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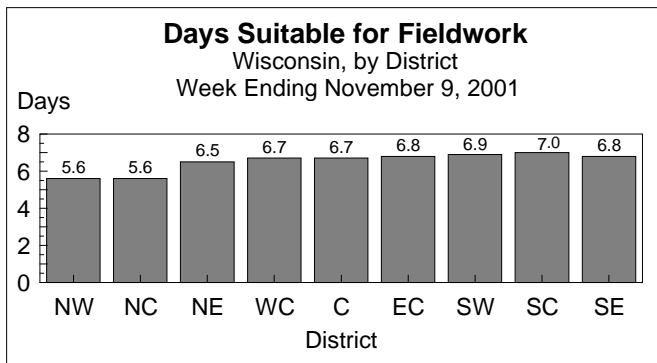
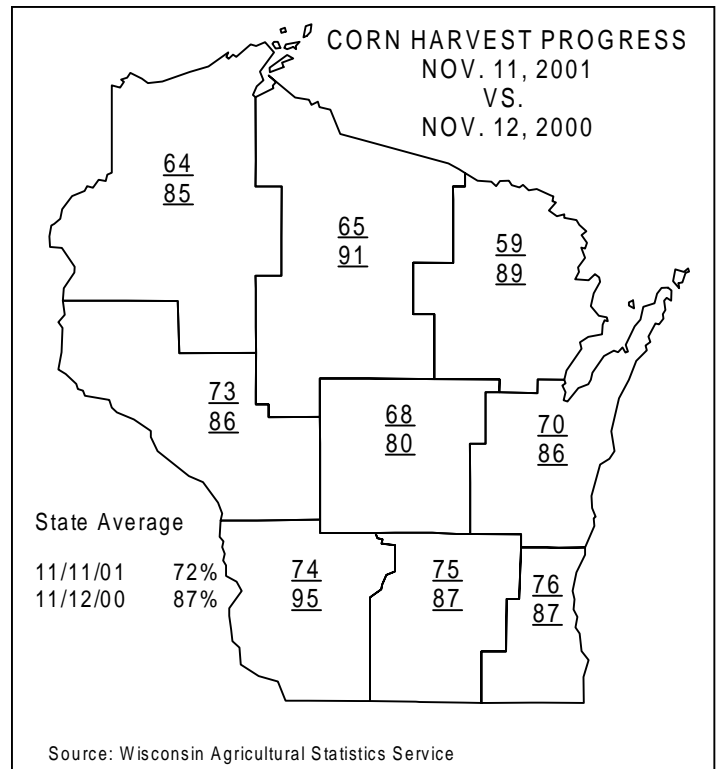
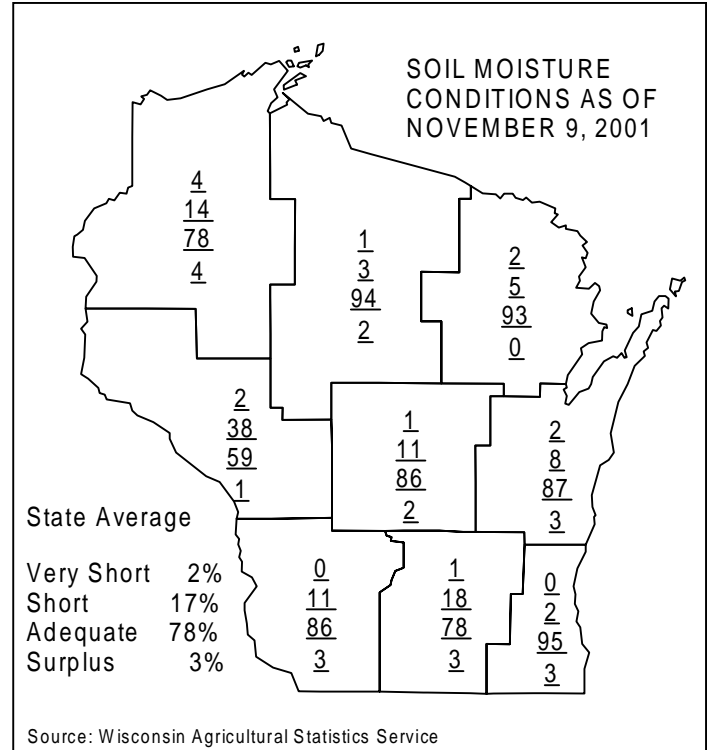
Mild weather with above normal temperatures resulted in 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork last week. Farmers were able to continue harvesting corn, spreading manure, and fall tillage, without many delays. The soil moisture was reported 2% very short, 17% short, 78% adequate, and 3% surplus. Northern Wisconsin is below normal for precipitation since September. Reporters throughout the state commented on the need for more moisture before winter.

Corn harvested for grain was 72% complete, compared to 85% last year, and 78% for the 5-year average. In general, farmers are reporting yields better than expected, although lower than recent years. A Rusk County reporter noted the slow start for corn harvest was due to concerns of mold and potential storage problems. A Brown County reporter commented on the number of farmers in that county that harvested all their acres as silage, and were planning to purchase grain. A Walworth County reporter noted a large number of dropped ears in the remaining corn fields.

Soybean harvest is almost over with the state average at 94% complete, compared to 100% last year, and 99% for the 5-year average. Soybean yields, statewide, were reported across a wide range. The general trend was below normal yields. Farmers around the state reported baling bean straw for bedding, with last week's dry conditions.

The **apple** crop was reported fair in Jackson County. **Rye** and **winter wheat** continue to be reported in good condition. Central Wisconsin reported some wheat fields with signs of disease.

Fall tillage continued last week with 43% complete, compared to 50% last year, and 55% for the 5-year average. The weather and soil conditions have been excellent for fall tillage.



Wisconsin Crop Progress, November 11, 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 hvstd. for grain	64	65	59	73	68	70	74	75	76	72	85	78
Soybean harvested	93	95	90	94	92	90	96	94	95	94	100	99
Fall tillage	54	52	44	41	52	48	35	34	41	43	50	55

Quotes from Farm Reporters and County Ag Agents

BURNETT-J.D.: Soybeans averaged 30-35 bushels per acre and corn averaged 90-95 bushels per acre.

CHIPPEWA-J.C.: Corn harvest is nearing completion. Corn has a wide yield range, anywhere from 90-190 bushels per acre.

Overall, corn yields are better than anticipated. Soybean yields are lower, on an average, some reports are 20-30 bushels per acre.

PRICE-A.B.: I thought I was done plowing, but have another field to plow. Doing repair work in the barn, and then it will be manure hauling.

MARINETTE-S.R.: Winter wheat plantings have emerged and seem to be doing well. Have had good growing conditions. Corn and soybean yields extremely variable, but county average expected to be down about 30-35 percent for soybeans, and as much as 30 percent for corn.

BUFFALO-R.S.: Soybean and corn yields are less than normal. Manure hauling going on. Stalk chopping and fall tillage are happening. Still a lot of corn to harvest yet. Mild weather is a real treat in November.

JACKSON-J.W.: Corn yields are down from last years' record crop. Beans are very uneven, yields are down. Cranberry harvest is winding down. Apple crop was only fair.

PEPIN-W.P.: Soybean yields down 25 percent from last year. Corn is about the same. Considering the year and weather extremes, yields are a real surprise.

JUNEAU-R.C.: Beans are yielding 15-55 bushels per acre. Corn is running from 95-190 bushels per acre depending when it was planted. Some stalks for bedding are being put up. Weather has been perfect for harvest and drying the grain in the field. Overall, the growing season has been better than the average.

WAUPACA-D.H.: Combining corn and soybeans has been the business during the spell of favorable weather. Yields are average to somewhat below average. Overall, the 2001 growing season was somewhat below average.

DOOR-M.F.: Corn yields down 20-30 percent from a year ago. More wheat planted this year than ever. Some of the very early-planted wheat is showing signs of barley yellow-dwarf.

MANITOWOC-R.B.: Soybeans are history now. Averaged about 50 bushels per acre. Corn being combined in earnest now that it finally dried down. Early-planted corn only yielding 80-90 bushels per acre. Late-planted corn is all in silos, would not have

made dry corn. Short on silage and high moisture corn. No dry corn at all this year on my farm. Took fourth cutting hay to top off silos that didn't get full of silage.

GRANT-L.F.: We are seeing real nice days for sunshine and a little wind, which is making nice drying days for corn and the rest of the soybean harvest. Yields range from 30-60 bushels per acre on soybeans. Real nice yields on corn also. Starting to dry down. Seeing ear corn picked. Some farmers are done already. Seeing more fall plowing done on soybean and corn fields. Lots of soybean straw being baled for bedding. Also, round bales of corn fodder and stacks being made.

IOWA-K.V.: Soybean harvest is almost complete. Corn harvest is either done or on the down hill pull. Soil testing and fertilizer spreading is following the combines as they finish.

DANE-D.F.: While early reports of corn yields were variable, reports from last week were better than expected, with most yields from 175-200 bushels per acre.

ROCK-C.O.: With ideal weather, harvest is progressing very fast. Yields are disappointing and second generation corn borers are showing up in dropped ears. Tillage has begun in full swing. Winter wheat looks great. Manure is just starting to be applied.

KENOSHA-J.H.: Corn and soybean yields are quite variable. Most producers are saying better than expected; however, they are not that great.

WALWORTH-P.R.: Both corn and soybean yields pretty variable: from 36-60 bushels per acre for soybeans, and up to 190 bushels per acre in some places for corn. Some ear droppage due to winds. Have had some corn borer damage. Winter wheat progressing well, due to above normal temperatures much of last week.



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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	59	32	67	28	46	9	2,641	2,425	0.02	4.80	-2.15	32.79
Green Bay	56	31	67	25	44	5	2,519	2,289	0.04	4.14	-2.32	24.80
La Crosse	63	37	71	31	50	10	2,849	2,731	0.01	7.05	0.47	29.50
Madison	60	33	67	26	47	7	2,682	2,686	0.00	8.18	1.94	35.80
Milwaukee	58	37	64	31	47	5	2,677	n.a.	0.00	8.91	2.31	34.47

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.