



Wisconsin Crop Progress

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Cool Nights, Windy Days

Temperatures dipped early in the week with overnight lows in the 30s and 40s. Northern Wisconsin received some patchy light frost, but minimal damage was reported. Windy conditions caused problems in some areas, drying out soils and hampering herbicide spraying. Though most of the state received precipitation this week, additional rain is needed for crop emergence and development. There were 5.2 days suitable for fieldwork.

Across the reporting stations, average temperatures last week were 1 degree below to 2 degrees above normal. Average high temperatures ranged from 70 to 74 degrees, while average low temperatures ranged from 51 to 55 degrees. Precipitation totals ranged from 0.18 inches in La Crosse to 1.01 inches in Madison. 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/>

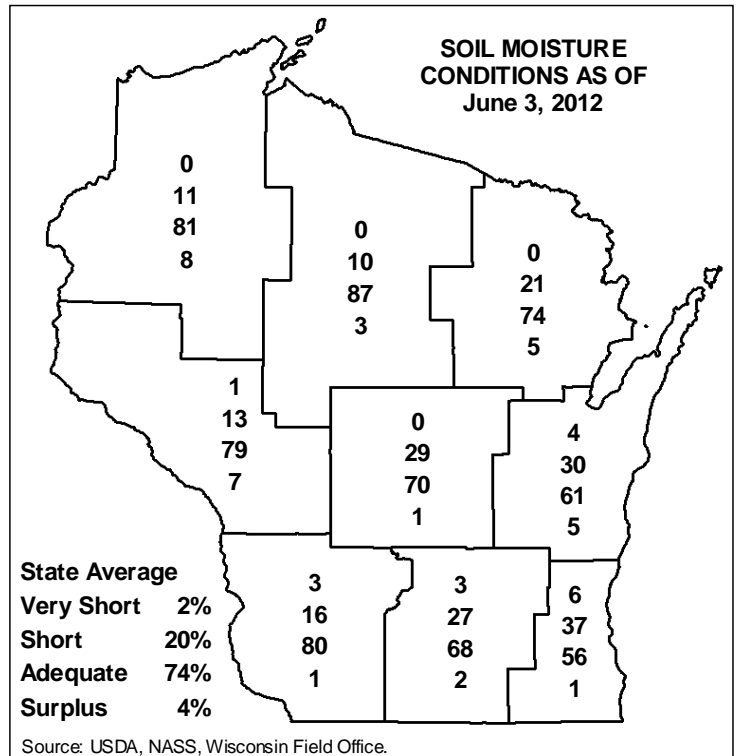
Statewide, **corn** was 98 percent planted and 87 percent emerged this week, with an average height of 6 inches. Replanting of frost and storm damaged corn continued. Cutworm damage and high weed pressure were reported in some areas.

Soybeans were 92 percent planted and 60 percent emerged. Some re-planting of poor soybean stands was reported.

Oats were 14 percent headed this week. A reporter from Dane county noted oats being cut for silage.

First cutting hay was 79 percent harvested this week. Quality and yield varied with frost damage. There were a few reports of second crop hay being cut in southern Wisconsin.

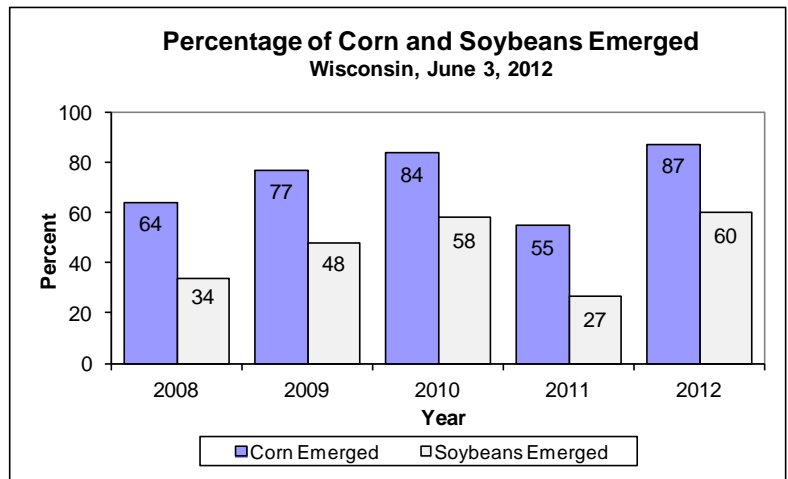
Winter wheat development continued, with reporters anticipating an early start to harvest. **Pumpkin and squash** planting was reportedly complete in Waupaca County. **Strawberry** picking began early across the state, though some reporters noted that berry size and quality was uneven due to frost damage.



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of June 3, 2012

Item	V.-poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
Pasture	1	5	21	61	12
Oats	1	2	17	64	16
Corn	1	2	19	62	16
Soybeans	1	2	23	63	11

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 planted	98	99	98	99	98	96	99	100	96	98	95	90	95
Corn emerged	80	83	91	91	86	78	86	96	82	87	65	55	75
Average corn height (in.)	5	4	6	6	7	4	6	7	8	6	n/a	0	2
Soybeans planted	85	94	87	92	94	90	93	94	89	92	79	68	83
Soybeans emerged	48	45	49	66	70	56	53	67	61	60	31	27	47
Oats headed	3	0	2	0	11	13	25	66	46	14	3	0	3
First cutting hay	54	67	79	77	76	87	95	95	72	79	63	27	33

Source: USDA, NASS, Wisconsin Field Office.

Coming soon - NASS's annual June surveys on crops and livestock. In the first two weeks of June, NASS will survey about 140,000 United States producers and will visit 42,000 tracts of farm land to collect information. One of USDA's largest survey efforts, the responses will provide the foundation for estimates in the upcoming growing year. With both data collection and data release taking place over a span of only four weeks, the results will be available beginning on June 29 in the *Acreage* and other reports. **Farmers should watch for their survey and be sure to respond. Your information matters!**

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Selected Quotes from Farm Reporters and County Ag Agents

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

CHIPPEWA-J.C.: First cut hay harvest is wrapping up with average yields and good quality. Soybeans look good but some fields need weed control soon.

ASHLAND-C.B.: Not much field activity. Most fields still too wet from heavy rains last week. There will be some prevented planting in the area.

ONEIDA-P.L.: Any rain we received is fast being used up with warm windy weather during the days. We need rain again soon to keep the crops growing. The light soils are more needy than the heavy soils. The weeds seem to be doing ok and are showing up in the hay fields. Some fields show a lot of yellow rocket especially on the heavy moist soils. The first crop hay is looking nice, but appears a little short as we get ready to start making hay. The potato crop looks good so far and they will start hilling soon. We could use about a half inch of rain each week for awhile or they will need to start irrigation regularly. We still had some light frost this past week in places around the county. It looks to have had a real serious affect on the fruit set.

FLORENCE-T.B.: Moisture conditions vary throughout the county. Rains early in the week ranged from just under an inch to over two inches. Cool cloudy conditions allowed for moist soils but high winds late in the week have made for dry conditions again. Hay crop is low in tonnage and grasses are fully headed out. Alfalfa is well into bud stage and quality is dropping fast. Expect to see hay cutting soon with the hope of a better second crop.

BUFFALO-S.M.: Hail damaged alfalfa has regrown enough for harvest. First crop has been reduced by about one third. Corn and soybeans look good.

TREMPEALEAU-J.H.: Replanting of corn due to heavy rains in some areas of the county. First crop hay short with reduced yields and quality.

JUNEAU-J.W.: Those that had to replant corn are about done. Some areas could use another rain. First crop hay is being made and pretty much done for the dairy farmers, beef producers started a little later. Strawberries are coming on strong.

PORTAGE-J.B.: This is a year for ups and downs. We had standing water now we have dust bowls. Need rain.

DOOR- R.S.: Got some very needed rain.

KEWAUNEE-J.J.: Re-planting corn due to compaction/crust. Quality of hay/alfalfa is high.

GRANT-D.W.: First crop harvest is pretty well wrapped up. Moderate yield, but pretty good quality. Corn crop looks good, but some weeds have shown up in fields.

SAUK-C.N.: It appears the strawberry crop did not recover from the unseasonably warm weather in March followed by frost/freezing temperatures in April. Significant losses are likely.

DANE-J.K.: Didn't see or do any replanting around here. Field conditions are better now with the rain we had. Not so dusty now. Tobacco planting has started. Weeds and disease are under control. Quality of first crop hay was good. First crop hay had a good yield. Second crop hay is starting already. Veggies are good, all are emerged. Fruit crops are slow to come. Strawberries are way ahead of normal by about two weeks. Strawberries are very uneven in size and taste. Fruit crops are very hard to analyze. Some corn going in after hay. Some oats are being cut for silage. Looks like very early wheat and straw baling. Yield for wheat should be very good.

KENOSHA-R.R.: The hay yields are down 45 percent, mostly stems.

OZAUKEE-K.A.: Some weeds in corn and the beans are germinating unevenly. Top soil is dry. Cool weather kept ground from crusting over. Second crop hay is coming on fast. Could use nice warm shower to make beans emerge better.



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Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on June 3, 2012

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 Jun. 2	Mar. 1 to Jun. 2 normal*	Last Week	Since Jun. 1	Jun. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	73	51	89	38	62	0	813	469	0.23	0.00	n.a.	10.87	0.32
Green Bay	70	53	87	45	62	1	716	405	0.20	0.00	n.a.	10.05	0.30
La Crosse	74	53	91	42	64	-1	914	540	0.18	0.00	n.a.	11.01	-0.11
Madison	74	55	94	47	64	2	878	535	1.01	0.00	n.a.	11.08	-0.58
Milwaukee	72	54	89	46	63	2	686	n.a.	0.29	0.01	-0.19	12.66	-0.52

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.