



Minnesota Ag News – Crop Progress & Condition

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Below average temperatures and little precipitation gave farmers **5.7 days suitable for fieldwork** for the week ending July 16, 2023, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Livestock on pastures were doing well.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 14 percent very short, 40 percent short, 45 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 13 percent very short, 42 percent short, 44 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

Corn silking reached 44 percent, 8 days ahead of last year and 2 days ahead of the 5-year average. The dough stage reached 5 percent. Corn condition was 60 percent good to excellent.

Soybeans were 66 percent blooming, 1 week ahead of last year and 4 days ahead of the 5-year average. Soybeans reached 27 percent setting pods. Soybean condition was 63 percent good to excellent.

Barley was 93 percent headed, 40 percent coloring, and harvest began at 3 percent. Barley condition rose to 68 percent good to excellent.

Oats were 95 percent headed, 59 percent coloring, and harvest of the crop was at 6 percent. Oat condition was 49 percent good to excellent.

Spring wheat was 95 percent headed and coloring was at 41 percent. Spring wheat condition improved to 78 percent good to excellent.

Dry edible beans reached 64 percent blooming with 25 percent of the crop setting pods. Dry edible beans condition was 75 percent good to excellent. The second cutting of **alfalfa hay** was at 63 percent.

All hay condition was rated 45 percent good to excellent, and **pasture** condition was rated 42 percent good to excellent. Condition of the **potato** crop was 85 percent good to excellent. **Sugarbeet** condition remained at 90 percent good to excellent. **Sunflower** condition was 77 percent good to excellent.

Crop Condition as of July 16, 2023

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley	2	5	25	65	3
Corn	2	8	30	47	13
Dry edible beans	1	3	21	69	6
Hay, all	4	12	39	41	4
Oats	4	10	37	45	4
Pasture and range ...	6	18	34	35	7
Potatoes	0	1	14	60	25
Soybeans	2	6	29	54	9
Spring wheat	0	4	18	76	2
Sugarbeets	0	3	7	26	64
Sunflowers	0	0	23	74	3

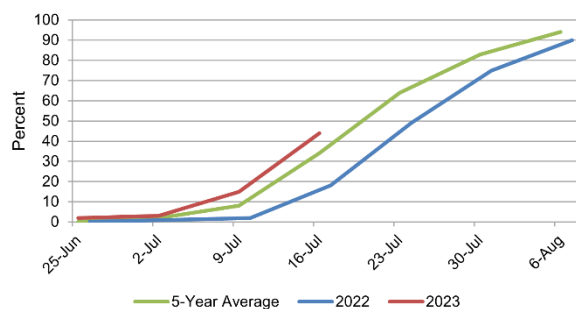
Crop Progress as of July 16, 2023

Item	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley headed	93	81	63	91
Barley coloring	40	20	10	44
Corn silking	44	15	16	34
Corn dough	5	1	2	1
Dry ed. beans blooming	64	51	40	51
Dry ed. beans setting pods	25	7	1	13
Hay, alfalfa, second cutting	63	42	49	59
Oats headed	95	86	78	93
Oats coloring	59	39	29	51
Oats harvested for grain	6	2	0	2
Soybeans blooming	66	51	43	55
Soybeans setting pods	27	12	9	14
Spring wheat headed	95	90	66	92
Spring wheat coloring	41	16	9	38

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of July 16, 2023

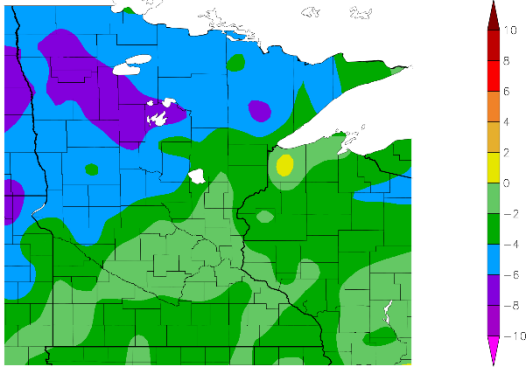
Item	This week	Last week	Last year
	(days)	(days)	(days)
Days suitable	5.7	6.1	5.9
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture			
Very short	14	12	5
Short	40	42	19
Adequate	45	45	69
Surplus	1	1	7
Subsoil moisture			
Very short	13	11	3
Short	42	42	14
Adequate	44	45	75
Surplus	1	2	8

Corn Silking - Minnesota



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

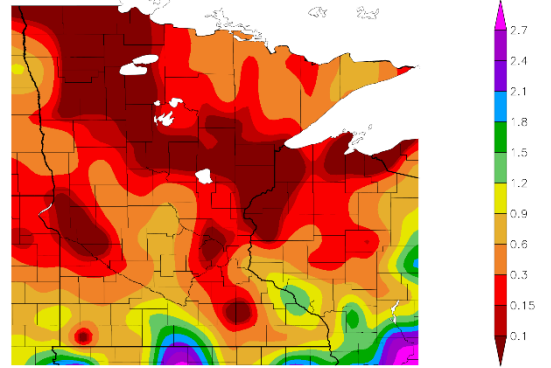
Departure from Normal Temperature (F)
7/10/2023 - 7/16/2023



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Precipitation (in)
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