



Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition

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Warm, Sunny Week Boosts Harvest

There were **5.7 days suitable for fieldwork** for the week ending October 23, 2016, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Clear weather and above normal temperatures created excellent conditions for fieldwork across much of the state this week. Fieldwork in Northern Wisconsin was delayed by rains early in the week, but had picked up again by the weekend. Rapid progress was made in harvesting soybeans and corn. Reporters noted good yields in many areas, though there were scattered reports of mold issues, also some farmers were working around wet spots. Winter wheat planting, fall tillage, and manure spreading continued as fields were cleared.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 78 percent adequate and 20 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 78 percent adequate and 20 percent surplus.

As of October 23, 38 percent of the state's **corn** for grain had been harvested, 2 days behind last year, and slightly behind the 5 year average. Ninety-eight percent of corn for silage had been harvested. The average moisture of corn harvested for grain this week was 20 percent, 1 percentage point lower than last week. Corn condition was 86 percent good to excellent.

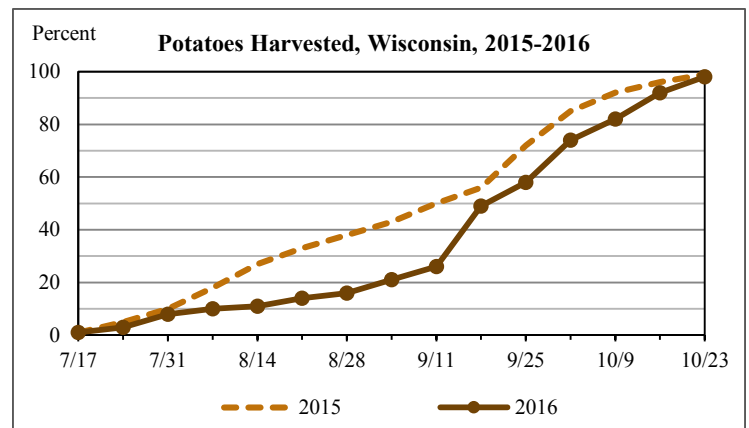
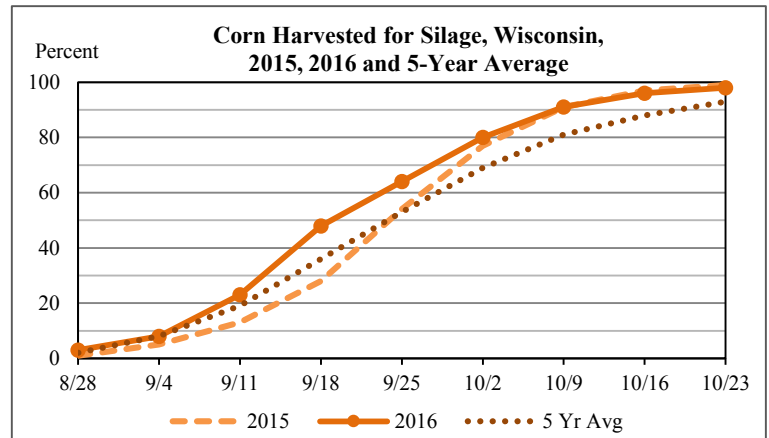
Soybeans were 71 percent harvested, 5 days behind last year, and 2 days behind the average.

Ninety-eight percent of **potatoes** had been harvested.

Eighty-three percent of **winter wheat** was planted, 7 days behind last year. Sixty percent of winter wheat was emerged, 2 days behind last year. Winter wheat was rated 85 percent good to excellent.

Fall **tillage** was 32 percent complete, up 9 percentage points from last week.

Pasture condition was rated 71 percent good to excellent.



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of October 23, 2016

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
Corn.....	1	3	10	43	43
Pasture & Range	2	4	23	47	24
Winter Wheat.....	0	1	14	54	31

Wisconsin Crop Progress as of October 23, 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			
Corn Harvested for Grain.....	31	51	20	38	22	42	45	40	40	38	24	41	39
Fall Tillage.....	37	43	21	25	43	35	28	28	39	32	23	43	34
Potatoes Harvested.....	81	100	99	100	97	n.a.	100	100	n.a.	98	92	99	n.a.
Soybeans Harvested.....	82	63	53	81	64	63	67	75	75	71	47	84	75
Winter Wheat Planted.....	97	59	83	99	88	82	81	85	82	83	70	91	n.a.
Winter Wheat Emerged.....	89	34	58	85	66	60	53	62	50	60	43	66	n.a.

n.a.=not available

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Conditions as of October 23, 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	5.3	3.8	5.3	5.6	6.1	5.9	6.5	6.1	4.9	5.7	4.8	5.7
	Percent									Percent		
Topsoil Moisture												
Very Short.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Short.....	0	0	1	1	2	2	3	5	0	2	1	17
Adequate.....	71	73	81	85	84	73	82	72	86	78	72	76
Surplus.....	29	27	18	14	14	25	15	23	14	20	27	5
Subsoil Moisture												
Very Short.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Short.....	3	0	2	1	1	1	2	5	0	2	1	17
Adequate.....	82	87	75	83	82	65	81	70	88	78	73	78
Surplus.....	15	13	23	16	17	34	17	25	12	20	26	3

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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-B.P.: Corn yields from 140 to 180 bushels per acre - very dry corn for how wet the ground is. Soybeans running 45 to 60 bushels per acre - very dry also. Some wet spots too wet to harvest but generally good harvest progress being made. Did see some hay being chopped this week - 4th and 5th cut, good yields too. Pastures are still green and growing some. Small price rebound has helped area farmers have a more positive outlook on things.

PRICE/TAYLOR-D.E.: Harvesting soybeans and corn going well with yields reported above average. Fields are drying up enough to get fodder off. Some late season hay is being harvested.

MARINETTE/OCONTO-N.S.: Corn silage harvest is mostly complete. A lot of soybeans came off over the past week. Reports of soybean yields have been very good thus far.

LA CROSSE-I.H.: Farmers are happily combining corn and soybeans into all hours of the night. The mill is busy and trucks are lined up to unload. Some cornstalks have been chopped and baled for bedding. Fall tillage will probably wait until all corn is off. Soybean moisture ranged from 12 to 15 percent, depending on the area from which they came. A few sunny days in a row makes a big difference in completion of work in the fields.

ST CROIX-D.K.: Most soybeans are harvested. Corn is being done. Nice weather for working. Some corn stalk baling has started

ADAMS/MARQUETTE/WAUSHARA-D.B.: Conditions have been dry but crops are just starting to be harvested in earnest. Waiting for crop to drop more in moisture.

WOOD-M.L.: Fields have started shaping up. Beans are coming off fast, yields are good.

SHEBOYGAN-M.B.: Favorable weather this past week to harvest. Corn and bean yields are excellent, breaking local production records. Some late planted wheat still being planted after soybeans.

VERNON-K.L.: Good week for harvest. Lots of soybeans and corn going in. Corn yields reported as very good with average test weights. Soybean yields average. ARC/PLC payments hit the banks, so lots of very happy producers.

DANE-F.P.: A lot of corn and soybeans were combined during the past week. Tree leaves are reaching their peak color. A lot of fall tillage has been completed.

WALWORTH-N.W.: Finally a few sunny days to harvest soybeans this last weekend. Yields being reported range from 50 bushels per acre to 75 bushels per acre. Corn also has been coming off with good yields being reported and moisture in the teens.

Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on October 23, 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 Oct. 22	Mar. 1 to Oct. 22 normal*	Last Week	Since Sep. 1	Sep. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	63	41	77	33	52	+5	3034	2563	1.05	9.97	+4.64	37.03	+8.55
Green Bay	64	45	77	34	54	+7	2914	2423	0.04	5.69	+1.11	27.31	+2.49
La Crosse	68	47	77	34	57	+7	3599	2905	0.03	10.88	+5.96	41.72	+13.34
Madison	65	47	79	33	56	+7	3249	2862	0.17	11.00	+6.44	43.37	+15.03
Milwaukee	67	50	80	38	58	+7	3344	n.a.	1.18	6.06	+1.06	26.70	-2.32

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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