



# Wisconsin Crop Weather

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## As the Season Wraps Up

Wisconsin experienced temperatures 10-15 degrees above normal last week. A lot of fieldwork that would have otherwise waited for spring was completed with November's mild weather. Statewide there were 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork last week. The soil moisture was reported 2% very short, 14% short, 78% adequate, and 6% surplus. Although 84% of the soil is considered adequate or surplus for soil moisture, many farmers are commenting on the need for additional moisture before the ground freezes.

**Corn** harvested for grain was 88% complete, compared to 91% last year, and 87% for the 5-year average. A Fond du Lac County farmer commented on the benefit of Bt corn for those who harvested late in that area. **Soybean** harvest was near completion with the state average at 98% complete, compared to 100% last year, and 99% for the 5-year average. Soybean yields continue to be reported across a wide range.

**Christmas tree** harvest in Wood County was reported in full swing last week. The trees look good, but don't have the internal moisture seen in previous years with wetter fall seasons.

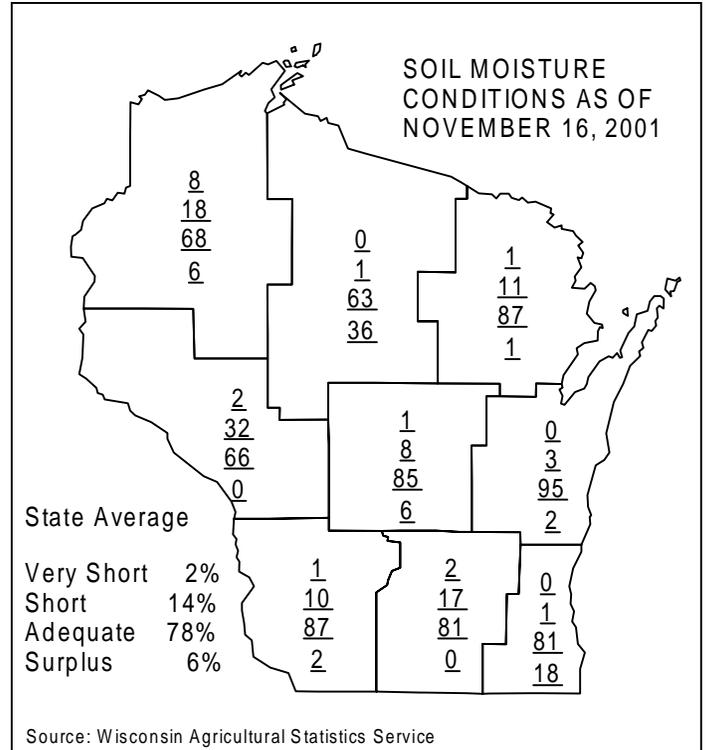
**Fall tillage** continued last week with 57% complete, compared to 66% last year, and 65% for the 5-year average. Reporters commented on fall tillage being completed under good conditions with decent soil moisture.

With this growing season reaching an end, a Langlade County farmer summed up fall harvest with soybeans looked better than it yielded, and corn yielded better than it looked.



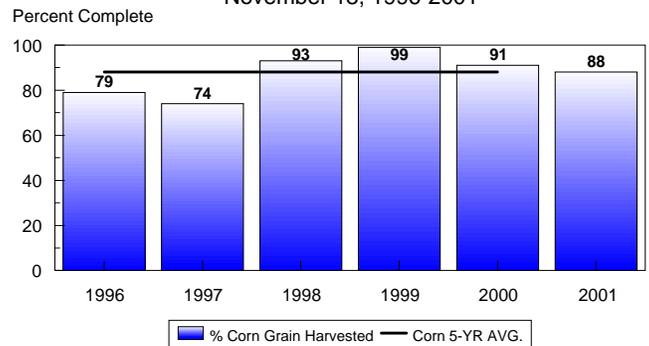
This is the last regular *Wisconsin Crop Weather* of the season. The review of 2001 will be released in early December.

Many **thanks** to the farmers, county agents, and others who reported this year!



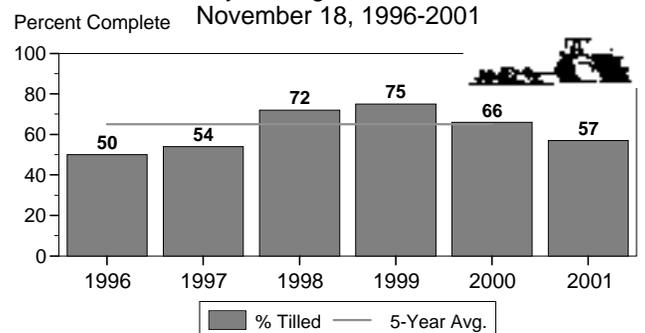
## Corn for Grain Harvested

Yearly Averages for Wisconsin  
November 18, 1996-2001



## Fall Tillage Completed

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Source: Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics Service



## Wisconsin Crop Progress, November 18, 2001

Crop and percent of acreage	District average									State average		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This year	Last year	5-year average
Corn hvstd. for grain	80	81	75	89	84	86	90	91	92	88	91	87
Fall tillage	68	66	60	55	66	62	49	48	57	57	66	65

**Quotes from Farm Reporters and County Ag Agents**

**BAYFIELD-S.S.:** Weather is super for completing fall tillage.

**CHIPPEWA-T.P.:** Corn yields are normal to above normal. Overall, a decent growing season, even with the weather extremes.

**LINCOLN-F.O.:** Corn and soybean yields are lower than last year. Large supply of hay. Fall-planted crops doing well.

**PRICE-M.K.:** Farmers generally report average corn yields this year, with some fields troubled with mold. Mild weather this fall has enabled a lot of fieldwork to take place that might ordinarily have waited until spring.

**LANGLADE-A.K.:** Soybean yields below normal, 35 bushels per acre. Corn was 130 bushels per acre. Soybeans looked better than the yields, and corn yielded better than it looked.

**SHAWANO-B.R.:** The crop year is rapidly coming to an end. For all the problems we had with planting in the spring, we ended up with yields that were better than anticipated. In addition, fall tillage is being done under very good conditions, with decent soil moisture.

**MONROE-W.D.:** Most soybeans are done, yields ranging from 20-40 bushels per acre. Still some corn and stalks to be made. Has been a good harvest season.

**PIERCE-C.T.:** A 0.25 inch of rain stopped fieldwork for one day. Last week, neighbors were putting up fourth crop hay that they couldn't do earlier. The weather has been warm and dry.

**ST CROIX-R.K.:** Warm weather has really helped to complete crop harvest, yields down from last year, especially soybeans, remains dry.

**WAUPACA-D.L.H.:** Corn and soybeans are below normal. Winter wheat is growing well. Fall plowing is progressing well. The overall 2001 yields of crops is somewhat below normal.

**WOOD-T.P.:** Has been a good to average crop year for the most part. Corn yields 70-140 bushels per acre, while soybeans ran 15-45 bushels per acre. This fall continues to be quite dry. Could use several inches of rainfall in the ground before it freezes. Hay stands look good. Some corn still in fields, but with the mold on it, need to get it harvested soon. Cranberry acreage is going into strong dormancy okay, but will suffer if it stays dry. That will be especially true on the grass and clover plantings now. Good color

in the bogs and harvest went well. Potato storage problems continue to exist. Fresh market stock seems better than processing stock at this point. Prices on fresh stock are good this year, while processing contracts are considerably lower than growers would like to see. Most producers have ample hay supplies.

**BROWN-C.F.:** Winter wheat looks much better after the recent warm weather.

**FOND DU LAC-B.P.:** Winter wheat is 4-5 inches and looks very good. Soybeans averaged 36 bushels per acre and corn averaged 120 bushels per acre. Plenty of hay in the area. Prices are improved.

**SHEBOYGAN-E.P.:** The weather and soil conditions have been excellent for plowing and fall tillage. Soybean and corn yields were below normal.

**CRAWFORD-D.W.:** Soybeans are about 15 bushels per acre under last year; the same with corn. People that are not done with fieldwork surely can't blame the weather.

**GREEN-F.Z.:** Some corn very good, and then some not so good. Hay at auction brought more this year than last.

**JEFFERSON-J.M.:** Soybeans are done. Not much corn left. Yields satisfactory considering the year. Winter wheat looks very good.

**WASHINGTON-R.B.:** Soybeans are done; 70 percent of corn is done. If the weather stays nice a week or two, we all will be done with corn. Tillage is going on very fast in the area. Finished round baling corn stalks; conditions were excellent. Corn moisture is running 17-20 percent in fields, and test weight is 54-58.

**WAUKESHA-R.F.:** Soybeans-high, 50 bushels per acre; low, 27 bushels per acre. Corn-high, 160 bushels per acre; low, 90 bushels per acre. It was a strange growing season.



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**Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on November 18, 2001**

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 Sept. 29	Mar. 1 to Sept. 29 normal *	Last week	Since Sept. 1	Sept. 1 dep. from normal*	Year to date
Eau Claire	61	36	67	25	49	16	2,641	2,425	0.29	5.09	-2.18	33.08
Green Bay	55	33	68	26	44	9	2,519	2,289	0.22	4.36	-2.56	25.02
La Crosse	61	43	70	29	52	15	2,849	2,731	0.37	7.42	0.42	29.87
Madison	58	38	66	26	48	12	2,682	2,686	0.26	8.44	1.69	36.06
Milwaukee	57	42	65	33	50	11	2,677	n.a.	0.42	9.33	2.16	34.89

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 1961-90 data. Source: NCEP/NOAA Climate Prediction Center <<http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>>. N.a. = not available. T = trace.