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# Michigan Crop-Weather



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## Harvest Progressing

Five days were suitable for fieldwork during the week ending November 12, according to the USDA, NASS, Michigan Field Office. Precipitation amounts ranged from 0.55 inches in the western Upper Peninsula to 0.92 inches in the eastern Upper Peninsula. Average temperatures ranged from 3 degrees above normal in the northeast, west central, and east central Lower Peninsula to 5 degrees above normal in the western Upper Peninsula. Harvest was in full swing for most of the State until Friday, November 10, when heavy rains turned fields muddy. A farmer in the west central mentioned that, "With the exception of some snow and rain, we had a good harvesting week. Things are moving at a good pace, but some really wet soils are still causing problems." A farmer in the southwest said that, "Harvest was going full speed until the inch and a half of rain on Friday night."

## Field Crops

Farmers were able to harvest between rains. **Corn** harvest continued. There were reports that moisture has been running higher than previous years. **Soybean** harvest continued, but the pace was still behind normal. **Potato** harvest neared completion. **Sugarbeet** harvest continued. **Winter wheat** planting neared completion.

Soil moisture for week ending 11/12/06

Stratum	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	0	0	45	55
Subsoil	0	4	68	28

Crop condition for week ending 11/12/06

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn	1	5	19	52	23
Winter Wheat	2	9	57	27	5

## Vegetables

Harvest activities continued at a steady pace during the week, as producers worked to wrap up harvest of late season vegetable crops for the year. In the west central area, some growers caught up to their normal harvest schedule as they continued to harvest **carrots**.

Crop progress for week ending 11/12/06

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
All hay, fourth cutting	87	82	97	96
Corn, harvested	65	45	92	76
Potatoes, harvested	99	93	100	NA
Soybeans, harvested	87	78	100	94
Sugarbeets, harvested	89	67	97	96
Winter wheat, planted	92	82	100	99
Winter wheat, emerged	67	55	100	94

**Michigan Weather Summary for Week Ending 11/12/06 <sup>1</sup>**

Station	Temperature			Cumulative growing degree days <sup>2</sup>			Precipitation					
	Maximum	Minimum	Departure from normal	2006	2005	Normal	This week	Last two weeks	Last four weeks	Since April 1	Normal	
											Since April 1	For month
Ironwood	59	28		2,324	2,557		0.56	0.60	1.51	20.08		
Marquette	56	26		2,123	2,425		0.71	0.71	1.78	19.35		
Stephenson	63	27		2,443	2,738		0.43	0.43	1.02	18.59		
<b>Western UP</b>	63	25	5	2,299	2,528	2,048	0.55	0.58	1.47	19.57	23.51	2.54
Cornell	52	28		2,335	2,576		0.89	0.90	1.92	22.05		
Sault St Marie	53	28		2,177	2,418		1.09	1.99	3.68	19.42		
<b>Eastern UP</b>	56	28	4	2,171	2,389	1,790	0.92	1.17	3.12	21.40	22.55	2.65
Beulah	59	30		2,561	2,959		0.53	0.53	3.09	29.37		
Lake City	59	26		2,388	2,674		0.53	0.53	2.58	29.32		
Old Mission	59	30		2,506	2,839		0.55	0.61	2.46	18.94		
Pellston	61	26		2,441	2,758		0.69	0.71	2.38	19.73		
<b>Northwest</b>	61	26	4	2,415	2,758	2,357	0.61	0.64	2.49	23.75	21.77	2.69
Alpena	60	27		2,497	2,651		0.87	0.90	3.33	22.95		
Houghton Lake	58	26		2,465	2,774		0.92	0.93	2.91	23.43		
Rogers City	58	27		2,481	2,728		0.77	0.85	3.00	18.15		
<b>Northeast</b>	60	26	3	2,473	2,720	2,275	0.81	0.87	3.10	21.99	21.19	2.57
Fremont	63	23		2,762	3,131		1.14	1.14	2.88	26.48		
Hart	59	22		2,601	3,023		0.62	0.62	2.56	26.02		
Muskegon	60	26		2,845	3,247		1.06	1.06	3.13	24.12		
<b>West Central</b>	63	22	3	2,701	3,076	2,580	0.86	0.86	2.72	23.56	21.94	2.88
Alma	63	28		2,806	3,091		0.76	0.76	2.30	23.91		
Big Rapids	63	28		2,658	2,928		0.76	0.76	1.77	28.54		
<b>Central</b>	65	27	4	2,753	3,007	2,667	0.79	0.79	2.30	25.02	22.30	2.49
Bad Axe	66	30		2,695	3,125		0.73	0.73	2.77	22.75		
Pigeon	63	33		2,641	2,903		0.60	0.60	2.28	18.77		
Saginaw	66	30		2,858	3,123		0.74	0.74	2.76	25.19		
Standish	66	25		2,620	2,856		0.72	0.72	2.84	25.18		
<b>East Central</b>	66	25	3	2,676	3,029	2,682	0.73	0.73	2.69	22.98	19.96	2.23
Fennville	61	25		2,760	3,243		1.08	1.09	3.43	24.14		
Grand Rapids	66	28		3,047	3,385		1.05	1.06	2.93	28.59		
Holland	61	27		3,054	3,364		1.06	1.08	2.28	15.28		
South Bend, IN	64	34		3,142	3,612		0.50	0.50	3.37	32.10		
Watervliet	64	28		3,004	3,455		0.84	0.84	2.76	22.90		
<b>Southwest</b>	66	25	4	2,955	3,370	2,947	0.90	0.90	2.58	23.72	23.42	2.79
Belding	65	22		2,773	3,111		1.09	1.09	3.04	22.56		
Coldwater	66	29		2,862	3,237		0.82	0.83	2.39	21.12		
Lansing	64	31		2,929	3,422		0.82	0.84	2.57	22.45		
<b>South Central</b>	67	22	4	2,915	3,325	2,890	0.85	0.85	2.20	21.72	22.20	2.32
Detroit	68	32		3,299	3,664		0.99	1.00	3.61	24.10		
Flint	64	30		2,824	3,258		0.78	0.78	2.35	25.75		
Romeo	67	31		3,007	3,192		0.90	0.90	3.56	26.42		
Tipton	67	31		2,974	3,347		0.97	0.98	3.67	25.26		
Toledo, OH	63	32		3,283	3,572		0.36	0.37	3.45	28.13		
<b>Southeast</b>	68	27	4	3,002	3,411	2,885	0.90	0.91	3.50	26.19	21.24	2.44

<sup>1</sup> Issued by the USDA, NASS, Michigan Field Office in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Commerce, Michigan State University's Cooperative Extension Service, Agricultural Meteorologist, Department of Geography, and Crop Advisory Team ALERTS.

<sup>2</sup> Growing degree days (GDD) is the sum of daily mean temperatures minus 50 per day, 86 maximum and 50 minimum. The GDD is accumulative from April 1.

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