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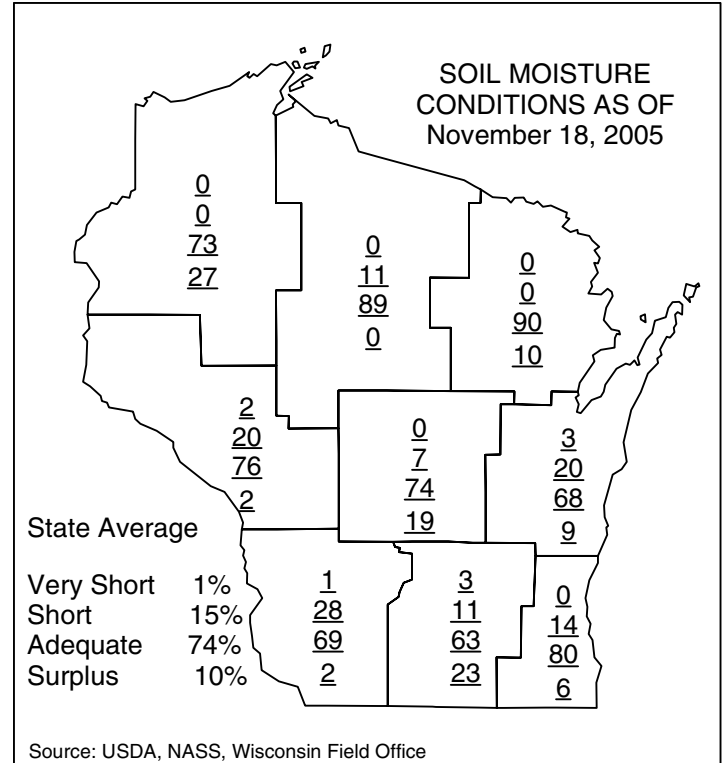
Winter Weather Arrived

Snow and cold temperatures fell across much of the state during the week. Most of the snowfall was received Tuesday night and into Wednesday. Reporters received snowfall totals ranging from 1 to 6 inches. The snow and freezing temperatures halted fieldwork. Average temperatures were 1 to 3 degrees below normal. High temperatures were in the 40s in most locations. Temperatures dipped to 4 degrees in Eau Claire, while other locations reached 10 to 15 degrees. Rainfall totals last week ranged from 0.65 in Eau Claire to 1.00 inches in Green Bay. Soil moisture conditions were reported as 1 percent very short, 15 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus. There was an average of 3.4 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Corn harvested for grain was at 90 percent, above last year's 74 percent and the 5-year average of 86 percent. Snow stopped most corn harvest activities. The remaining fields in several locations will not be harvested until storage space becomes available. Several respondents have reported better than expected yields due to timely rains. There are a few **soybeans** yet to be harvested in central and northern counties.

Fall tillage was reported at 68 percent complete, above last year's 49 percent and the 5-year average of 60 percent. Snow during the week put an end to fall tillage plans for farmers in northern counties. If the weather cooperates, some additional tillage could be done in the southern half of the state.

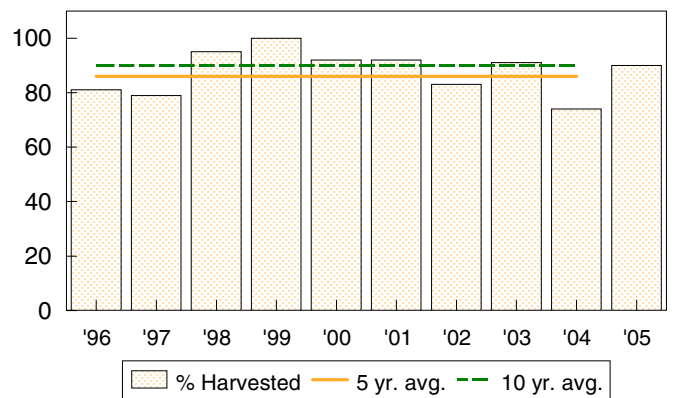
Winter wheat has been reported in good condition, thanks to Fall rains. Recent freezing temperatures brought fruit and vegetable harvests to a close. Many farmers were busy with fall fertilizer applications and finishing baling corn stocks for bedding.



Source: USDA, NASS, Wisconsin Field Office

This is the last weekly *Wisconsin Crop Weather* for the season. The review of the 2005 growing season will be released in December. The Wisconsin Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service wishes to thank the many farmers, county agents, and others that make this report possible each week.

Corn Harvested for Grain
Yearly Averages for Wisconsin
November 20, 1996 - 2005



Crop and percent of acreage	Wisconsin Crop Progress, November 20, 2005										State average		
	District average									This year	Last year	5-year average	
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
Corn harvested for grain	84	93	90	86	85	96	93	91	96	90	74	86	
Fall tillage	71	83	73	53	85	92	63	56	76	68	49	60	

Quotes from Farm Reporters and County Ag Agents

BARRON-D.B.: This week began with rain and then snow on Wednesday and Thursday which slowed corn harvest. Most farmers are running short of storage for corn.

POLK-C.S.: Just a few fields of corn to finish up. We have between 1-3 inches of snow on the ground. Soils are still warm enough to melt the snow. Fields are wet and sloppy.

CLARK-N.S.: Aside from some winterkill last Spring, 2005 was a very good year for crop production in Clark county. A considerable amount of fall tillage was performed this year. About 10 percent of the corn still remains standing. Grain bins and many corn cribs are full.

SHAWANO-B.R.: Spring started out great, summer got awfully dry, and fall is getting very wet. Overall, we came out with a very good crop season. Rainy weather is delaying corn from drying down and fall tillage for a few people, but many farmers are done and putting away their equipment for the winter.

DUNN-S.S.: First real hard freeze; around zero degrees. In most cases, corn and soybeans all yielded much better than expected. Soybean yields were 15-60 bushels per acre and corn was 110-290 bushels per acre. There is not much winter wheat in this area. It was a good fall, with lots of fall tillage getting done. Still some corn is standing, with 85 percent completed.

PEPIN-H.R.: Corn yields have been above average in our area. Also, test weights have been very good because of the low drying time. Soybeans were much like the corn crop with some really good yields. Temperatures are getting into the single digits. Lots of fall tillage and stalks are being baled or rolled up. Very good bedding material.

PORTAGE-J.W.: Corn left to harvest is on low ground, may need frozen soil to harvest these fields. Going into winter with above average soil moisture.

WAUPACA-D.H.: Corn and soybeans are yielding a little below normal. Winter wheat is growing well. Fall tillage is progressing well. We had a hard frost on Wednesday and Thursday.

MANITOWOC-H.W.: Soybeans yielded about 40-55 bushels per acre. Winter wheat is in nice shape, as all the rain made it green. Most of the tillage is done. The season was very good for all crops, except for hay, which was a failure.

WINNEBAGO-R.H.: Corn yields have been from 120-220 bushels per acre. Soybeans have been affected by dry weather this summer; yields from 20-60 bushels per acre. Winter wheat sure looks good. That is the greenest I have ever seen at this time of year. Fall tillage has been very good, as the weather seemed to cooperate, and the fields sure worked nice until the heavy rain on Tuesday night stopped all fieldwork. The cold and snow stopped all fieldwork. Frost was very hard.

CRAWFORD-V.H.: One of the best growing seasons in the last thirty years.

LAFAYETTE-M.R.: Corn and soybeans out yielded everyone's expectations; 220 bushels per acre for corn with 65 bushels per acre a common yield for soybeans. We have had a hard frost. Given the weather and yields, my hat is off to the crop genetics professionals. The heat and drought tolerance of our corn and soybeans was outstanding.

COLUMBIA-J.J.: Still corn to harvest, but there is no storage space. Everything is full and some huge piles outside. It turned out to be a better crop year than expected. Topsoil moisture is good going into winter, but subsoil moisture is still very short.

GREEN-J.T.: The corn harvest has slowed or stopped. Rain and snow have made fields wet, and the wind has caused lodging in the unharvested crop.

WALWORTH-E.P.: First frost Sunday night, but it was not a killing frost. Still some corn to be picked and shelled. The wind blew like a cyclone.

WAUKESHA-A.S.: Corn and beans yielded better than we expected.



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Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on November 20, 2005

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 Oct. 29	Mar. 1 to Oct. 29 normal *	Last week	Since Sept. 1	Sept. 1 dep. from normal*	Year to date
Eau Claire	40	22	60	4	31	-1	3134	2584	0.65	6.29	-0.93	24.72
Green Bay	40	25	59	11	33	-1	2920	2441	1.00	6.86	0.14	24.25
La Crosse	40	25	55	10	33	-2	3476	2928	0.66	8.20	1.31	28.41
Madison	41	26	61	10	34	-1	3272	2889	0.75	4.97	-1.74	22.59
Milwaukee	43	27	60	15	35	-3	3198	n.a.	0.70	7.57	0.08	23.54

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 1971-2000 data. Source: NCEP/NOAA Climate Prediction Center <<http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>>. N.a. = not available. T = trace.