



Wisconsin Crop Progress

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Weekend Brings Warmer Temperatures and Rainfall

While average temperatures were still below normal, warmer temperatures and rainfall arrived across most of the state at the end of last week. The wet, warm weather was welcomed by many growers who reported that it aided crops, although some reported that it was not enough to alleviate dry conditions. Reporters stated that continued moisture is needed and hope for warmer temperatures to give crops a much needed boost.

Across the reporting stations, precipitation ranged from 1.24 inches in Milwaukee to 6.13 inches in La Crosse. Average temperatures were 1 to 4 degrees below normal. Average high temperatures ranged from 78 to 81 degrees, while average low temperatures ranged from 56 to 61 degrees. On average, there were 5.2 days suitable for fieldwork. If you are interested in further weather data, please reference the following sites:

- <http://www.noaa.gov/>
- <http://www.aos.wisc.edu/~sco/>
- <http://www.cocorahs.org/>
- <http://www.weather.gov/>

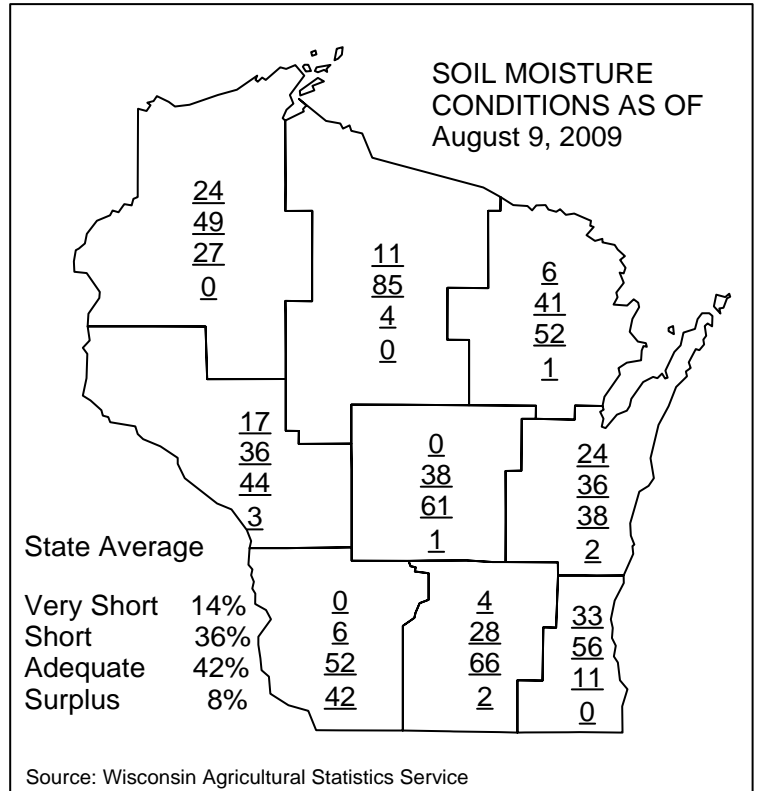
Corn silked was 77 percent complete statewide, an increase of 25 percentage points from the previous week. Across the state, 8 percent of the corn was reported to be in the dough stage. Reporters stated that the dry season has left many fields with uneven corn growth and maturity, but the recent moisture has alleviated some of the stress.

Soybeans blooming was reported as 77 percent complete, while 37 percent were reported to be setting pods. Soybeans have been reported as being behind schedule as well as plants being short. Growers reported that the recent moisture should help fill pods.

Winter wheat harvested for grain jumped 33 percentage points from the previous week to 56 percent complete statewide. Winter wheat harvest is now in full swing with many reports of little or no disease. Harvest of other small grains such as barley and rye has started in a few locations.

Oats harvested for grain reached 32 percent complete across the state. Many reported good yields with some well above average.

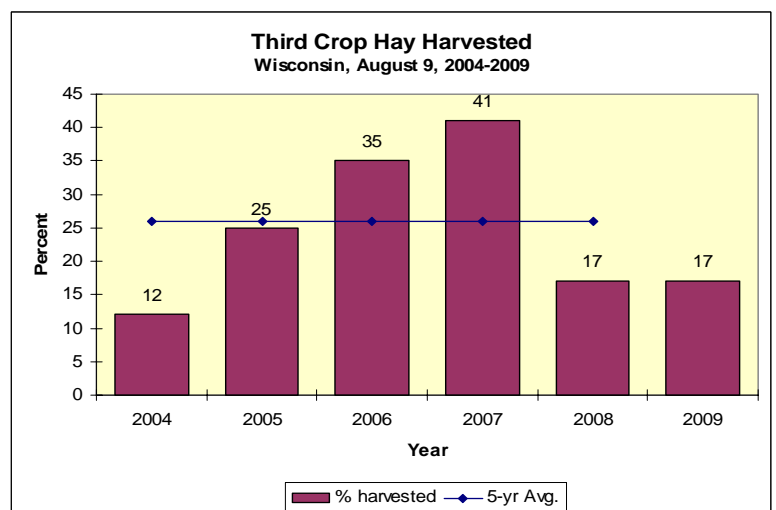
Second cutting **hay** has neared completion with 94 percent complete statewide, while third cutting hay reached 17 percent complete. Second and third hay cuttings last week were reported to be short, but the recent rains have given a boost to re-growth.



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of August 9, 2009

Item	V.-poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	7	10	28	42	13
Soybeans	6	8	24	47	15
Winter Wheat	1	3	24	51	21
Oats	2	9	19	52	18
Pasture	14	19	31	34	2

Source: USDA, NASS, Wisconsin Field Office.



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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 silked	74	60	65	84	86	57	99	80	61	77	80	86
Corn in dough stage	2	6	2	8	6	4	23	8	1	8	7	18
Soybeans blooming	58	64	89	87	57	70	95	87	60	77	85	88
Soybean setting pods	26	24	49	48	31	44	47	41	7	37	53	63
Winter wheat harvested	36	12	29	36	65	42	83	79	73	56	72	84
Oats harvested	38	7	2	59	19	15	71	33	4	32	41	63
Second cutting hay	98	90	100	98	96	94	92	92	87	94	93	94
Third cutting hay	8	20	9	17	15	15	30	22	9	17	17	26

Source: USDA, NASS, Wisconsin Field Office.

Quotes from Farm Reporters and County Ag Agents

POLK-C.S.: Rain over the past few weeks has improved all crops. Unfortunately a lot of damage had already occurred. Spraying for a few soybean aphids and weeds is going on. Small grain harvest is moving along with very disappointing yields.

RUSK-G.P.: A general rain fell this week easing the dry conditions. Some areas still missed out and others had more than the ground could take in. Corn continues to move along with lots of tassels. Temperatures look better for next week. Barley harvest is just starting.

CLARK-R.H.: Quality of second crop hay may have been decreased because spotty light showers made it difficult to make dry hay. A fair amount of third crop hay has been harvested and some second crop is still being made yet. A fair amount of small grain acreage has been swathed and combining is beginning this week. There are low numbers of soybean aphids and leafhoppers so far this season.

OCONTO-K.H.: Rains and some warmer temperatures have helped crops. Third cut hay harvest is just starting on farms using custom harvesters. Other farmers are finishing up second crop hay. Corn seemed to gain some height before tasseling the week before last. Soybeans continue to lag. Wheat harvest is just beginning. Moisture has perked up turf and pastures.

BUFFALO-R.S.: It is very dry here. Some corn is being chopped while stalks are still green, no chance of it making grain. Corn tasseling is uneven. Oats yielded well. Hay crop is short.

DUNN-S.S.: The cooler weather has helped much of the corn and soybeans from being in worse conditions than they are. Second crop hay is very short.

PORTAGE-D.Z.: Wheat and oat harvest is just getting underway; about 2 weeks behind last year. Corn is running about 10 days behind normal also.

WAUSHARA-L.K.: Second crop hay quality was good but did not have good yields. Soybeans are looking good now.

CALUMET-B.L.: Finally we received some measurable rainfall. Corn is really silking now. Soybeans are setting pods and seeds are developing

rapidly. Our wheat harvest has been surprisingly good with several reports of 90 plus bushels per acre with low dockage and good test weights. Alfalfa will grow now that the moisture has come but we have had low yields of second and third crop that were taken.

GRANT-G.C.: Second crop hay yields have been very good. Very little or no insect damage has been noticed. Oat combining is now underway. Yields of straw and oats are very good.

IOWA-S.M.: There is excellent pollination in the corn. There is also a good amount of flowers on the soybeans; pod filling has started. Oat and wheat yields are from good to above average.

COLUMBIA-J.J.: Yields and bushel weight of wheat, barley and oats are all above normal, also lots of straw. Corn and soybeans are really showing drought stress. Second and third crop hay is being harvested where growth warrants using expensive fuel to go over the field.

DODGE-G.R.: Winter wheat harvest is nearly complete. Lots of round and big square bales are waiting for hauling. No oat harvesting has been observed as of yet. Second crop hay is nearly finished. Most corn is setting ears.

KENOSHA-R.R.: There are average yields in winter wheat and oats. Cracks are showing up under half an inch wide in fields with corn showing some stress.

WAUKESHA-D.W.: Wheat harvest is almost done. Corn yield might be down 50 percent in our area.



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Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on August 9, 2009

City	Temperature						Growing degree days (modified base 50) 1/		Precipitation				
	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg. dep. from normal *	March 1 to August 8	March 1 to August 8 normal*	Last week	Since June 1	June 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	78	57	85	49	68	-4	1594	1694	3.01	7.99	-1.30	14.30	-5.28
Green Bay	78	56	83	50	67	-3	1450	1567	2.10	6.00	-1.79	16.44	-0.86
La Crosse	81	60	89	53	70	-4	1814	1894	6.13	11.29	1.96	20.63	0.41
Madison	80	58	87	50	69	-2	1674	1842	1.37	7.48	-1.53	24.23	3.87
Milwaukee	81	61	88	57	71	-1	1656	n.a.	1.24	7.39	-0.73	21.46	0.43

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. Source: USDA, NASS, Wisconsin Field Office.