	This week	Last week	Last year
	(days)	(days)	(days)
Days suitable	6.7	6.7	4.7
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture			
Very short	17	11	18
Short	40	31	42
Adequate	42	56	38
Surplus	1	2	2
Subsoil moisture			
Very short	12	5	20
Short	28	25	54
Adequate	58	68	26
Surplus	2	2	0

Corn For Grain Harvested - Minnesota

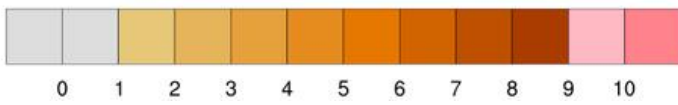
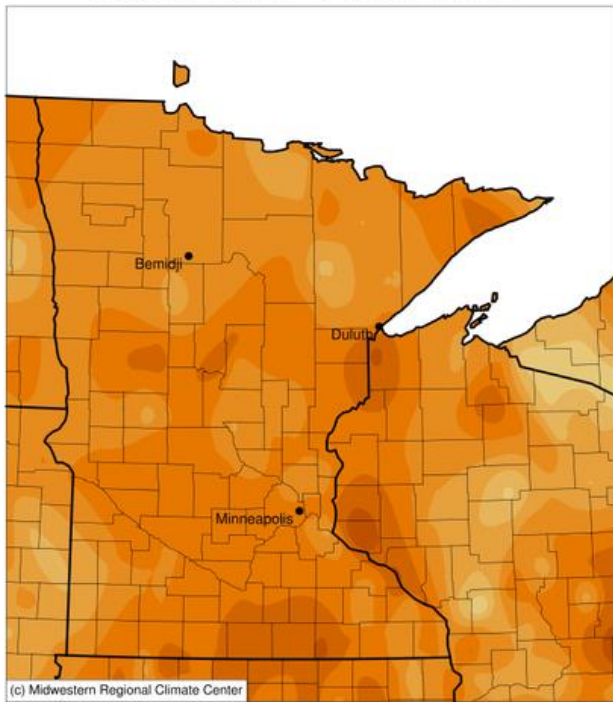


Soybeans Harvested - Minnesota

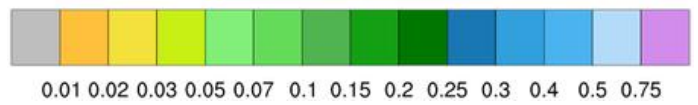
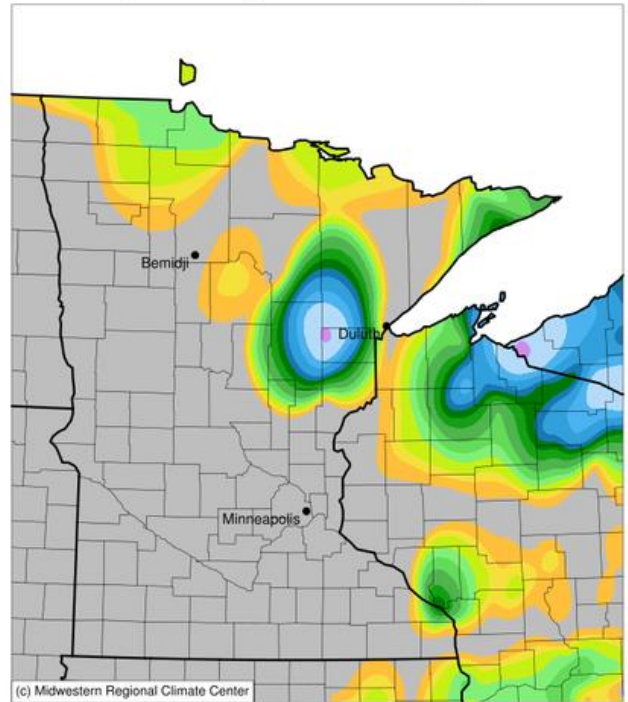


The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications.

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals
September 30, 2024 to October 06, 2024



Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 30, 2024 to October 06, 2024



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