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Minnesota farmers averaged 4.9 **days suitable for fieldwork** during the week ending May 18, 2025, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. It was another warm week, this time accompanied by moderate rainfall. Planting progress continued to move quickly.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 6 percent very short, 25 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 6 percent very short, 27 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus.

Corn planting was 92 percent complete, reaching that level 13 days sooner than 2024 and 10 days sooner than the five-year average. Fifty-eight percent of the 2025 corn crop had emerged, putting emergence six days ahead of average. **Soybeans** were 81 percent planted, about 10 days earlier than average and more than two weeks ahead of 2024. At 32 percent, soybean emergence was about six days ahead of the five-year average.

Barley planting was 77 percent complete, with 42 percent of the 2024 crop emerged. **Oats** reached 92 percent planted and 55 percent emerged, and **spring wheat** was 93 percent planted and 56 percent emerged. **Oat** jointing was at 11 percent, and oat condition was rated 74 percent good-to-excellent.

Dry edible beans reached 50 percent planted, **potatoes** reached 82 percent, and **sunflowers** 44 percent.

Hay condition was rated 2 percent very poor, 3 percent poor, 38 percent fair, 47 percent good, and 10 percent excellent. **Pasture condition** was rated 2 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 39 percent fair, 47 percent good, and 8 percent excellent.

Crop Condition as of May 18, 2025

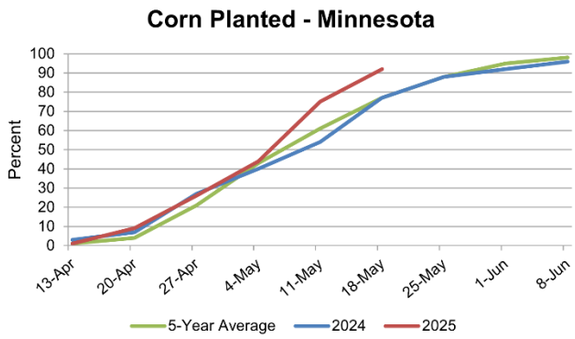
Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Hay, all	2	3	38	47	10
Oats	1	1	24	66	8
Pasture and range	2	4	39	47	8

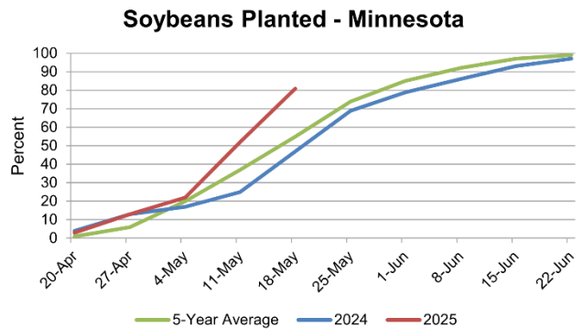
Crop Progress as of May 18, 2025

Item	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley planted	77	48	83	63
Barley emerged	42	13	47	38
Corn planted	92	75	77	77
Corn emerged	58	30	35	38
Dry ed. beans planted	50	18	19	26
Dry ed. beans emerged	8	0	0	3
Oats planted	92	72	89	79
Oats emerged	55	34	64	56
Oats jointing	11	5	17	10
Potatoes planted	82	48	77	66
Soybeans planted	81	52	47	55
Soybeans emerged	32	14	13	14
Spring wheat planted	93	67	88	64
Spring wheat emerged	56	20	63	41
Sugarbeets planted	100	91	97	75
Sunflowers planted	44	21	20	25

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of May 18, 2025

Item	This week	Last week	Last year
	(days)	(days)	(days)
Days suitable	4.9	6.6	4.8
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture			
Very short	6	6	1
Short	25	27	7
Adequate	64	65	74
Surplus	5	2	18
Subsoil moisture			
Very short	6	6	2
Short	27	27	11
Adequate	64	64	70
Surplus	3	3	17





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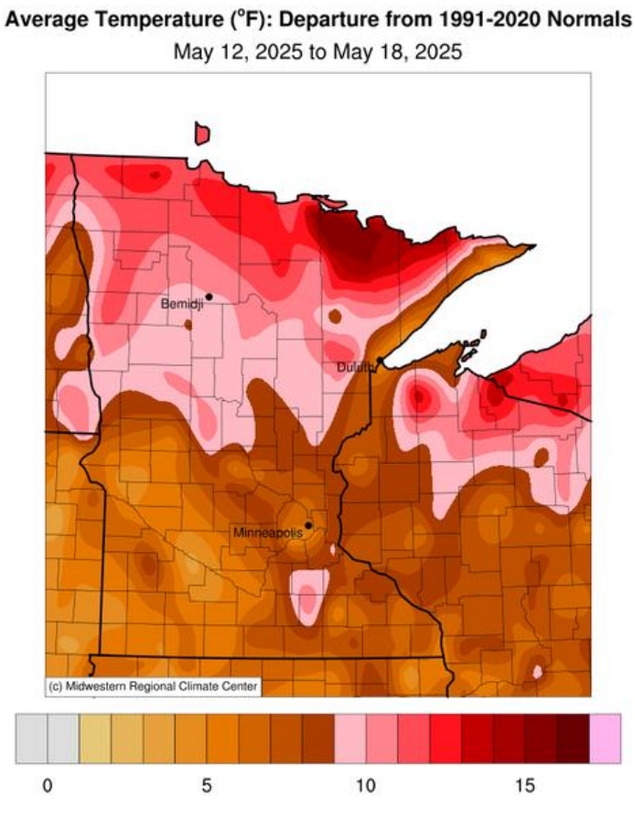

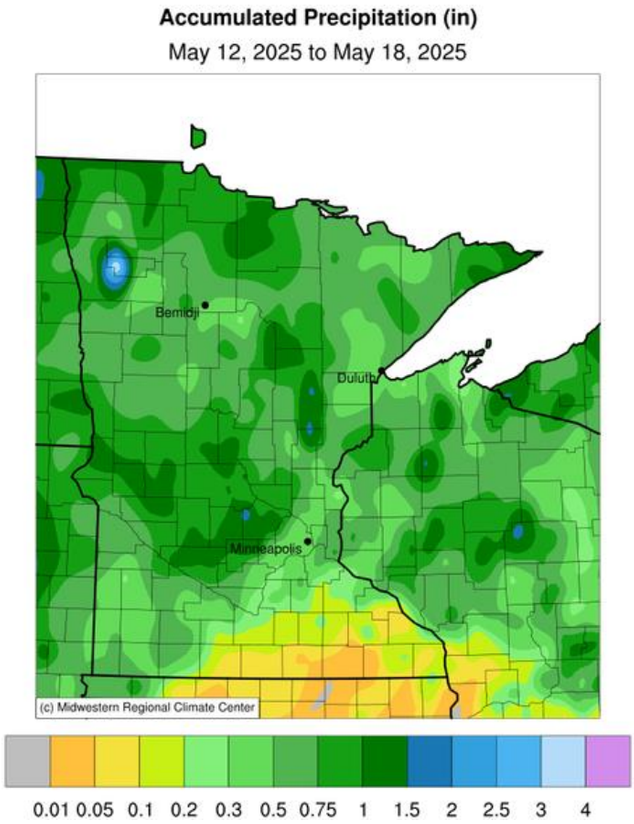

Temperature and Precipitation Maps, courtesy of the Midwestern Regional Climate Center, are available at: https://mrcc.purdue.edu/CLIMATE/

Additional soil moisture data are available at: https://nassgeo.csiss.gmu.edu/CropCASMA/