



Wisconsin Crop Weather

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Temperature Low, Crop Moisture High

Rain and below normal temperatures resulted in corn and soybean moisture levels remaining high throughout the state. Many farmers must wait for plant moisture levels to decline, before harvest activities can commence at a rapid pace. Drying costs continue to be a concern with the slow crop dry down progress. Several days of warm, sunny weather will speed plant dry down and accelerate harvest. The soil moisture was reported 7% short, 85% adequate, and 8% surplus. There were 4.6 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

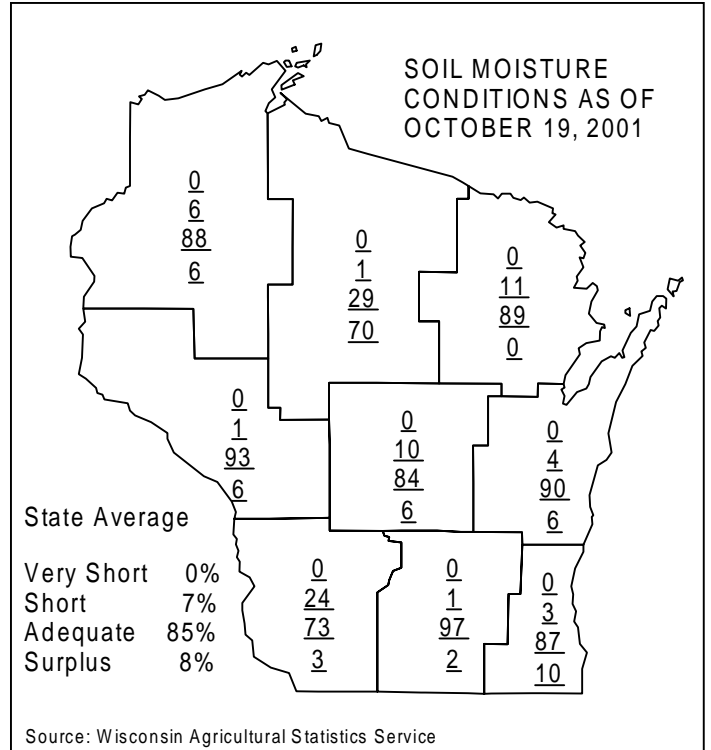
Corn maturity reached 86% complete, compared to 100% last year, and 94% for the 5-year average. Corn harvested for grain was 18% complete, compared to 43% last year, and 35% for the 5-year average. As more fields are harvested, farmers continue to report crop conditions and yields vary within individual fields.

Soybeans harvest reached 48%, compared to 86% last year, and 80% for the 5-year average. In Barron County, farmers signing up for LDP's are reporting and submitting data to support 40-plus bushel soybean yields. Statewide, farmers are reporting a large variation of yields, dependent on location.

Fall tillage continued last week with 18% complete, compared to 26% last year, and 27% for the 5-year average. A Chippewa County reporter noticed most of the tillage was on this season's prevented planting ground.

Statewide, **winter wheat** has emerged covering the ground with a dark green blanket. Farmers throughout the state reported winter wheat having a very good start for winter survival.

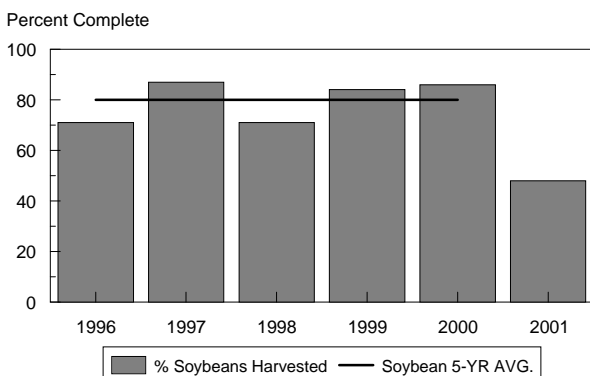
Cranberry harvest continues; some reporters noted growers are discarding cranberries to meet marketing guidelines.



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of October 19, 2001					
Item	V.-poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
Pasture	1	15	33	47	4

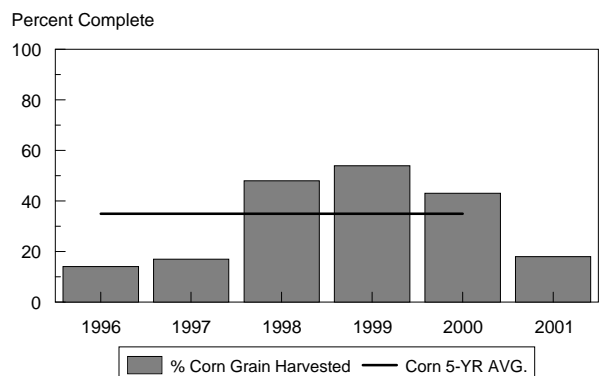
Harvest Progress for Soybeans

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Harvest Progress for Corn

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Wisconsin Crop Progress, October 21, 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 mature	74	78	65	89	83	77	90	94	96	86	100	94
Corn hvstd. for grain	12	13	10	19	15	15	20	21	25	18	43	35
Soybean harvested	48	49	37	47	45	36	55	49	54	48	86	80
Fall tillage	24	21	12	13	29	27	9	8	14	17	26	27

Quotes from Farm Reporters and County Ag Agents

BARRON-R.C.: Corn yields are slightly down. There are reports and yield data to suggest that there are some 150-160 bushel yields. Farmers signing up for LDP's are reporting and submitting data to support 40-plus bushel of soybeans.

BURNETT-R.B.: Not too much harvesting done. Some fall tillage being done.

RUSK-G.P.: High moisture corn harvest just starting. Yield and quality below average. Very little progress on beans this week; too wet. Yields have been running 40-60 bushels per acre. Beans faired better this year than the corn. Corn maturity is quite variable within a field. Some was mature at frost, other parts were still in milk stage; makes judging the correct harvest time difficult.

ONEIDA-P.L.: Had heavy frost twice this week, things are going dormant fast. Growing season was overall a pretty good year. Moisture was well spread throughout the year, and at times, was well ahead of average. We could have used a little more heat at times, as degree days were low. This affected the maturity levels. The late frost made up for the late maturity.

OCONTO-D.T.: Silage about done, soybeans being harvested; yield 40-55 bushels per acre. Late varieties doing the best. Winter wheat going very well, has very good start for this winter. Not much done on high moisture corn, just getting started.

JACKSON-J.W.: Some high moisture corn being harvested. Soybeans are being harvested between showers. Apple yield is less this year. Cranberry harvest is in full swing.

ST. CROIX-R.K.: Soybean yields low. Lots of variation in corn moisture.

PORTAGE-J.W.: Cranberry harvest going strong. Some growers dumping excess crop. Waiting for remainder of beans to dry down. Corn harvest very slow.

WAUSHARA-A.S.: Beans on sandy soils 25-30 bushels per acre. Corn silage tons 10-15. Some irrigated high moisture corn making 150-plus bushels per acre. Dry land fields will be very uneven. Corn borer a real factor.

BROWN-C.F.: Soybean yields are 22-25 bushels per acre, down 8 bushels from last year. Tons of corn are breaking off as winds blow during the day and temperatures drop to 30-40 degrees. Corn silage tonnage is down by 5 tons from last year.

MANITOWOC-H.W.: Most early-planted soybeans are done.

Late-planted soybeans have nice size beans. Early-planted winter wheat is very green and late-planted winter wheat coming up. Some high moisture corn being done. Very good growing season, despite the dry times and wet times.

GRANT-L.F.: Seeing more combines picking corn, also notice more dryers drying corn and soybeans. Some silos being filled by grinding whole ear of corn as high moisture corn. No one has reported yields, only that yields and weight on corn and soybeans are down. Winter wheat in our area is planted and up, covering the ground with a nice green color. In our area, crops and growing season was very good.

SAUK-C.N.: Corn yields appear to be better than expected. Soybean yields vary quite a bit on early reports.

DODGE-J.F.: Combines began rolling on beans on Thursday. If not doing beans, the combines were in corn. Bean yields a little above last year and perhaps, a bit above average. A plot in the county averaged 54 bushels. Corn yields are above average, but no definite yield data yet. Winter wheat looks good with most of it, 90 percent-plus, planted at this point.

ROCK-C.O.: Corn coming out faster than beans, as the root worm problems are causing excessive ear droppage. Yields are variable, from 60-200 bushels all in the same field.

WALWORTH-E.P.: Soybean going as high as 60 bushels, some under 50 bushels. Haven't heard corn yields yet. Finished 4th hay crop cutting on Thursday.

WASHINGTON-K.R.: In the beginning of the week, corn for high moisture was being done. Soybean moisture came down later in the week and everybody was doing beans. Most corn silage is done.

WAUKESHA-D.W.: Some corn done. With no rain, beans will be first.



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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. 29	Mar. 1 to Sept. 29 normal *	Last week	Since Sept. 1	Sept. 1 dep. from normal*	Year to date
Eau Claire	54	33	62	25	43	-4	2,641	2,425	0.14	4.61	-1.01	32.60
Green Bay	56	36	61	28	46	-2	2,519	2,289	0.02	3.36	-1.65	24.02
La Crosse	55	36	63	29	46	-4	2,849	2,731	0.12	6.86	1.51	29.31
Madison	55	38	63	28	47	-2	2,682	2,686	0.03	6.04	1.21	33.66
Milwaukee	57	41	63	34	49	-1	2,677	n.a.	0.07	6.84	1.85	32.40

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.