



# Minnesota Ag News – Crop Progress & Condition

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Minnesota farmers averaged 5.1 days suitable for fieldwork the week ending September 1, 2024, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Fieldwork included chopping corn for silage and harvest of small grains, sugarbeets, and potatoes. Livestock were doing well with no issues reported.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 11 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 6 percent short, 81 percent adequate, and 12 percent surplus.

Corn reaching the dough stage was at 86 percent, 13 days behind last year and 6 days behind average. Corn in the dent stage reached 35 percent and 7 percent of the crop was mature. Corn condition was 63 percent good to excellent. Corn for silage harvest reached 8 percent.

Soybeans setting pods reached 92 percent. Soybeans coloring reached 15 percent and leaves began dropping at 1 percent. Condition of the crop was 66 percent good to excellent.

Barley harvest reached 79 percent, oats harvested reached 89 percent and spring wheat harvest was 75 percent complete.

Dry edible beans were 91 percent setting pods, dropping leaves at 26 percent, and harvest began at 1 percent. Dry edible bean condition was 75 percent good to excellent. Potato harvest reached 12 percent with condition of the crop rating 92 percent good to excellent. Sugarbeet harvest reached 5 percent, and condition remained 80 percent good to excellent. Sunflower condition was rated at 75 percent good to excellent.

The second cutting of alfalfa hay was almost complete at 96 percent.

## Crop Condition as of September 1, 2024

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn .....	2	7	28	51	12
Dry edible beans .....	1	3	21	69	6
Pasture and range ...	2	5	19	54	20
Potatoes .....	0	1	7	66	26
Soybeans .....	1	7	26	56	10
Sugarbeets .....	4	4	12	20	60
Sunflowers .....	0	1	24	64	11

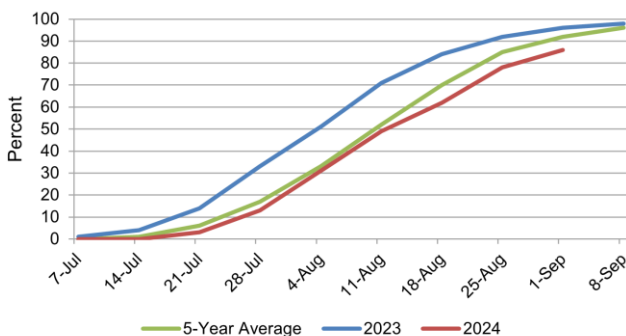
## Crop Progress as of September 1, 2024

Item	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley harvested .....	79	57	82	85
Corn dough .....	86	78	96	92
Corn dented .....	35	19	65	51
Corn mature .....	7	5	8	6
Corn harvested for silage .....	8	6	26	19
Dry ed. beans setting pods .....	91	86	99	100
Dry ed. beans drop leaves .....	26	9	63	53
Hay, alfalfa, second cutting .....	96	94	100	100
Oats harvested for grain .....	89	74	92	90
Potatoes harvested .....	12	9	18	19
Soybeans setting pods .....	92	89	98	98
Soybeans coloring .....	15	5	41	31
Spring wheat harvested .....	75	54	77	76
Sugarbeets harvested .....	5	3	5	4

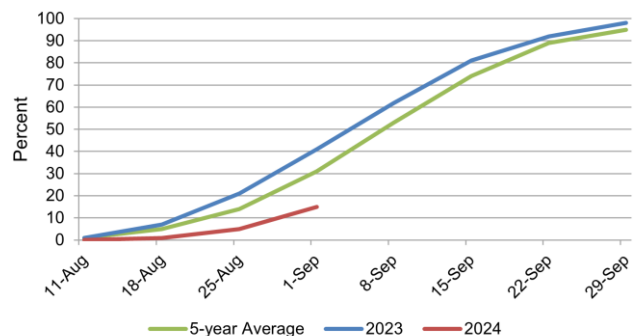
## Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of September 1, 2024

Item	This week	Last week	Last year
	(days)	(days)	(days)
Days suitable .....	5.1	5.4	6.5
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture			
Very short .....	1	1	28
Short .....	11	9	43
Adequate .....	77	79	29
Surplus .....	11	11	0
Subsoil moisture			
Very short .....	1	1	24
Short .....	6	5	48
Adequate .....	81	83	28
Surplus .....	12	11	0

Corn Dough - Minnesota

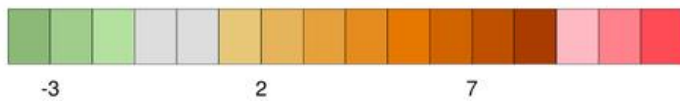
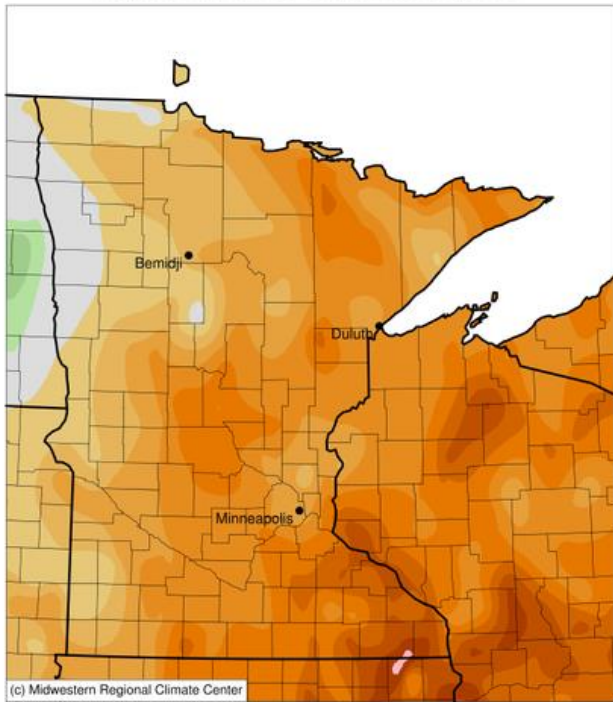


Soybeans Coloring - Minnesota

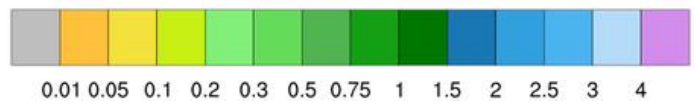
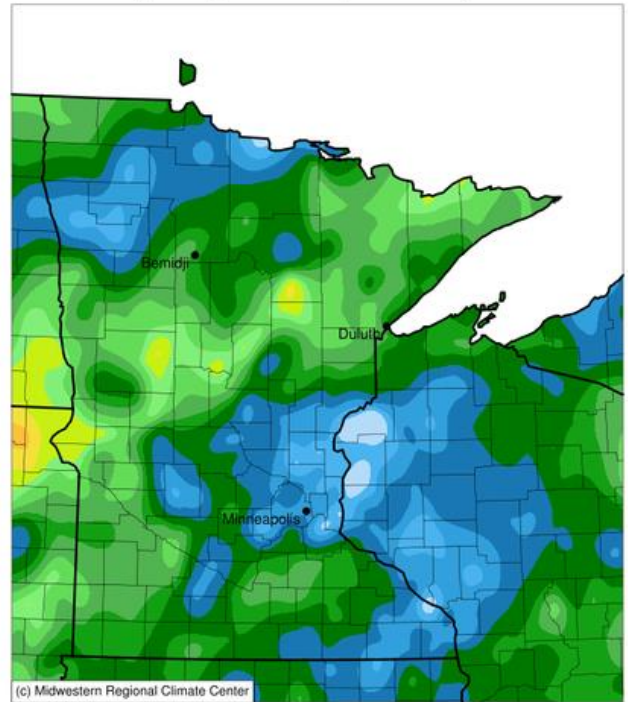


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**Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals**  
August 26, 2024 to September 01, 2024



**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
August 26, 2024 to September 01, 2024



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