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Farmers were considering their options this week as persistent cold, wet and overcast conditions kept fields soggy. Statewide, topsoil moisture was 44 percent surplus compared to 35 percent last week. Many reporters noted standing water and drowned out or unplatable areas in bottomlands. Progress totals for planting and emergence of all crops, tillage and haying remained well behind normal. Some uncompleted corn planting was reportedly being abandoned in favor of shorter season crops, especially in the north. Reporters commented that emerged corn and soybeans were looking yellow and short due to the lack of heat. The damp conditions were favorable for weeds but made spraying difficult. Though feed supplies were short and alfalfa was maturing rapidly, many hay fields remained too wet to cut. Where cutting was possible, drying the hay was not. There were 2.4 days suitable for fieldwork.

Across the reporting stations, average temperatures last week were 5 to 7 degrees below normal. Average high temperatures ranged from 64 to 67 degrees, while average low temperatures ranged from 48 to 52 degrees. Precipitation totals ranged from 0.05 inches in Milwaukee to 0.99 inches in La Crosse. 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, **spring tillage** was 85 percent complete, with producers working around wet spots.

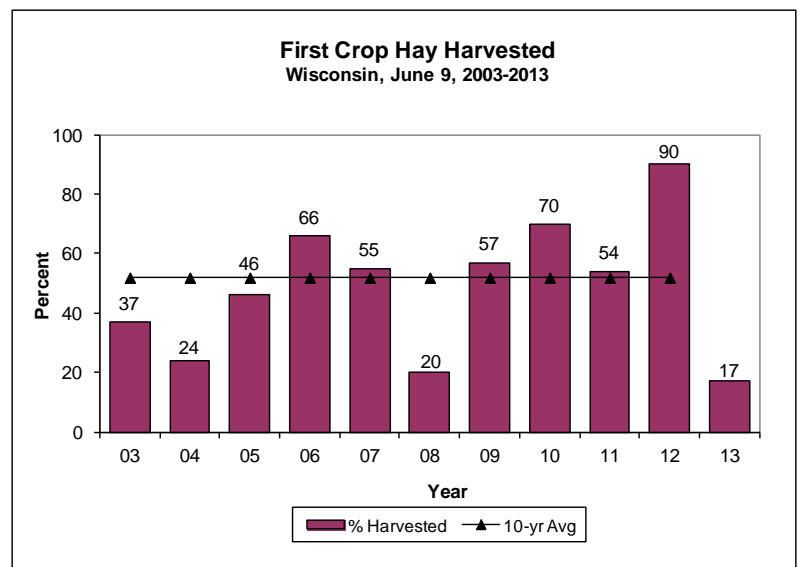
Corn was 81 percent planted, 60 percent emerged, and 5 inches tall on average.

Soybeans were 55 percent planted and 28 percent emerged.

Oats were 94 percent planted and 87 percent emerged. Oats were 1 percent headed, compared to 37 percent last year and a five-year average of 15 percent. The crop was reportedly looking good in some areas but showing moisture stress in others.

First cutting alfalfa was 17 percent harvested. Reporters commented that dairies were taking haylage as needed for feed, but most other haying was at a standstill.

Portage county reporters noted that **potatoes** and **processing vegetables** in the central sands were looking good. **Apples** and other fruit trees were reportedly done blossoming and showing a heavy fruit set. A reporter from Waupaca County commented that the **strawberry** season was about three weeks behind normal.



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of June 9, 2013

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
Pasture	0	2	20	54	24
Corn	2	8	35	46	9
Oats	0	5	30	49	16

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
	Percent									Percent			
Corn planted	81	60	85	76	79	77	91	89	80	81	74	100	99
Corn emerged	40	40	54	52	63	57	67	77	61	60	44	95	87
Average corn height (in.)	3	3	3	4	5	3	5	7	4	5	3	10	5
Soybeans planted	48	26	64	41	62	50	59	73	54	55	43	97	91
Soybeans emerged	14	6	18	12	32	26	34	45	34	28	15	80	67
Oats planted	95	85	95	92	87	98	97	100	94	94	91	100	100
Oats emerged	84	74	92	86	79	90	92	96	92	87	77	100	98
First cutting hay	3	1	19	10	18	12	27	37	19	17	7	90	58
Spring tillage	80	73	90	79	77	88	94	95	84	85	80	100	100

Source: USDA, NASS, Wisconsin Field Office.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Conditions, June 9, 2013

Item	District average									State average		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year
	Days									Days		
Days Suitable	1.7	0.5	2.1	2.0	2.9	2.5	2.5	3.7	4.0	2.4	2.6	6.4
	Percent									Percent		
Topsoil Moisture												
Very Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
Short	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	41
Adequate	59	6	57	49	53	60	68	71	81	55	64	47
Surplus	41	94	43	50	47	40	30	29	19	44	35	1
Subsoil Moisture												
Very Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	n.a.
Short	1	0	12	1	0	1	6	0	0	2	3	n.a.
Adequate	75	38	56	68	83	73	82	79	89	72	79	n.a.
Surplus	24	62	32	31	17	26	11	21	11	26	18	n.a.

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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.

BARRON-B.D.: WET!

WASHBURN-P.H.: Lucky to be on sandy soils. All planting was done around average dates. Corn, alfalfa and soybeans are up and waiting for heat to grow. Started alfalfa harvest on Friday and Saturday. Should finish this week.

CLARK-A.K.: In 1997 I planted June 14th, but I'm usually done planting by May 15th.

MARATHON-G.M.: Too much moisture, nothing can be done until we get sun and drier conditions.

FLORENCE-T.B.: Most planting is done except some areas of heavier soils. Corn is emerging well but everyone is commenting on how yellow it is. Also seeing dry spots on the leaves. Could be frost damage as we did have a light frost early in the week. Grasses are ready for cutting and the alfalfa and clovers are very close to ready. Expect to see cutting as soon as the weather permits. It was another cold and wet week.

LANGLADE-A.K.: Just keeps getting better, have ground that is not going to be planted to something yet. Will just wait for things to dry up and see what are options are.

OCONTO-J.M.: Heard from a few crop farmers that they are not planting anymore corn. Switching to soybeans on all unplanted acres.

EAU CLAIRE-A.B.: The rain continues, some producers are calling this week the last chance to plant. The large dairies are having issues trying to empty manure pits prior to planting crops. Field conditions continue to be wet, producers are nervous to travel on them due to the damage the equipment could cause. A few brave producers have cut hay because they need the feed. I still see a few late blossoms on apple trees.

PIERCE-G.A.: Delayed planting continues. Corn and soybeans look poor due to cool, wet, overcast conditions persisting. Alfalfa harvest underway as growers can get on these fields. Alfalfa quality is now at full bud and declining due to late cutting.

ST CROIX-D.K.: Cool, damp weather makes haying 'impossible'.

MARQUETTE-K.V.: Corn is yellowing and needs some sunshine and some field drying conditions. Many farmers waiting for a 3 day dry window to cut and harvest hay crop.

WAUSHARA-K.W.: Some hay harvested for haylage. Not enough dry weather for dry hay. Corn is slow growing due to cold weather and wetter than normal soil.

FOND DU LAC-R.P.: Wheat is starting to head out and it looks better than I thought it would.

OUTAGAMIE-J.B.: Too wet to do anything. Lots of planting to go and hay to make.

WINNEBAGO-S.E.: Some fields still too wet to plant. Corn that's up has poor color.

RICHLAND-J.C.: There are bottom fields that may go unplanted this year. The alfalfa is ready for harvest, we just need enough days of dry weather to get it off the field.

SAUK-J.P.: This has been the most frustrating, aggravating year that anyone can recall. No dry hay has been made and the prospects for the upcoming week do not sound good at all. No one is talking of replanting because there is so much original planting to be done yet. The days that are dry enough for spraying are too windy so many have had to change their mixes to post-emerge instead of pre-emerge. Fruit trees do look terrific and to paraphrase the old farmer "If nothing happens we should have a good crop." We cannot eat the asparagus fast enough even with preserving some.

GREEN-D.M.: Lack of heat has corn at slow growth. Small plants, plus rains, cannot get corn field dried off enough to cultivate. Doing organic, so grass has taken over the field.

KENOSHA-R.R.: Winter wheat is headed out. Corn and soybeans are yellow. Need warm weather.

Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on June 9, 2013

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. 8	Mar. 1 To Jun. 8 normal*	Last Week	Since Jun. 1	Jun. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	64	50	71	43	57	-7	457	551	0.58	0.59	-0.52	19.10	+7.67
Green Bay	65	48	73	41	57	-5	449	480	0.80	1.11	+0.29	14.87	+4.48
La Crosse	66	52	74	46	59	-7	531	631	0.99	1.20	+0.27	20.13	+8.22
Madison	67	49	72	41	58	-6	556	623	0.70	0.70	-0.27	20.80	+8.42
Milwaukee	64	48	67	41	56	-6	446	n.a.	0.05	0.14	-0.68	19.66	+5.92

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.



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