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Spring Planting Close to Completion

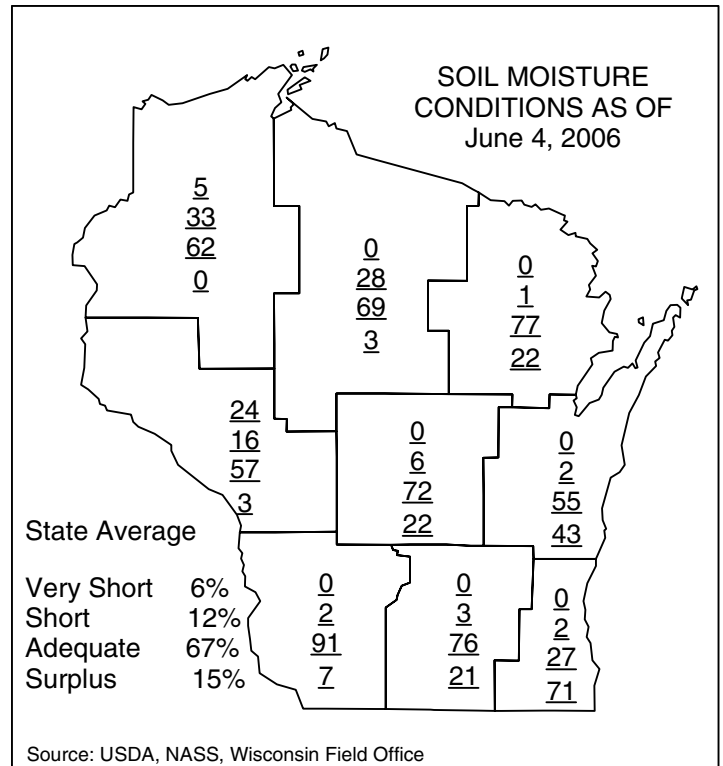
A week of warm, dry weather helped many farmers finish the last of their spring planting. Wet soil conditions have hindered planting in only a few locations. According to the Wisconsin Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, corn planting progress has reached 95 percent complete and soybean planting progress hit 85 percent complete. Temperatures ranged from 8 to 10 degrees above normal for the week. Average high temperatures were in the 80s in most areas. Low temperatures averaged in the upper 50s and low 60s last week. Rainfall totals ranged from 0.36 inches in Eau Claire to 1.48 inches in Milwaukee. Soil moisture conditions were at 6 percent very short, 12 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 15 percent surplus. Last week there was an average of 5.1 days suitable for fieldwork in Wisconsin.

Corn planting progress was reported at 95 percent complete, compared to last year's 96 percent and the 5-year average of 92 percent. Producers in southern counties have replanted some corn in fields that had been too wet and cold. Planting in eastern counties has been delayed with recent heavy rains. Corn emerged was rated at 83 percent complete, ahead of last year's 78 percent and the 5-year average of 68 percent. Corn has responded well to the recent warm, humid weather. Unfortunately, weeds have also enjoyed the weather, and farmers have started spraying some fields. Spotty rains in western counties have caused some concern for corn growers.

Soybean planting reached 85 percent complete. Last year's progress was at 89 percent, while the 5-year average was at 78 percent complete. Soybeans emerged was rated at 59 percent complete, above last year's average of 55 percent and the 5-year average of 44 percent. Warm weather helped push soybean emergence in front of last year's average. Many growers have started to spray bean fields for weeds.

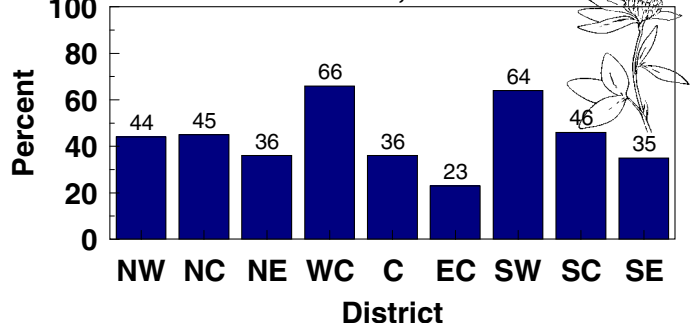
First cutting **alfalfa** was reported at 48 percent complete, above last year's 31 percent and the 5-year average of 22 percent. Farmers took advantage of the weather as progress increased 31 percentage points during the week. Yields have been reported as average in northern counties. Rain is needed in these areas to assist with the second crop regrowth. Producers in eastern counties have had difficulty harvesting fields with the recent heavy rains. Southern growers are reporting above average yields at this point.

Oats have been rated as good to excellent, with 1 percent of the crop headed. **Snap beans** were being planted in northern counties. Snap beans and **sweet corn** were emerging in the central areas of the state. **Cucumbers** were planted during the week. **Potatoes** look good as growers have started applying a second fertilizer application.



Item	V.-poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					
Corn	1	5	19	57	18
Soybeans	1	2	15	65	17
Winter wheat	0	2	9	51	38
Oat	0	4	9	65	22
Pasture	1	6	15	58	20

First Crop Hay Harvested, by District



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 planted	99	99	96	99	92	88	98	95	88	95	96	92
Corn emerged	83	90	84	91	80	73	86	81	72	83	78	68
Average height of corn	5	4	4	5	5	3	6	6	4	5	4	2
Soybeans planted	88	94	85	96	80	77	89	84	69	85	89	78
Soybeans emerged	53	70	40	73	53	48	64	58	46	59	55	44
First cutting hay	44	45	36	66	36	23	64	46	35	48	31	22

Quotes from Farm Reporters and County Ag Agents

CHIPPEWA-J.C.: Planting has wrapped up for the most part. First crop hay is coming off fast, with excellent drying conditions this past week. Soybeans are emerging fast, but so are the weeds. Cutworms seem to be somewhat more prevalent in corn this year.

RUSK-G.P.: A few soybeans are all that are left to go in. Oats look good. Corn is coming along nicely with the heat. Weeds are getting to be a problem. Lots of Roundup-ready seed out there, so spraying should really kick in soon. First crop hay is rolling along nicely; quality and quantity is good.

ASHLAND-G.M.: Light frost slowed legume growth. Grasses are striving on the wet, cool, and then 90 degree temperatures the last two weeks. Overall, crops are ahead of last year.

TAYLOR-D.E.: Very few fields have not been planted. Hay looks excellent and with weather holding up, not much has been rained on. Small grains look good so far, and corn is growing nicely. The hot weather certainly perked crops up considerably.

LANGLADE-A.K.: Things really took off this last week with the heat and moisture. Some corn varieties did not emerge the best on wet, heavy soils. Most corn looks pretty good. Soybean emergence looks real good. Lots of hay around here.

SHAWANO-T.A.: Plenty of moisture-too much for some of the corn to get in the ground. Weed control in the corn presents a problem. Alfalfa crop is outstanding, and yields have been strong.

LA CROSSE-S.H.: Much of the corn and a good portion of soybeans have been planted. Some silage corn is slated to go in after first cutting of hay. No replanting yet, however, hard rains and standing water last week may lead some farmers to consider it. First crop alfalfa has good quality, and lots of farmers are busy trying to get as much in as they can with the current stretch of sunny weather.

MONROE-W.H.: Planting is wrapping up. Some heavy rainfall events last week caused some gully erosion in isolated areas and slowed hay harvest for a few days. Several growers are applying herbicides.

PORTAGE-D.Z.: Sweet corn is being planted in our area. Excellent crop of first cutting alfalfa, but weather hasn't helped with harvest.

WAUPACA-D.L.H.: Warm weather is conducive to crops emerging. Hay crop is of normal yield and quality is good to excellent. We have an early hay harvest!

FOND DU LAC-B.B.: Winter wheat is heading out and standing strong. Trouble harvesting first crop hay with all the rainy days.

MANITOWOC-H.W.: Not much done the last two weeks. When just about ready to go, then another 1.5 inches of rain. Did not see any replanting yet, too wet. Hayfields look very good, but hard to get it in. No hay in around here. Places washed out.

CRAWFORD-V.H.: We have heavy hay yields and excellent pastures.

GRANT-L.F.: No replanting as of yet. Corn sure popped out of the ground with warm weather in the 90's and a very soaking rain. Yields are good in alfalfa hay. Some got rained on, so it's a little discolored. Some weeds showing up in corn fields. Soybeans are sort of slow in emerging. Fields will be soft for a few days.

COLUMBIA-R.S.: Much of the corn and soybeans are being replanted. Winter wheat has headed out. Just getting back on the land after early week showers. Weeds are showing up in corn and soybean fields.

DODGE-G.R.: Some reports of seeds rotting in ground in corn fields. Majority of earlier-planted fields have emerged. Hot, humid weather has given plants a boost. Oats and winter wheat look good. Alfalfa being harvested, though wet conditions are slowing completion.

KENOSHA-J.H.: Planting is difficult between rains. Some replanting will be necessary if it dries out. Crops emerging OK. Making hay is hard to do. No baling taking place. Lots of weedy corn. Both corn and soybeans showing signs of disease.



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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 June 3	Mar. 1 to June 3 normal *	Last week	Since June 1	June 1 dep. from normal*	Year to date
Eau Claire	87	58	95	49	73	10	688	471	0.36	0	n.a.	9.39
Green Bay	81	60	89	54	71	10	554	405	0.65	0.02	-0.31	11.30
La Crosse	86	62	95	53	74	8	696	541	0.57	0	n.a.	12.74
Madison	82	61	90	51	72	9	621	536	0.40	0.17	-0.19	15.02
Milwaukee	78	62	90	56	70	9	524	n.a.	1.48	0	n.a.	15.82

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.