



# Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition



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## Wet in the North, Dry in the South

There were 4.8 **days suitable for fieldwork** during the week ending June 7th, 2015, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. It was another rainy week for northern Wisconsin as multiple storms interrupted planting and haying. Reporters in some areas noted standing water in low spots and crops yellowing due to cool temperatures and excessive moisture. By contrast, the southern portions of the state received only scattered precipitation over the weekend, but made good progress on the first cutting of hay. Temperatures were below normal this week, providing excellent conditions for pastures and livestock but less heat than needed for corn and soybeans.

Though the statewide average for topsoil moisture shifted only slightly from the previous week, this week's precipitation caused topsoil moisture conditions to diverge at the district level. Topsoil in the three southern districts was drier than the previous week, while topsoil in the three northern districts was wetter. In the three central districts, more topsoil moisture was rated adequate than in the previous week, causing both short and surplus ratings there to fall.

As of June 7<sup>th</sup>, **corn** emerged was 94 percent, over two weeks ahead of last year and 13 days ahead of the five-year average. Corn condition was 84 percent good to excellent.

**Soybeans** planted was at 95 percent, 12 days ahead of last year and two weeks ahead of the five-year average. Soybeans emerged was 77 percent, the highest for this date since 2000. The first soybean condition of the year was 0 percent very poor, 1 percent poor, 13 percent fair, 65 percent good, and 21 percent excellent.

**Oats** headed was at 9 percent, almost a week ahead of last year. Oats condition was 86 percent good to excellent.

**Potato** condition was 95 percent good to excellent.

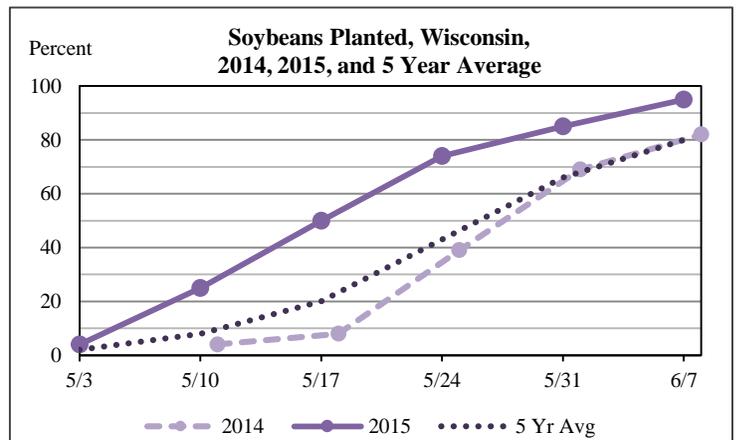
**Winter wheat** headed was at 58 percent, just over a week ahead of last year. Winter Wheat was 76 percent in good to excellent condition, up 2 percentage points from the previous week.

**Pasture** condition improved moderately with 78 percent rated good to excellent compared to 76 percent last week.

The **first cutting of alfalfa** was 61 percent harvested, 5 days ahead of last year and 4 days ahead of the five-year average.

**All Hay Condition** was 80 percent in good to excellent condition, down 1 percentage point from last week.

A reporter in Washburn County reported that winter **rye** is pollinating now. A reporter in Wood County noted that **cranberry** vines are in the "roughneck" stage of growth.



## Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of June 7, 2015

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
Corn	0	2	14	64	20
Hay, All	1	4	15	56	24
Oats	0	0	14	64	22
Pasture & Range	1	5	16	57	21
Potatoes	0	0	5	81	14
Soybeans	0	1	13	65	21
Winter Wheat	1	3	20	53	23

## Wisconsin Crop Progress as of June 7, 2015

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 emerged	90	95	87	95	93	96	94	97	94	94	86	72	76
Alfalfa hay, first cutting	38	35	55	65	53	65	73	76	56	61	31	45	51
Oats headed	11	2	3	4	12	19	7	27	8	9	3	3	10
Soybeans planted	96	93	90	96	94	98	94	97	91	95	85	80	80
Soybeans emerged	74	76	58	82	79	87	71	76	76	77	61	53	53
Winter wheat headed	51	48	21	58	63	56	63	65	64	58	23	34	n.a.

n.a.=not available

## Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Conditions as of June 7, 2015

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	3.5	4.4	4.2	5.2	4.9	5.4	5.8	4.6	4.8	2.7	4.8
	Percent									Percent		
Topsoil Moisture												
Very Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0
Short	6	0	4	6	6	0	19	21	8	9	8	5
Adequate	80	69	71	84	81	78	78	72	78	78	78	74
Surplus	14	31	25	10	13	22	2	4	14	13	14	21
Subsoil Moisture												
Very Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0
Short	6	0	11	9	12	2	27	27	26	13	14	6
Adequate	81	75	74	83	80	82	72	67	65	78	80	79
Surplus	13	25	15	8	8	16	0	3	9	9	6	15

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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.

**RUSK-G.P.:** Please turn off the water!

**WASHBURN-P.H.:** Winter rye pollinating now. Dairy producers chopped first crop last week. Yields average or less. Some fields thin and weedy. Beef producers waiting for good baling weather. Corn and soybean growth is slow with cold weather. Lots of weedy fields this year.

**ASHLAND-C.B.:** Field work progress has been slow due to periodic rains. Hay growth appears to be behind where the hay growth was at this time last year.

**PRICE-D.E.:** Some crops are not planted - trying to get hay off first or it has just been too wet. Harvesting hay is a challenge with wet conditions. Corn, soybeans and small grains doing well despite the bouts of frost in the past few weeks.

**SHAWANO-J.N.:** As of Sunday morning, June 7, we had another inch of rainfall. This makes over 4 inches in the last 2 weeks. We went from being dry to having too much now, as some of it came as heavy rainfall. Some corn is suffering from saturated ground. I noticed one field planted right before the rain which will not emerge because of rotted seed. It will need to be replanted when it dries out. Soybeans look good. Alfalfa harvest varies from good to disappointing. Some had more winterkill than first realized.

**DUNN-M.B.:** Crops are looking good and progressing well. Intermittent rains have aided hay production.

**LA CROSSE-I.H.:** Recurrent rain has restricted access to fields for crop harvest. When we get more than two days of sun in a row, farmers will attack fields with passion.

**WAUPACA-D.L.H.:** A lot of hay has been harvested with the favorable weather of the past week. Some corn, soybeans and oats show stress from recent wet conditions. Warmer weather is needed for growth of corn and soybeans.

**WOOD-B.E.:** Over the past two weeks we have seen over 3.5 inches of rain here. Temperatures last week were a bit below normal and we had to run the sprinkler irrigation system to protect the cranberry vines from frost several times. This recent week the temperatures were closer to average and, with the rainfall we received, we are now within 0.1 inch of normal. Cranberry vines are in the "roughneck" stage of growth. Weed pressure is above average here, while insect pressure is low.

**FOND DU LAC-B.B.:** By early mid-week field activities returned to harvest of first crop hay which saw a good yield and RFV put up. Soybeans are good and green with 2-6 true leaves. Corn averages 4.0 inches of height but is a bit nitrogen deprived. We could use some warmer temps - especially in the overnight - to get the soil more active and give up more of its nitrogen. Weeds are well in control. Second crop alfalfa coming back nicely. These have been most comfortable days for pastured livestock.

**OUTAGAMIE-S.S.:** We have had too much rain - 4.5 inches since May 23.

**SHEBOYGAN-M.B.:** Harvesting of an excellent alfalfa crop is well underway. Crop conditions are generally very good.

**VERNON-K.L.:** Some much needed sunshine in past week, but still a couple of rain showers. First crop hay looks good but we could use a dry week for farmers to finish harvesting and planting. Winter wheat starting to head out, but short.

**DODGE-R.H.:** Lots of hay made this week. An excellent crop this year

**GREEN-M.M.:** Most farmers are finished with first cutting of hay with good yields.

**WALWORTH-N.W.:** All crops are in good shape. We are a little short on rainfall.

### Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on June 7, 2015

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. 6	Mar. 1 to Jun. 6 normal*	Last Week	Since Jun. 1	Jun. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	73	49	77	34	61	-2	646	520	0.35	0.35	-0.46	9.81	-1.33
Green Bay	70	47	76	39	58	-4	593	450	0.01	0.01	-0.49	6.98	-3.28
La Crosse	75	53	80	42	64	-2	812	596	0.09	0.09	-0.60	12.70	+1.05
Madison	73	47	83	38	60	-3	709	588	0.00	0.00	n.a.	10.74	-1.32
Milwaukee	64	46	82	41	55	-7	483	n.a.	0.00	0.00	n.a.	10.23	-3.23

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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