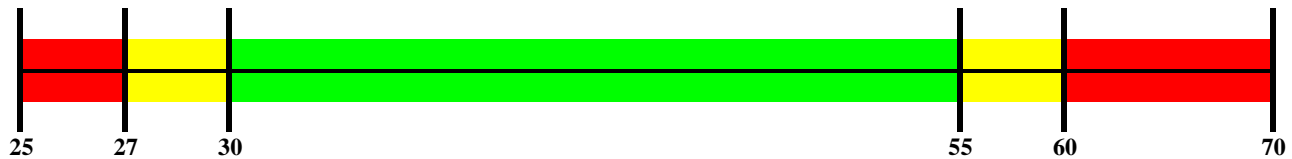


Minn-Dak Farmers Cooperative Air Temperature Guidelines



Red = Temperatures are now what we would consider "pushing the limits." While shutdowns are not always imminent, they are to be expected when harvest air temperatures reach these levels. Defoliators should remain as close as possible to the lifter.

Yellow = When temperatures fall into the yellow zone, the probability of a harvest shut down greatly increases. Defoliators are to stop and/or slow down to allow the lifter(s) to catch up to them.

Green = Sugarbeets delivered within this zone are generally fit for long term storage.

Please note that there will be different temperature parameters for start up (near 55 degrees) and for shut downs (near 60 degrees)