



# Wisconsin Crop Weather

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## WANTED: Sunny Days

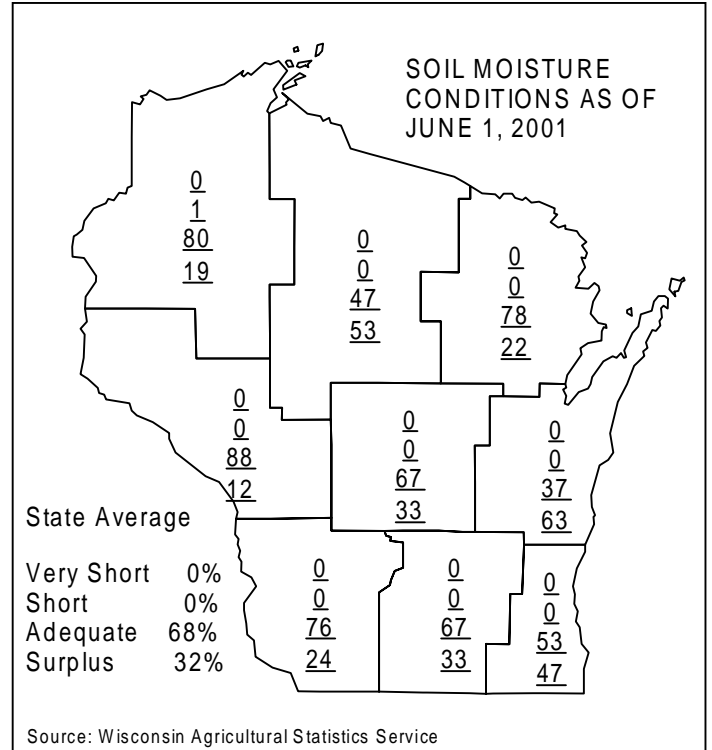
Northern Wisconsin reported frost in several locations last week, while the rest of the state noted cool temperatures, averaging in the mid-50's. A Manitowoc County reporter commented that only the cows are not affected by the cool weather. Days suitable last week reached 4.2 in Wisconsin. Farmers reported planting around the clock during dry periods. Soil moisture was rated 68% adequate and 32% surplus. With all this rain, weeds have taken hold in many fields, making planting difficult.

**Corn** planted reached 88%, behind last year's 100%, and the 5-year average of 96%. Corn emergence reached 67%, compared to last year's 92%. Corn and soybeans are illustrating wet feet by their pale green to yellow foliage. Soybean planting reached 74% complete, behind last year's 89%, and the 5-year average of 80%. **Soybean** emergence reached 47% complete, behind last year's 76%. Last week's below normal temperatures have delayed growth and emergence for corn and soybeans. Many reported that sunny days are needed to jump-start the growing season again.

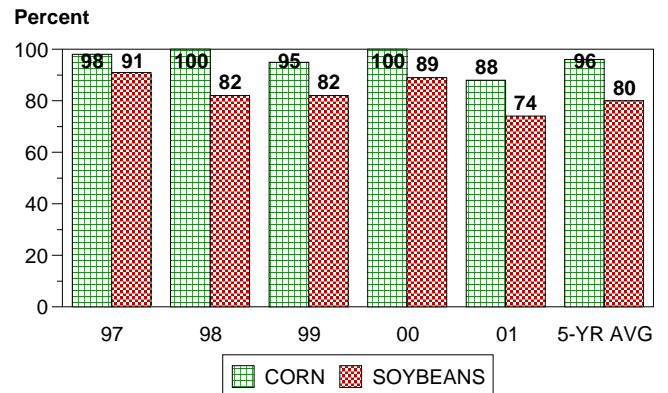
**Winter wheat** fields continued to be rated 82% good to excellent throughout the state. **Oat** emergence was reported 95% last week, below last year's 100%, and the 5-year average of 97%.

**Alfalfa** harvest reached 24% complete, compared to 39% last year, and the 5-year average of 29%. First crop is being harvested as quickly as possible between rain showers, with relative feed value continually decreasing. Throughout the state reporters commented on the large quantity being harvested. Reports on quality ranged from average to good.

The Central Sands reported the **potato** crop has fantastic growth and **peas** were in early bloom. **Cranberries** were reported in full bloom in Wood County. **Strawberries** were reported past full bloom and into fruit set in Dunn County. An Oneida County reporter noted Gypsy moth caterpillars defoliating trees.



## PERCENTAGE OF CORN & SOYBEANS PLANTED JUNE 3, 1997-2001 WISCONSIN



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of June 1, 2001					
Item	V.-poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					
Pasture	0	2	8	67	23
Oats	0	4	26	53	17
Corn	1	6	34	49	10
Soybean	2	4	36	53	5
Winter Wheat	0	1	17	57	25

## Wisconsin Crop Progress, June 3, 2001

Crop and percent of acreage	District average									State average		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This year	Last year	5-year average
Oats emerged	90	85	94	95	93	97	99	100	100	95	100	97
Corn planted	88	84	86	89	83	75	92	95	95	88	100	96
Corn emerged	48	46	40	65	62	54	74	85	84	67	92	n.a.
Soybeans planted	62	57	60	65	52	59	84	86	85	74	89	80
Soybeans emerged	28	26	29	32	28	30	57	61	64	47	76	n.a.
1st crop Hay harvested	22	18	17	21	24	27	28	35	20	24	39	29

**Quotes from Farm Reporters and County Ag Agents**

**BARRON-D.B.:** Corn and soybean planting winding down. First crop alfalfa harvest going full tilt; some fields too wet to harvest. Corn that has emerged is yellow from the cool weather.

**BURNETT-K.S.:** Continued cool and wet conditions are keeping farmers behind. Some corn and beans still not in the ground. Corn and beans that got in the ground before the last wet weather have emerged and look good. RFV's on alfalfa are running 150 to 140. Most farmers are just now cutting first crop. Fruit trees have excellent fruit set.

**CHIPPEWA-J.S.:** Warm and dry weather helping farmers in finishing up planting corn and soybeans. First crop alfalfa starting to be harvested.

**TAYLOR-D.E.:** Fields are wet. Some hay has been cut, but harvesting is a real trick in between rain. Planting has been stalled. Some of the corn planted is coming up, but is short and yellow. Many fields have not even been tilled yet. Hay looks good so far.

**VILAS-L.K.:** Hay looking very good. Potato planting progressing good. Caterpillars eating up hardwoods.

**OCONTO-D.T.:** Very wet last week slowed things down; everyone out in the fields this week. Most crops planted, but a lot of hay being made. Cold this week, with lows in the 30-degree range, added to wet ground; a lot of yellow corn around now.

**BUFFALO-R.S.:** May rainfall was 4.94 inches in 14 days. Winter wheat headed out. With cool weather, seems like the corn didn't grow all week and has yellow color. Haylage seems like more loads than normal.

**DUNN-J.F.:** Corn planting pretty much done, and beans winding down. Alfalfa is ready to harvest, but weather has delayed everyone. Alfalfa looks great in terms of both quality and quantity. Corn looks a bit yellow due to the cool weather. All the pasture grasses are headed out. Rye in the milk to early dough stage. Strawberries are past full bloom and into fruit set.

**PEPIN-W.P.:** We need heat and to dry out.

**PORTAGE-K.K.:** Corn could use more heat and sun.

**WAUPACA-D.L.H.:** Had a cool week. Some ground too wet to plant. Weeds are growing well. Poor weather for harvesting hay.

**DOOR-M.F.:** Early-planted corn on light soils is now at 4 true leaves. Wet weather has caused many fields to green up that did not receive a herbicide treatment. Additional rain has pushed back the snapbean planting by at least another week.

**OUTAGAMIE-E.W.:** Planting is at a standstill. Fields are wet. First cutting hay is uncut as yet, and quality is dropping with each passing rainy day. Oats and corn emerging. New hay seedings should have a great start.

**WINNEBAGO-J.K.:** First crop hay harvest just starting. A lot more corn and beans to be planted if we ever get enough dry days.

**CRAWFORD-V.H.:** Corn jumped out of the ground and then has stalled. Most of the flooded fields are now dry enough to plant.

**GRANT-E.B.:** I can't remember a year when the corn looked this bad. It's too cold and wet. I've heard that hay cut 2 weeks ago only tested 130 RFV; could be hard to make milk. A warm, dry week would make crops and dispositions a lot better.

**GREEN-F.Z.:** A little corn and beans left to plant. A lot of wet spots in some fields. Hay being cut won't dry. Putting it in bags, trench, or upright silos. Some winter wheat has gone in spots.

**ROCK-C.O.:** Rain falling now will stop planting, haying, and fieldwork. Some alfalfa sustained high yield loss due to weevils. Corn is yellow, and late-planted has not come out of the ground yet. Looking forward to those bright, sunny June days.

**WASHINGTON-K.R.:** Lots of low wet fields left to plant. Corn that is up is very yellow. Some hay cut and chopped. More rain on Friday and Saturday was very discouraging.

**WAUKESHA-R.F.:** Corn and beans are slow. Very cold and wet; and tough to work. Need heat and sun.



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**Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on June 3, 2001**

City	Temperature						Growing degree days (modified base 50) 1/		Precipitation			
	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg dep. from normal*	Mar. 1 to June 2	Mar. 1 to June 2 normal *	Last week	Since June 1	June 1 dep. from normal*	Year to date
Eau Claire	67	45	75	42	56	-6	490	456	0.44	0.43	0.16	13.68
Green Bay	62	43	74	37	53	-7	464	392	1.90	1.49	1.27	12.82
La Crosse	67	47	74	46	57	-7	512	525	0.95	0.60	0.36	11.44
Madison	64	43	69	38	53	-8	551	522	0.82	0.54	0.30	12.07
Milwaukee	60	47	71	41	53	-6	448	n.a.	1.72	0.84	0.64	14.02

1/Formula used: GDD = (daily maximum (86°) + daily minimum (50°))/2-50°; where 86° is used if the maximum exceeds 86° and 50° is used if the minimum falls below 50°. \*Normal based on 1961-90 data. Source: NCEP/NOAA Climate Prediction Center <<http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>>. N.a. = not available. T = trace.