



Minnesota Ag News – Crop Progress & Condition

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Minnesota had 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending August 20, 2023, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Fieldwork included harvest of small grains and chopping corn for silage. Some livestock producers were hauling water and feed to pastures.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 19 percent very short, 37 percent short, 44 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 16 percent very short, 44 percent short, 40 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus.

Corn in the dough stage reached 87 percent, 11 days ahead of last year and 1 week ahead of the 5-year average. The dent stage reached 33 percent. Corn condition rated 45 percent good to excellent. **Corn for silage** harvest reached 5 percent.

Ninety-two percent of the **soybean** crop were setting pods, 5 days ahead of last year but 1 day behind the 5-year average. Soybeans reached 10 percent turning color. Soybean condition was 53 percent good to excellent.

Barley was 46 percent harvested and condition rated 61 percent good to excellent. **Oats** were 73 percent harvested. **Spring wheat** was 41 percent harvested and condition was 57 percent good to excellent.

Dry edible beans reached 92 percent setting pods and 24 percent dropping leaves. Dry edible beans condition was 55 percent good to excellent. The **potato** crop was 10 percent harvested with condition of the crop rating 84 percent good to excellent. **Sugarbeet** harvest began at 1 percent and the condition was rated 90 percent good to excellent. **Sunflower** condition was 62 percent good to excellent.

The second cutting of **alfalfa hay** was virtually complete at 98 percent.

Crop Condition as of August 20, 2023

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley	2	6	31	55	6
Corn	6	15	34	36	9
Dry edible beans	1	5	39	50	5
Pasture and range ...	15	33	35	16	1
Potatoes	0	1	15	59	25
Soybeans	3	10	34	44	9
Spring wheat	1	9	33	51	6
Sugarbeets	0	5	5	37	53
Sunflowers	0	1	37	61	1

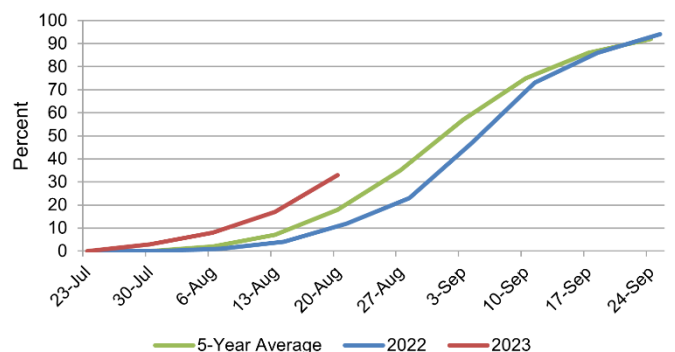
Crop Progress as of August 20, 2023

Item	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley harvested	46	30	26	68
Corn dough	87	77	59	74
Corn dented	33	17	11	18
Corn harvested for silage	5	1	2	4
Dry ed. beans setting pods	92	88	95	96
Dry ed. beans drop leaves	24	5	2	17
Hay, alfalfa, second cutting	98	94	95	97
Oats harvested for grain	73	59	60	74
Potatoes harvested	10	4	4	12
Soybeans setting pods	92	85	86	93
Soybeans coloring.....	10	1	5	7
Spring wheat harvested	41	28	27	54

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of August 20, 2023

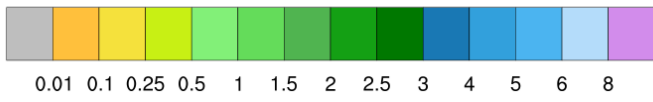
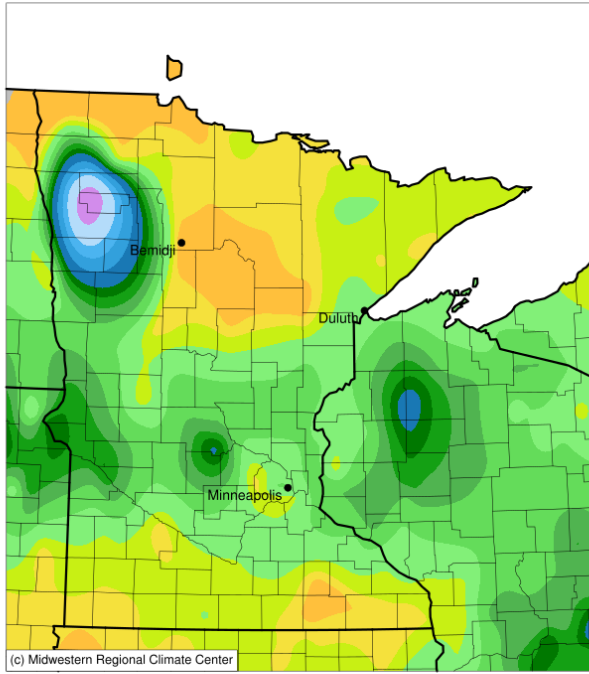
Item	This week	Last week	Last year
	(days)	(days)	(days)
Days suitable	6.0	4.9	5.4
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture			
Very short	19	19	4
Short	37	39	18
Adequate	44	41	73
Surplus	0	1	5
Subsoil moisture			
Very short	16	17	5
Short	44	42	18
Adequate	40	40	74
Surplus	0	1	3

Corn Dent - Minnesota



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

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 14, 2023 to August 20, 2023



Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals
August 14, 2023 to August 20, 2023

