



Minnesota Ag News – Crop Progress & Condition

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Minnesota farmers worked on planting between rainy days with 4.8 **days suitable for fieldwork** the week ending May 19, 2024, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Fieldwork included planting and spraying. Livestock were doing well with no issues reported.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 7 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 18 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 11 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 17 percent surplus.

Corn planted was at 81 percent, 2 days ahead of last year and 4 days ahead of the 5-year average. Corn emerged was at 38 percent. **Soybeans** planted reached 51 percent, 1 day ahead of last year. Fifteen percent of the soybean crop had emerged.

Barley planted was at 86 percent with the crop 51 percent emerged and 2 percent jointing. Barley condition rated 84 percent good to excellent.

Oats planted was at 91 percent, with 68 percent emerged and 19 percent jointing. Condition of the oat crop rated 81 percent good to excellent.

Spring wheat planted was 91 percent with 67 percent emerged and 12 percent jointing. Spring wheat condition rated 81 percent good to excellent.

Dry edible beans planted were at 20 percent. **Potatoes** planted were at 80 percent. **Sugarbeet** planting was virtually complete at 98 percent with condition of the crop rated 96 percent good to excellent. **Sunflowers** planted reached 23 percent. The first cutting of **alfalfa hay** began at 3 percent.

All hay condition was rated 62 percent good to excellent and **pasture** condition was rated 61 percent good to excellent.

Crop Condition as of May 19, 2024

| Item | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Barley | 0 | 1 | 15 | 75 | 9 |
| Hay, all | 1 | 6 | 31 | 48 | 14 |
| Oats | 0 | 1 | 18 | 66 | 15 |
| Pasture and range ... | 1 | 4 | 34 | 45 | 16 |
| Spring wheat | 0 | 0 | 19 | 70 | 11 |
| Sugarbeets..... | 0 | 0 | 4 | 24 | 72 |

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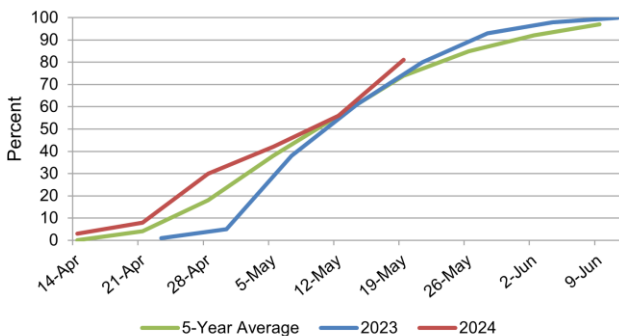
| Item | This week | Last week | Last year | 5-year avg |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Barley planted | 86 | 63 | 54 | 65 |
| Barley emerged | 51 | 23 | 18 | 33 |
| Corn planted | 81 | 56 | 75 | 74 |
| Corn emerged | 38 | 14 | 36 | 35 |
| Dry ed. beans planted | 20 | 12 | 21 | 27 |
| Oats planted | 91 | 76 | 70 | 76 |
| Oats emerged | 68 | 43 | 43 | 51 |
| Oats jointing | 19 | 5 | (NA) | 8 |
| Potatoes planted | 80 | 56 | 51 | 66 |
| Soybeans planted | 51 | 26 | 46 | 52 |
| Soybeans emerged | 15 | 4 | 15 | 14 |
| Spring wheat planted | 91 | 71 | 61 | 64 |
| Spring wheat emerged | 67 | 40 | 22 | 33 |
| Spring wheat jointing | 12 | 1 | (NA) | 4 |
| Sugarbeets planted | 98 | 91 | 89 | 75 |
| Sunflowers planted | 23 | 0 | 21 | 29 |

(NA) Not available.

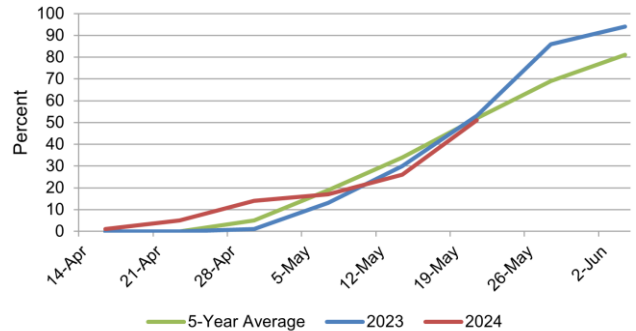
Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of May 19, 2024

| Item | This week | Last week | Last year |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | (days) | (days) | (days) |
| Days suitable | 4.8 | 3.0 | 4.2 |
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Topsoil moisture | | | |
| Very short | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Short | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| Adequate | 74 | 70 | 68 |
| Surplus | 18 | 20 | 20 |
| Subsoil moisture | | | |
| Very short | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| Short | 11 | 15 | 9 |
| Adequate | 70 | 68 | 72 |
| Surplus | 17 | 14 | 16 |

Corn Planted - Minnesota

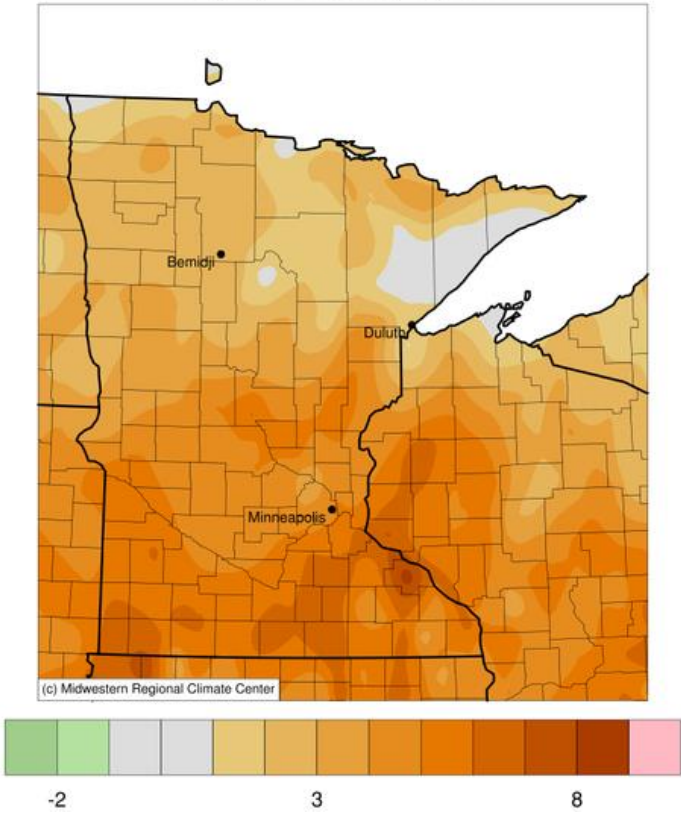


Soybeans Planted - Minnesota

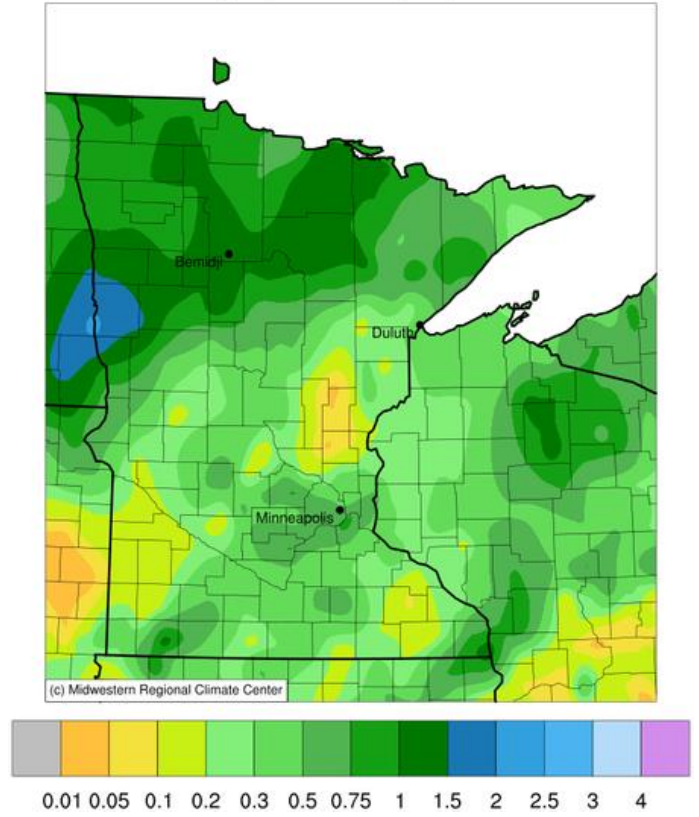


The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications.

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals
May 13, 2024 to May 19, 2024



Accumulated Precipitation (in)
May 13, 2024 to May 19, 2024



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