



Wisconsin Crop Progress

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Growers Welcome Warm, Dry Week

A much needed week of warm, dry weather finally arrived. This allowed fields to dry and gave crops a boost. The dry week helped many growers get into fields to spray for weeds, cut hay, and add side dressings to corn. However, wet spots could still be found in some fields.

Across the reporting stations, average temperatures last week ranged from 0 to 2 degrees below normal. Average high temperatures ranged from 78 to 81 degrees, while average low temperatures ranged from 55 to 60 degrees. Precipitation totals ranged from 0.01 inches in Eau Claire to 0.90 inches in Madison. There were 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork. 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/>

Corn shot up with the sunny warm weather. The average height of corn throughout the state was reported at 47 inches high, 16 inches above last week and 8 inches above the five-year average. Post emergence herbicide and side dressings of nitrogen was applied to corn. Some corn was reported as short and uneven due to excess moisture in June. Some low-lying areas were yellow.

Statewide, **soybeans** were reported at 10 percent in bloom. Many reports stated that soybean fields improved with the warm weather, but weeds were still a major problem. Many growers sprayed for weeds as fields dried out. One report stated some soybeans were replanted in Pepin County due to slugs.

Oats headed was reported at 94 percent complete, an increase of 12 percentage points from the previous week. Oats were reported as looking good with conditions rated at 87 percent Good to Excellent. Harvest of oats was reported as beginning in Dunn, La Crosse, and Fond du Lac Counties.

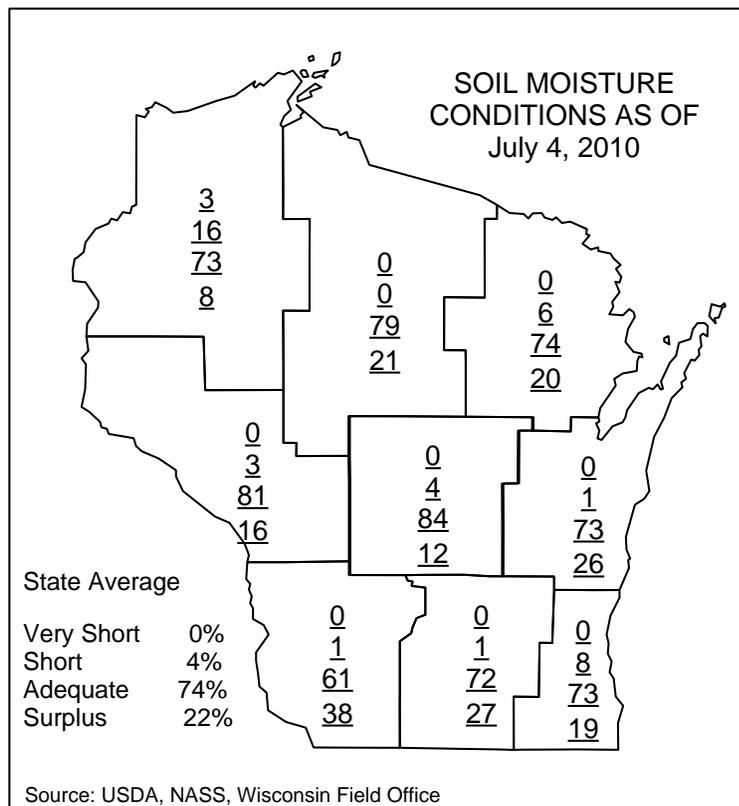
Winter wheat was reported as looking good overall, but some reports stated that weeds are a problem. Wheat fields have turned color rapidly. A report from Green Lake County stated that wheat showed signs of rust due to wet conditions in June.

The dry weather helped many to wrap up first cutting **hay**, reported at 95 percent complete statewide. The warm weather also allowed many to get a good start on cutting their second hay crop, reported at 32 percent complete statewide. This is 15 percentage points above last year and 8 percentage points above the five-year average. Reported yields for second crop were good to excellent.

Harvest of **peas** began in Door and Columbia Counties.

Raspberry season was in full swing and the crop was reported as looking good in Waupaca County.

Pumpkins and **squash** were reported as blossoming in Waupaca County.

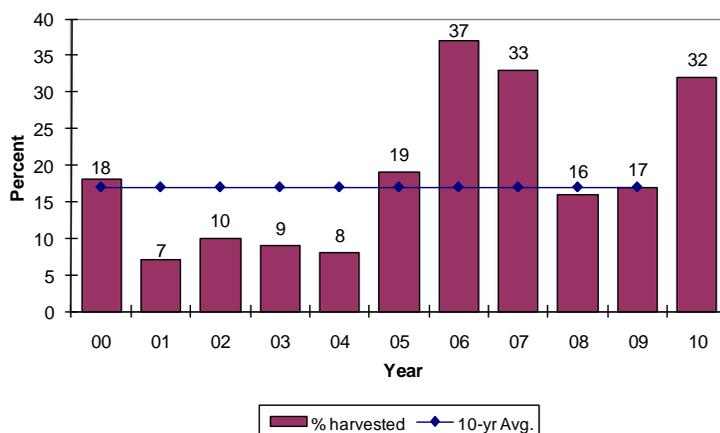


Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of July 4, 2010

| Item | V.-poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|--------------|---------|------|------|------|-----------|
| | Percent | | | | |
| Corn | 1 | 3 | 13 | 51 | 32 |
| Soybean | 1 | 3 | 17 | 57 | 22 |
| Winter Wheat | 0 | 1 | 11 | 54 | 34 |
| Oat | 0 | 3 | 10 | 66 | 21 |
| Pasture | 0 | 1 | 13 | 62 | 24 |

Source: USDA, NASS, Wisconsin Field Office.

Second Crop Hay Harvested Wisconsin, July 4, 2000-2010



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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 |
| Average corn height | 32 | 34 | 45 | 50 | 44 | 33 | 59 | 55 | 56 | 47 | 31 | 34 | 39 |
| Soybeans blooming | 2 | 13 | 3 | 4 | 16 | 12 | 7 | 10 | 19 | 10 | n.a. | 3 | 11 |
| Oats headed | 84 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 98 | 92 | 96 | 98 | 96 | 94 | 82 | 82 | 85 |
| First cutting hay | 91 | 87 | 98 | 97 | 95 | 96 | 97 | 99 | 97 | 95 | 84 | 100 | 97 |
| Second cutting hay | 36 | 25 | 44 | 21 | 32 | 33 | 31 | 43 | 29 | 32 | n.a. | 17 | 24 |

Source: USDA, NASS, Wisconsin Field Office.

Selected Quotes from Farm Reporters and County Ag Agents

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

WASHBURN-E.M.: Good week for haying with drier conditions.

RUSK-G.P.: Rain has finally decided to take a break. Haylage and dry hay are being made, second crop is starting. Corn is really jumping and soybeans are turning around with the drier weather. Lots of spraying on going, but still, some spots are too wet. Getting stuck way more than we like. In areas that got the most rain, even hayfields, are still soft and farmers are getting stuck. Leaf diseases common during the big wet spell are not as much of a problem in second crop as it continues to grow back.

ONEIDA-B.E.: Looks like a very good cranberry crop here this year. We were in full bloom last week, and the honeybees and other pollinators were working overtime. Expect to be out of bloom by July 10th, a good two weeks earlier than usual. Fruit set has begun, and it's shaping up to be a good year for us. Temperatures were about average here for this time of year, and we saw about 2.0 inches of rain during the week. I have noticed that there is starting to be standing water again when it rains, as opposed to it draining straight through like it was a few weeks ago.

MONROE-P.B.: Just finishing getting first crop off fields in our area. Lots of ragweed. First crop over ripe and stemmy, not good at all. Those who got off first crop the end of May could be cutting second crop now and have nice crop.

PIERCE-G.A.: Wet June with 10.0 plus inches. Corn tall and green. Soybeans stretching daily. Second crop has started.

GREEN LAKE-B.K.: Ninety-eight percent of all crops look good. In low or sandy areas the crops show stress from too much moisture. The wheat shows some signs of rust related to wetter than normal weather conditions. Any first crop that has not been harvested is old. Both first and second crops have yielded average or above.

WAUPACA-L.B.: Raspberry season is in full swing and crop is good. Pumpkins and squash are blossoming.

FOND DU LAC-B.B.: Corn has recovered very well from the heavy rains, while the soybeans are still a little spotty because of it. Pea/oat forages have been taken and yields were very good despite variations in the stands. Overall, insect pressure is low in the vegetables with no fungal disease to report.

MANITOWOC-M.R.: A week of dry weather was very welcomed in the county. It seemed like everyone was making hay while the sun shined last week. The dry weather also allowed some spray rigs to get rolling again and try to catch up on some weed control in corn and soybean fields.

GRANT-E.B.: We had 16.0 inches of rain in the month of June. The crops are showing some stress. The dairy farmers are working hard at second cutting with the nice weather this week. The small grains for forage were a bust this year. The ground was too wet to harvest.

VERNON-K.L.: Perfect week for producers to get out and finish first crop hay and spray soybeans. Warmer temperatures, and no rain for the week, allowed farmers to be in the fields all week. Corn looks like it grew another 24.0 inches. Some 75 day corn is already shooting tassels. Small grains being chopped due to the prior weather causing some stands to fall. Crops are stunted or failing in areas where water has been standing.

COLUMBIA-J.B.: Pea harvest has occurred over the past week.

DANE-J.K.: Crops look good, except some getting water-logged! The low areas are flooded. All low fields of corn are yellow and some dead, will never recover about 2.0 to 3.0 percent at this time. Weeds are not too bad but diseases will get worse. Second crop alfalfa quality was good if you were lucky enough to get it in between showers as we were with our custom 110 acres. Quality is not as good because of all the rain. It looks like corn will be tasseled out on the fourth of July again, way ahead of schedule. A lot of fields being cut up because of muddy field conditions, but what do you do? The crop has to go in some time. Trucks seem to go better than wagons.



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Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on July 4, 2010

| 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 Jul. 3 | Mar. 1 to Jul. 3 normal* | Last Week | Since June 1 | June 1 dep. from normal * | Year to date | Year dep. from normal * |
| Eau Claire | 80 | 58 | 90 | 47 | 69 | 0 | 1268 | 975 | 0.01 | 4.88 | 0.19 | 11.15 | -3.91 |
| Green Bay | 78 | 55 | 83 | 47 | 67 | -1 | 1120 | 877 | 0.79 | 6.74 | 2.98 | 14.38 | 1.07 |
| La Crosse | 81 | 60 | 90 | 50 | 71 | -1 | 1418 | 1107 | 0.27 | 7.74 | 3.32 | 16.26 | 0.93 |
| Madison | 79 | 59 | 86 | 50 | 69 | -1 | 1310 | 1083 | 0.90 | 8.39 | 3.96 | 18.44 | 2.55 |
| Milwaukee | 78 | 58 | 86 | 53 | 68 | -2 | 1195 | n.a. | 0.61 | 6.93 | 3.00 | 15.94 | -0.83 |

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.