



Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition



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Dry Weather Needed

There were 3.6 **days suitable for fieldwork** for the week ending September 11, 2016, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Heavy rains interrupted fieldwork this week, with rainfall totals from 1 to 8 inches reported. Some areas reported flooding, particularly in the central and southwestern portions of the state. There were many reports statewide of muddy conditions and standing water in the low spots of fields. Corn silage was being harvested as plant moistures and field conditions permitted.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 77 percent adequate and 21 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 4 percent short, 79 percent adequate and 16 percent surplus.

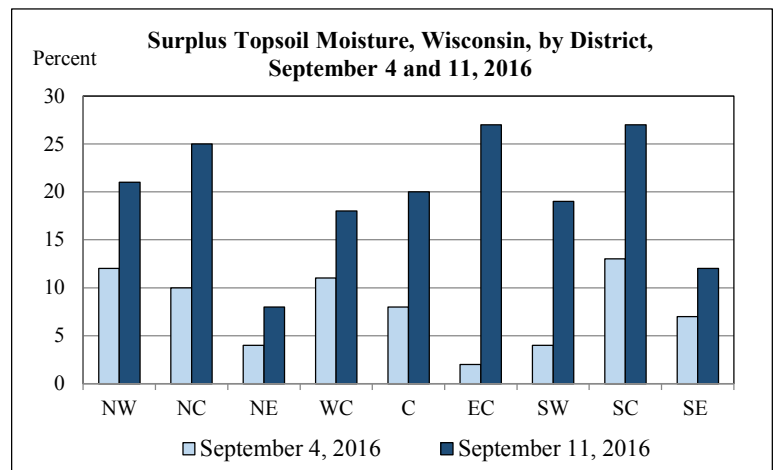
As of September 11, 95 percent of the state's **corn** acreage was in or beyond the dough stage, 4 days ahead of last year, and 7 days ahead of the five-year average. Eighty-one percent of corn was dented, 7 days ahead of last year, and 10 days ahead of the average. Twenty-nine percent of corn was reported mature, 10 days ahead of last year, and 9 days ahead of the average. Corn for silage was 23 percent harvested, 5 days ahead of last year, and 2 days ahead of the average. Corn condition was 87 percent good to excellent.

Leaves were turning color on 67 percent of the state's **soybean** acreage, 4 days ahead of last year, and 6 days ahead of the average. Twenty-five percent of soybeans were dropping leaves, 6 days ahead of last year, and 5 years ahead of the average. Soybean condition was rated 84 percent good to excellent.

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

Eleven percent of **winter wheat** was planted, 5 days ahead of last year. One percent of winter wheat was emerged. The fourth cutting of **alfalfa** was 67 percent complete, 5 days ahead of last year, and 10 days ahead of the average.

Pasture condition was rated 78 percent good to excellent.



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of September 11, 2016

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
Corn.....	1	2	10	44	43
Pasture & Range	1	4	17	54	24
Potatoes.....	1	2	9	54	34
Soybeans.....	1	3	12	46	38

Wisconsin Crop Progress as of September 11, 2016

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, Fourth Cutting.....	69	44	59	68	67	82	62	74	69	67	56	58	49
Corn Dough.....	97	75	70	94	96	99	99	99	98	95	91	93	89
Corn Dented.....	79	50	54	76	87	81	85	93	85	81	71	70	62
Corn Mature.....	8	8	9	27	33	22	28	47	54	29	13	11	13
Corn Harvested for Silage.....	22	12	15	18	15	20	38	30	40	23	8	13	19
Potatoes Harvested.....	19	22	30	36	25	n.a.	31	34	n.a.	26	21	50	n.a.
Soybeans Coloring.....	79	75	29	62	80	60	71	69	69	67	32	55	47
Soybeans Dropping Leaves.....	24	24	10	21	29	18	19	30	44	25	5	10	12
Winter Wheat Planted.....	30	19	21	9	11	12	11	8	4	11	4	6	n.a.

n.a.=not available

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Conditions as of September 11, 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	3.8	2.4	4.0	3.1	3.7	4.0	3.5	3.9	4.6	3.6	5.8	4.6	
	Percent									Percent			
	Topsoil Moisture												
	Very Short.....	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	
	Short.....	1	0	8	0	0	4	1	4	1	2	11	
	Adequate.....	78	75	82	82	80	68	80	69	87	77	85	
Surplus.....	21	25	8	18	20	27	19	27	12	21	8		
Subsoil Moisture													
Very Short.....	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	6	1	1	2	
Short.....	4	0	7	0	2	3	1	7	15	4	6	18	
Adequate.....	85	73	78	85	80	83	88	69	73	79	85	74	
Surplus.....	11	27	13	15	18	13	11	24	6	16	8	6	

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-B.P.: Pastures green and growing. Lots of standing water in area fields. Some erosion in soybean fields that have lost their leaves. Too much rain this late in the season. Corn silage harvest continued in the rain on fields with higher ground. Could become a fall of mudding out corn and soybeans. We are in need of two dry weeks with sun and wind to dry fields out. Hay yields must be a record this year. Four great cuttings on most fields. Soybeans chest high and filled with pods. Corn ears have tipped and are large in size.

PRICE/TAYLOR-D.E.: 3-5 inches of rain in the area halted field work again. Some corn for silage has been harvested and it is anticipated that much of that crop will be harvested this week. Once again, harvesting dry hay is more than challenging. Soybeans seem to turn overnight with all colored and many dropping leaves. It is very wet to even harvest any corn at this point.

SHAWANO-B.R.: Soybean leaves are just starting to drop. Corn for silage is beginning to be chopped off. Alfalfa still growing like crazy and so are the lawns. No winter wheat planted yet.

EAU CLAIRE-J.M.: Continuing rain and wet conditions preventing silage harvest. Corn is maturing past optimal maturity for silage harvest

ST CROIX-D.K.: Wet weather in the early part of the week held up corn silage. Most started Thursday on bunkers and piles. Still too wet for tower silos.

ADAMS/MARQUETTE/WAUSHARA-D.B.: Rains last week slowed any harvest down by several days.

PORTAGE-J.W.: White cranberry harvest continues with good yields. Snap bean and sweet corn harvest continues with interruptions from monsoonal rains. All other crop harvest stopped by heavy rainfall or fields too wet for machinery to travel.

FOND DU LAC-B.B.: Harvest of corn silage for two days, then heavy rains to 3.50 inches put the brakes on field work for the remainder of the period. Good thing this season's heavy and tall soybean canopies are yellowing down, at least in the immediate neighborhood. White mold issues have likely been averted what with all the rain the past thirty days (8.20 inches). Pastures actually improved some which is unusual for this time of year. Alfalfa is on track to enter dormancy in very good condition.

RICHLAND-J.C.: Flooding last week has caused a harvesting delay. There are fields that will be a while before producers can get into them. A concern with debris in low lying fields. There are some soybeans in low fields that have been covered with mud and may have a hard time standing back up. Some pastures are still flooded and will be a concern with the mud covered grass once the water recedes.

COLUMBIA-G.K.: Very wet this past week. About 5 inches of rain throughout the county. Rivers, creeks, and drainage ditches are full.

ROCK-C.O.: Corn silage harvest is slow due to poor field conditions. Stalks are juicy, but corn is maturing fast.

WALWORTH-N.W.: Soybeans have started to change color this last week with leaves starting to drop. Corn is also drying down fast with corn silage harvest wrapping up.

Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on September 11, 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. 10	Mar. 1 to Sep. 10 normal*	Last Week	Since Sep. 1	Sep. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	76	61	80	52	68	+5	2602	2255	1.75	1.75	+0.27	28.81	+4.19
Green Bay	80	58	87	50	69	+7	2453	2118	1.81	1.81	+0.62	23.43	+1.94
La Crosse	80	63	87	56	72	+6	3021	2534	4.62	4.62	+3.32	35.46	+10.67
Madison	79	62	88	55	71	+7	2741	2469	1.83	1.83	+0.57	34.20	+9.24
Milwaukee	83	65	94	57	74	+8	2772	n.a.	1.67	1.67	+0.42	22.32	-3.04

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>.

For more 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/>

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