



Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition

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Clear, Sunny Weather Aids Fieldwork

There were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending September 4th, 2016, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Though northwestern and southeastern Wisconsin received some heavy rain this week, much of the state had little to no measurable precipitation. Overnight lows dipped into the 40s in the north, and daytime highs were in the 70s and low 80s statewide. This window of clear weather allowed lots of dry hay to be made and a wrap-up to the oats harvest. Corn silage was being chopped in many areas, though some farmers were still waiting for plant moistures to fall and muddy fields to dry. A number of reporters noted rapid development in soybeans this week, with leaves coloring and dropping quickly.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 6 percent short, 85 percent adequate and 8 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 6 percent short, 85 percent adequate and 8 percent surplus.

As of September 4th, 91 percent of the state's corn acreage was in or beyond the dough stage, 2 days ahead of last year, and 9 days ahead of the five-year average. Seventy-one percent of corn was dented, 8 days ahead of last year, and 11 days ahead of the average. Thirteen percent of corn was reported mature, 8 days ahead of last year, and 7 days ahead of the average. Corn for silage was 8 percent harvested, 4 days ahead of last year, but even with the average. Corn condition was 87 percent good to excellent.

Leaves were turning color on 32 percent of the state's soybean acreage, 2 days ahead of last year, and 3 days ahead of the average. Five percent of soybeans were dropping leaves. There were several reports of white mold on soybean fields. Soybean condition was rated 85 percent good to excellent.

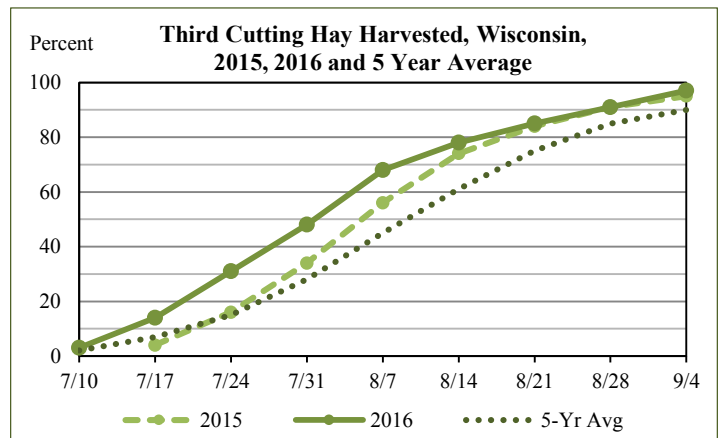
Twenty-one percent of potatoes had been harvested statewide. Potato condition was rated 88 percent good to excellent.

Oats for grain were 96 percent harvested, the same as last year, but 7 days ahead of the average.

Four percent of winter wheat was planted.

The third cutting of alfalfa was 97 percent complete. The fourth cutting was 56 percent complete. All hay condition was rated 90 percent good to excellent.

Pasture condition was rated 79 percent good to excellent.



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of September 4, 2016

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
All Hay.....	0	1	9	51	39
Corn.....	1	2	10	43	44
Pasture & Range.....	1	3	17	55	24
Potatoes.....	1	2	9	54	34
Soybeans.....	1	2	12	47	38

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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			
Alfalfa Hay, Third Cutting.....	92	96	98	96	95	98	99	97	98	97	91	95	90
Alfalfa Hay, Fourth Cutting.....	50	42	55	61	49	73	48	60	59	56	40	44	36
Corn Dough.....	92	64	62	89	93	95	98	97	96	91	85	89	82
Corn Dented.....	60	43	40	64	77	73	72	88	81	71	50	51	45
Corn Mature.....	3	4	3	8	15	9	15	17	42	13	3	4	5
Corn Harvested for Silage.....	8	5	3	7	5	4	16	7	28	8	3	5	8
Oats Harvested.....	96	89	90	99	99	98	100	100	100	96	94	96	93
Potatoes Harvested.....	16	3	29	18	21	n.a.	17	28	n.a.	21	16	43	n.a.
Soybeans Coloring.....	44	51	22	29	51	24	35	26	26	32	10	28	24
Soybeans Dropping Leaves.....	10	11	5	6	4	3	4	6	2	5	2	2	2

n.a.=not available

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Conditions as of September 4, 2016

Item	District average									State average		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last Year
	Days									Days		
Days Suitable	5.4	5.7	6.0	5.5	6.3	6.3	5.8	5.7	5.9	5.8	4.3	5.3
	Percent									Percent		
Topsoil Moisture												
Very Short.....	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	3	1	1	3
Short.....	2	0	9	1	6	17	3	8	13	6	4	15
Adequate.....	86	90	85	88	86	78	93	79	77	85	81	73
Surplus.....	12	10	4	11	8	2	4	13	7	8	14	9
Subsoil Moisture												
Very Short.....	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	6	1	1	2
Short.....	4	0	7	1	3	8	4	9	20	6	4	20
Adequate.....	90	88	82	90	89	85	92	79	69	85	83	74
Surplus.....	6	12	9	9	8	4	4	12	5	8	12	4

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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.

BAYFIELD/DOUGLAS-C.B.: Nice earlier in the week, rain towards the end of the week. A few beef producers still working on late season hay. Still lots of good pasture throughout the area.

BARRON-T.B.: Soybean leaves are turning color and dropping, lots of changes in a week. Corn silage harvest beginning to ramp up and it's looking to be a very big crop. Corn for grain is still a ways off, but yield estimates are very promising. Winter small grain planting is progressing, as has green manure cover crops. Manure hauling has begun, but available acreage is limited and is focusing on silage acres. Overgrazing on pasture acres has hurt forage but rain has helped them recover. Precipitation downpours have gullied some fields.

CLARK-A.K.: A dry week, lots of hay made for dry and haylage. Corn and soybeans are maturing very rapidly. Some corn silage is being made, mostly opening up fields. We are seeing some sudden death and white mold in soybeans field.

FLORENCE/MARINETTE-S.R.: Soybeans in some areas getting hit hard by white mold, other areas none present.

SHAWANO-B.R.: Corn silage harvest will begin soon. Soybeans are starting to turn color. Alfalfa fourth cutting underway with total tonnage for the year approaching phenomenal numbers. Apple crop looks good and early varieties are tasty.

MONROE-B.H.: Wet soil conditions are going to make corn silage harvest troublesome in some areas

TREMPEALEAU-D.D.: Corn silage is started and will be in full swing this week. Some are already completed

GREEN LAKE-B.K.: Weather conditions are adding to white mold showing up in the soybeans

JUNEAU-J.W.: It was a beautiful week with warm days and cool nights. Soybeans really turned this past week and a few areas started dropping some leaves. Corn has also started to turn color but is looking very good. The biggest concern right now is the forecast for more significant rainfall which we don't need. This will inhibit silage harvest, winter wheat and fall alfalfa seeding and possibly hinder the harvesting of corn and soybeans.

MANITOWOC-M.R.: Saw a couple field of corn silage opened up this past week. Depending on the weather forecast for this week - corn silage harvest should kick off in full force around the county. Also one farm said they harvested fifth crop alfalfa this past week.

SHEBOYGAN-M.B.: Expecting corn silage harvest to begin the week of September 5th. Corn silage dry down results from August 31 have corn whole plant moistures averaging 72 percent. Severe white mold losses in some area soybean fields.

IOWA/RICHLAND/SAUK-L.A.: We need temperatures to cool down so that we can begin to store potatoes. Harvest off the field has been going good with average yields.

DODGE-R.J.: Crops are maturing ahead of schedule. Chopping corn for silage is just beginning.

GREEN-M.M.: Corn silage harvest is in full swing with very good yields and quality. Many are also finishing up with fourth cutting of hay.

OZAUKEE/WASHINGTON-G.S.: Crops look great!

Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on September 4, 2016

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 Sep. 3	Mar. 1 to Sep. 3 normal*	Last Week	Since Sep. 1	Sep. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	79	54	85	48	67	+2	2473	2155	0.06	0.00	n.a.	27.06	+3.33
Green Bay	79	56	86	48	67	+3	2321	2019	0.00	0.00	n.a.	21.62	+1.03
La Crosse	81	60	84	52	70	+2	2868	2419	0.00	0.00	n.a.	29.92	+5.99
Madison	78	58	84	50	68	+2	2596	2357	0.13	0.00	n.a.	32.38	+8.22
Milwaukee	77	64	85	58	70	+2	2608	n.a.	2.09	0.00	n.a.	20.65	-3.93

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. n.a.=not available. T=trace Source: NCEP/NOAA Climate Prediction Center <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>.

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