



Minnesota Ag News – Crop Progress & Condition

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Minnesota farmers had **6.1 days suitable for fieldwork** for the week ending August 6, 2023, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Fieldwork included harvest of small grains. Precipitation was limited across the state, with the heaviest rainfall concentrated in the northwest. Some producers were hauling water to pastures.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 25 percent very short, 43 percent short, 32 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 19 percent very short, 47 percent short, 33 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

Corn silking reached 96 percent, 1 week ahead of last year and 3 days ahead of the 5-year average. The dough stage reached 56 percent and the dent stage was at 8 percent. Corn condition dropped to 43 percent good to excellent.

Soybeans were 93 percent blooming, 3 days ahead of last year but 2 behind the 5-year average. Soybeans reached 71 percent setting pods. Soybean condition was 45 percent good to excellent.

Barley was 96 percent coloring and 16 percent of the crop was harvested. Barley condition was 53 percent good to excellent.

Oats were 96 percent coloring and harvest of the crop was at 47 percent. Oat condition was 34 percent good to excellent.

Spring wheat was 91 percent coloring and harvest reached at 13 percent. Spring wheat condition was 47 percent good to excellent.

Dry edible beans reached 93 percent blooming with 78 percent of the crop setting pods and 4 percent dropping leaves. Dry edible beans condition was 43 percent good to excellent. **Potato** harvest began at 2 percent with condition of the crop rating 78 percent good to excellent. **Sugarbeet** condition was 94 percent good to excellent. **Sunflower** condition was 52 percent good to excellent.

The second cutting of **alfalfa hay** was at 89 percent.

Crop Condition as of August 6, 2023

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley	2	4	41	50	3
Corn	6	16	35	37	6
Dry edible beans	1	4	52	38	5
Oats	7	14	45	29	5
Pasture and range ...	16	35	33	15	1
Potatoes	0	1	21	54	24
Soybeans	4	11	40	40	5
Spring wheat	1	5	47	47	0
Sugarbeets	0	2	4	37	57
Sunflowers	0	1	47	52	0

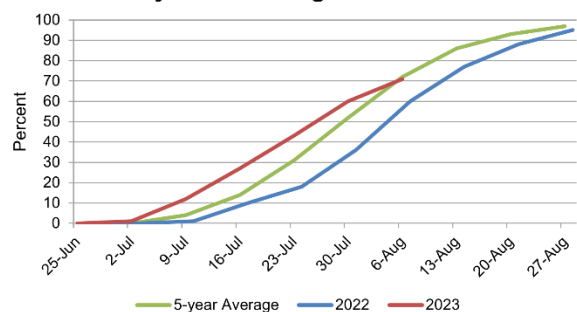
Crop Progress as of August 6, 2023

Item	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley coloring	96	88	71	93
Barley harvested	16	9	7	31
Corn silking	96	91	88	94
Corn dough	56	39	24	36
Corn dented	8	3	1	2
Dry ed. beans blooming	93	90	96	94
Dry ed. beans setting pods	78	66	68	78
Hay, alfalfa, second cutting	89	84	86	90
Oats coloring	96	91	84	95
Oats harvested for grain	47	35	28	40
Soybeans blooming	93	88	90	94
Soybeans setting pods	71	60	57	72
Spring wheat coloring	91	84	66	90
Spring wheat harvested	13	1	2	20

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of August 6, 2023

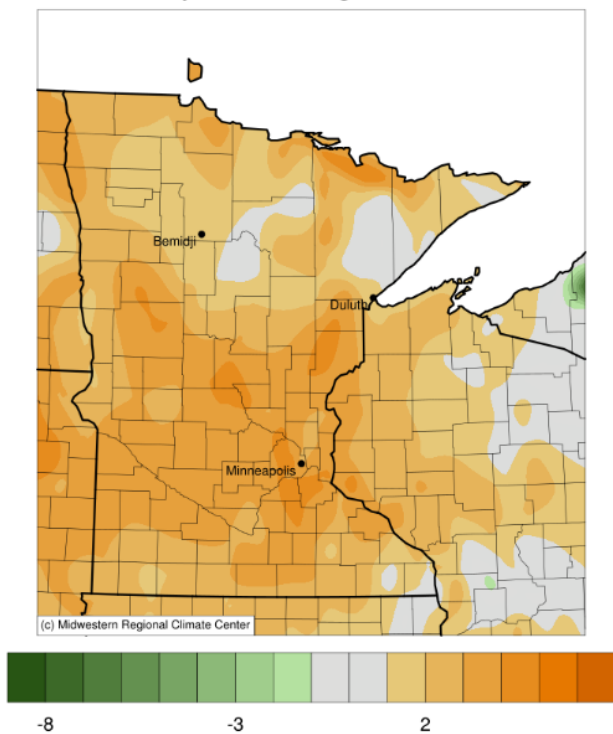
Item	This week	Last week	Last year
	(days)	(days)	(days)
Days suitable	6.1	5.9	5.7
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture			
Very short	25	25	9
Short	43	44	19
Adequate	32	30	63
Surplus	0	1	9
Subsoil moisture			
Very short	19	15	6
Short	47	48	17
Adequate	33	36	74
Surplus	1	1	3

Soybeans Setting Pods - 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
July 31, 2023 to August 06, 2023



Accumulated Precipitation (in)
July 31, 2023 to August 06, 2023

