



# Wisconsin Crop Progress

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## Dry, Sunny Week Allowed Fields To Dry

A week of sunshine and a light breeze last week aided many fields to dry out. For some growers, fields dried out enough to allow heavy machinery to enter, however, others reported fields were still too saturated. Across the northern part of the state, reports indicated that floods have receded, but many are still waiting to assess the resulting damage. Hard frosts were reported across the Northwestern and North Central districts while light frosts were reported across the southern and eastern parts of the state. Many reported leaves changing color, corn mazes opening, and pumpkins being harvested throughout the state.

Across the reporting stations, average temperatures last week ranged from 2 to 3 degrees below normal. Average high temperatures ranged from 64 to 68 degrees, while average low temperatures ranged from 39 to 48 degrees. Precipitation totals ranged from 0.00 inches in La Crosse to 0.27 inches in Green Bay. There were 6.0 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/>

Eighty-three percent of **corn** across the state was mature with 19 percent of corn for grain harvested. Corn for **silage** was reported at 87 percent harvested statewide with good quality and tonnage. Many reported that corn silage harvest was wrapping up with average to above average yields reported, and corn harvested for grain was beginning. Many are still waiting for fields to dry out before harvesting corn for grain.

**Soybean** leaves turned was reported at 99 percent complete statewide, and soybeans dropping leaves was reported at 88 percent complete. Combines began rolling in soybean fields as 23 percent of soybeans were reported harvested. For those who already harvested soybean fields, yields were reported as average to above average. A report from Dunn County stated some growers were drying soybeans in air bins. There is also some concern soybeans may start to sprout.

Fourth cutting **hay** was reported at 75 percent complete across the state, 12 percentage points above last year and 14 percentage points above the five-year average. Good yields were reported in Clark and Shawano Counties.

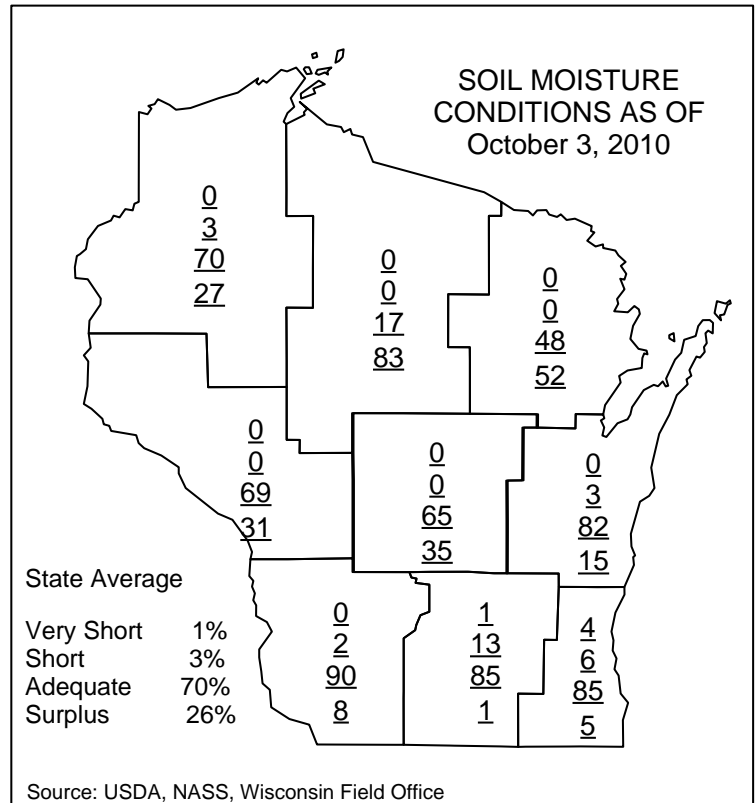
**Winter wheat** continued to be planted last week as fields were cleared of other crops. A report from Kewaunee County stated that winter wheat was going in strong last week with some early planted wheat fields emerging.

**Fall tillage** was reported at 16 percent complete, 4 percentage points above last week and 12 percentage points above the five-year average.

**Apple** harvest continued with quality reported as good in Kewaunee County.

**Cranberry** harvest continued with reports of the fruit being of good size and color.

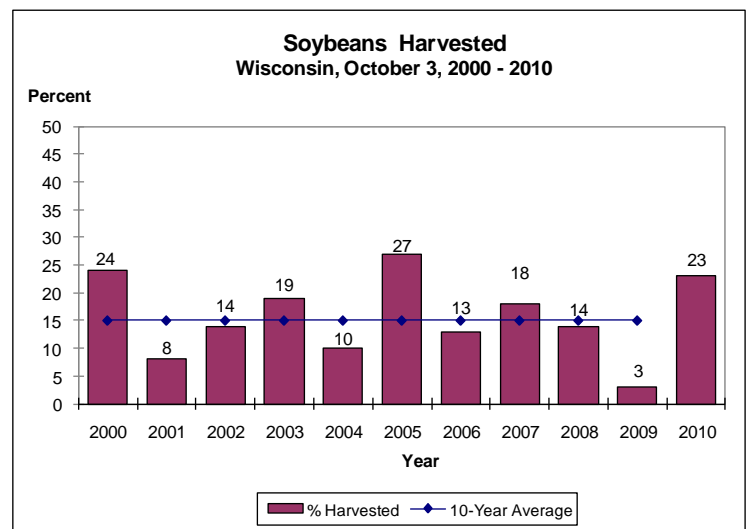
**Ginseng** was reported to have a delay in digging due to wet conditions in Lincoln County.



## Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of October 3, 2010

Item	V.-poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
Corn	1	3	12	45	39
Soybean	1	3	13	48	35
Pasture	0	3	21	51	25

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 week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
Corn mature	74	73	70	92	85	64	78	98	98	83	63	32	63
Corn harvested for grain	8	12	17	15	19	17	28	24	20	19	8	n.a.	7
Corn silage harvested	82	53	89	93	95	84	97	97	99	87	78	49	79
Soybean leaves turned	99	91	100	99	100	98	99	100	100	99	95	95	99
Soybean leaves dropped	80	78	78	86	91	79	94	93	97	88	72	70	86
Soybeans harvested	6	3	9	9	19	21	26	34	45	23	4	3	15
Fourth cutting hay	61	57	81	72	70	76	84	89	85	75	62	63	61
Fall tillage	8	8	17	18	24	22	13	14	19	16	11	9	4

Source: USDA, NASS, Wisconsin Field Office.

**Selected Quotes from Farm Reporters and County Ag Agents**

All comments are used in creating this report, but only a few are published below.

**BURNETT-J.D.:** Pretty wet for combining.  
**RUSK-G.P.:** Corn silage is in full swing right now. Plenty of mud but in general better than many thought it would be. Tonnage and quality both good. Soybean harvest has started. Yields in the 30's and moistures running around 14 percent. Corn just a little wet for high moisture, most running in the low 30 percent range. Some rye still going in but wrapping up.  
**LINCOLN-K.S.:** Potato fields are still having a hard time due to overly wet fields. Ginseng in this area is having a delay in digging due to wet conditions also.  
**TAYLOR-D.E.:** Despite the heavy rains the previous week, the fields are drying out and a few fields of corn silage were chopped. Soybeans have been harvested in a couple of fields but it is still very wet and muddy.  
**LANGLADE-A.K.:** It was a pretty good week Monday thru Thursday, and then got rained out on Friday again. Growing season ended Saturday night.  
**SHAWANO-J.N.:** Soybean harvest started this week, with yields above average. Moisture test below 13 percent and good test weight. A few of these acres are going into winter wheat yet. Corn harvested for high moisture grain has started and progressing rapidly. Some fifth crop alfalfa was cut this past week.  
**DUNN-J.R.:** Bumper crop of squash and pumpkins. High moisture corn harvest has started with corn running from 24 to minus 32 percent. Soybean harvest has started but are being dried in air bins. Soybeans are starting to lodge and concern is growing that beans will start to sprout.  
**MONROE-B.H.:** Still pretty wet, sandy soil is allowing the combines to run in bean fields.  
**ST. CROIX-R.F.:** We received a hard frost on Sunday morning. Some fourth crop hay still being harvested. Farmers have also started harvesting high moisture corn and soybeans. Trees are at their peak colors.  
**PORTAGE-D.Z.:** Potato harvest started to wind down. Some concerns about storability with recent heavy rains. Soybean harvest just started. A good frost would help the remaining leaves to fall.  
**WAUPACA-L.B.:** Raspberry season ending early. Pumpkins mostly harvested. Poor yield on pumpkins and squash.  
**MANITOWOC-M.R.:** Soybean harvest was in full swing this past week along with no-tilling winter wheat into the

soybean stubble. Corn silage harvest was also going very strong. Lots of manure being hauled onto fields harvested for corn silage also.  
**OUTAGAMIE-B.L.:** Water everywhere combines getting stuck if try.  
**SHEBOYGAN-S.D.:** Crops are good. Winter wheat is being planted into corn silage fields and soybean fields. It got cold last night with frost in low lying areas.  
**GRANT-D.W.:** Harvest is rolling right along. People are actually harvesting corn before soybeans.  
**VERNON-K.L.:** A week of beautiful dry weather for the farmers. Corn and soybeans drying down nicely. Soybean harvest began last week. Moisture running 12 percent and test weight 55 to 56. Corn drying down and high moisture corn being harvested. Yields are average to above. Farmers looking forward to not paying big drying bills this year, Mother Nature will do the work instead. Grape harvesting at the end. Lots of 3rd and 4th crop hay cut this past week. Light frost in the county this past week.  
**COLUMBIA-J.B.:** The weather was very good for soybean and corn harvest last week. Yields for both have been good.  
**GREEN-J.T.:** We did not receive major rain like northern Wisconsin. Therefore, crop harvest has been progressing rapidly. Corn and soybean yields are very good. Winter wheat is getting planted without trouble and a few are taking a final cutting of hay.  
**KENOSHA-J.H.:** Both corn and soybean yields are excellent.  
**WASHINGTON-G.S.:** Corn and soybean harvest is progressing rapidly thanks to the great weather we have had the past week or so and this coming week looks just as good.



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**Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on October 3, 2010**

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. 2	Mar. 1 to Oct. 2 normal*	Last Week	Since Sep. 1	Sep. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	66	39	77	32	52	-3	2934	2435	0.06	7.64	3.73	32.02	4.89
Green Bay	64	43	71	38	53	-2	2797	2301	0.27	4.75	1.50	33.05	9.62
La Crosse	68	44	82	38	56	-3	3292	2750	0.00	5.60	2.04	35.04	8.09
Madison	67	41	74	35	54	-3	3135	2699	0.02	2.76	-0.48	33.10	6.19
Milwaukee	66	48	75	43	57	-2	3119	n.a.	0.03	2.12	-1.35	30.50	3.03

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.