



Wisconsin Crop Weather

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End of Summer

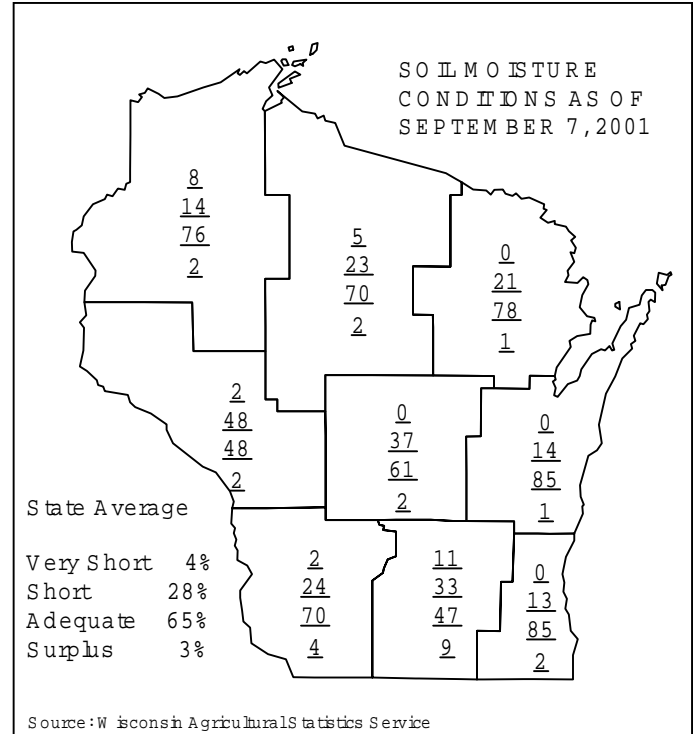
Signs of summer ending in Wisconsin were evident from roadways. Reports on plant progress varied, depending on location. Corn started to dry down, with fields of brown stalks reported throughout the state. Soybeans were reported turning yellow. Soil moisture was reported 4% very short, 28% short, 65% adequate, and 3% surplus. There were 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Corn in dough stage reached 73% last week, compared to 85% last year, and 86% for the 5-year average. Corn in dent stage reached 21% last week, compared to 51% last year, and 55% for the 5-year average.

Soybeans setting pods reached 95% complete this week, compared to 100% last year, and 96% for the 5-year average. Soybean leaves turned reached 16% complete this week, compared to 56% last year, and 46% for the 5-year average. Last week, many Wisconsin soybean fields turned noticeably yellow. A Barron County farmer reported soybeans with only 2 beans per pod.

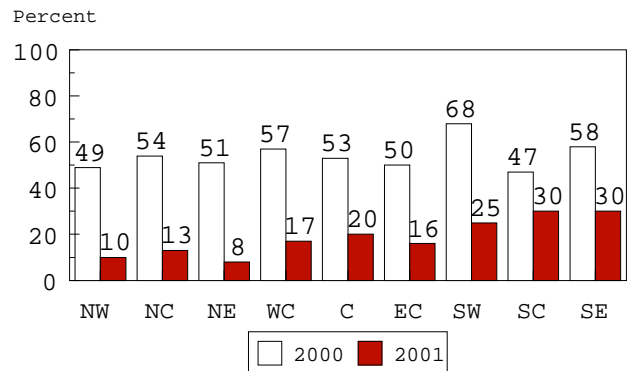
Third cutting **alfalfa** harvest reached 80% complete, statewide, compared to 89% last year, and 74% for the 5-year average. Fourth cutting alfalfa harvest reached 15% complete this year, compared to 12% last year.

Central Wisconsin vegetable harvest is under way. Portage County reported an excellent **pepper** crop and average **tomato** and **cucumber** crops. **Carrot**, **snap bean**, and **sweet corn** harvest still going strong in the Central Sands. A Wausau farmer reported **potato** harvest slowed due to weather. Green **cranberry** harvest continues in central Wisconsin. A Washington County farmer reported **red beet** tonnage down from last year.



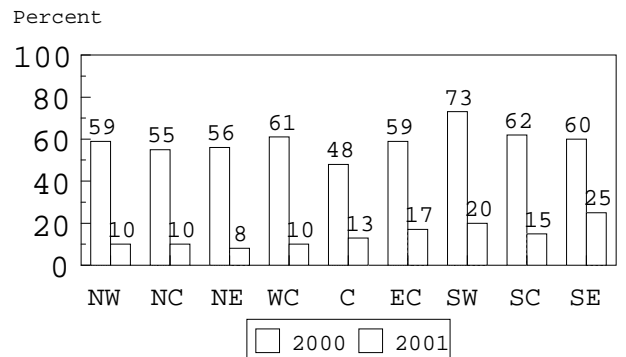
Corn Dented

September 10, 2000 vs. September 9, 2001



Soybean Leaves Turning

September 10, 2000 vs. September 9, 2001



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of September 7, 2001					
Item	V. poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
Pasture	4	18	33	41	4
Corn	3	9	31	44	13
Soybean	2	6	29	47	16

Wisconsin Crop Progress, September 9, 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
Corn in dough stage	62	67	53	74	71	64	78	80	84	73	85	86
Corn in dent stage	10	13	8	17	20	16	25	30	30	21	51	55
Soybeans setting pods	92	87	93	95	97	92	98	95	100	95	100	96
Soybean leaves turning	10	10	8	10	13	17	20	15	25	16	56	46
3rd crop hay harvested	74	80	77	82	75	81	85	81	84	80	89	74
4th crop hay harvested	13	16	5	8	14	20	21	15	11	15	12	na

Quotes from Farm Reporters and County Ag Agents

BARRON-D.B.: Corn looks good, the ears aren't as big as normal. Soybeans have only two beans per pod. Fourth cutting is short.

CHIPPEWA-J.J.: Silo filling (bunkers & bags) is beginning. Husks are starting to brown and loosen on the corn. Soybeans are turning yellow. Sunac and some maples are turning red too. Above normal temperatures and rain Thursday and Friday will help finish out a lot of corn and give a good regrowth on the alfalfa for the end of the season.

LINCOLN-F.O.: Corn looks good with most cobs dented. Third crop hay was short with good quality. Soybeans are dropping leaves with most fields turning color. Apple crop is good.

PRICE-M.P.: Had 0.5 inch of welcome rain last Thursday evening. This past week was great for drying hay. Most farmers are finished for the year.

LANGLADE-A.K.: Corn varies, corn silage next week. Beans look very nice. Third crop hay nice, yields low. Potato harvest just getting good start.

MONROE-B.D.: Recent rains have helped the crops some, but it was too late for some corn and beans. After the oats were taken off, the new seeding has gotten exceptionally weedy, probably the worst I have ever seen. Pastures still haven't recovered. One farmer was filling silo with his stunted and stressed corn.

PEPIN-R.W.: Lack of rainfall is causing the corn and soybeans to dry up too soon, yields are definitely being reduced. Corn silage harvest will be in full swing next week.

WOOD-T.P.: Most corn is in milk to dough stage, with a few stands just silking and some with husks turning color. Soybean acreage not impacted much by aphids, but are slow to set pods. While good bloom is present, the early set pods often don't have any or very few beans in them. Hay crops are still coming in. Good quality second and third cuttings, with minimal rain on most. Vegetable crops continue to move at a good pace. Good yields of sweet corn and beans so far. Potato harvest in full swing with grower reports of good quality, but some lower yields. Some late potato acreage still quite green and growing, expect harvest of late varieties to continue into the last of the month. Cranberry crop looks to be a good one, perhaps more than anticipated. While berry counts are good, fruit size is slow to develop on

some varieties. First harvest of white fruit this week to provide for new white juice products being introduced to compete with the white grape products currently on the market. Expect normal cranberry harvest to begin last week of September to first week of October.

MANITOWOC-D.S.: Corn planted early (May 8), 88-day corn, still in milk stage. Quantity of third crop not as bad as anticipated; quality average. Fourth crop making a nice, fast recovery with moisture and fairly warm weather. Beans short and beginning to turn color.

SHEBOYGAN-T.J.: Fourth crop hay is growing rapidly. Some fall tillage is being done. Corn silage harvest will probably begin in 1-2 weeks.

IOWA-K.V.: Soybeans are starting to turn yellow. Half the corn silage is done. Tonnages are good. Third crop alfalfa yields were better than second.

SAUK-C.N.: Reports of pumpkin and squash yields will be low. A lot of third crop out, but unable to put up due to rain in latter part of week and into the weekend. Appears corn yields will be all over the board this year.

COLUMBIA-R.S.: Soybeans starting to turn color. Third crop hay is short. Lots of straw of good quality.

GREEN-F.Z.: Corn husks turning brown and bean leaves are turning yellow. Third crop hay made.

RACINE-L.F.: Soybeans are starting to turn real quick now. Some are reporting early-planted beans are close to harvest, so that wheat can be planted on the field.

WAUKESHA-D.W.: Most early-planted corn is in the dent stage, later-planted corn is in the dough stage. Beans are short this year, but pod fill looks very good.



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Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on September 9, 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 Sept. 8	Mar. 1 to Sept. 8 normal *	Last week	Since Sept. 1	Sept. 1 dep. from normal*	Year to date
Eau Claire	80	57	84	47	68	5	2,454	2,215	1.15	1.15	0.00	28.08
Green Bay	79	55	84	45	67	5	2,336	2,078	1.18	1.18	0.19	22.06
La Crosse	79	57	83	49	68	3	2,648	2,487	4.32	4.32	3.23	24.70
Madison	79	55	84	48	67	4	2,498	2,421	1.89	1.89	0.88	29.68
Milwaukee	79	60	87	53	70	5	2,476	na.	1.09	1.09	0.14	25.56

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.