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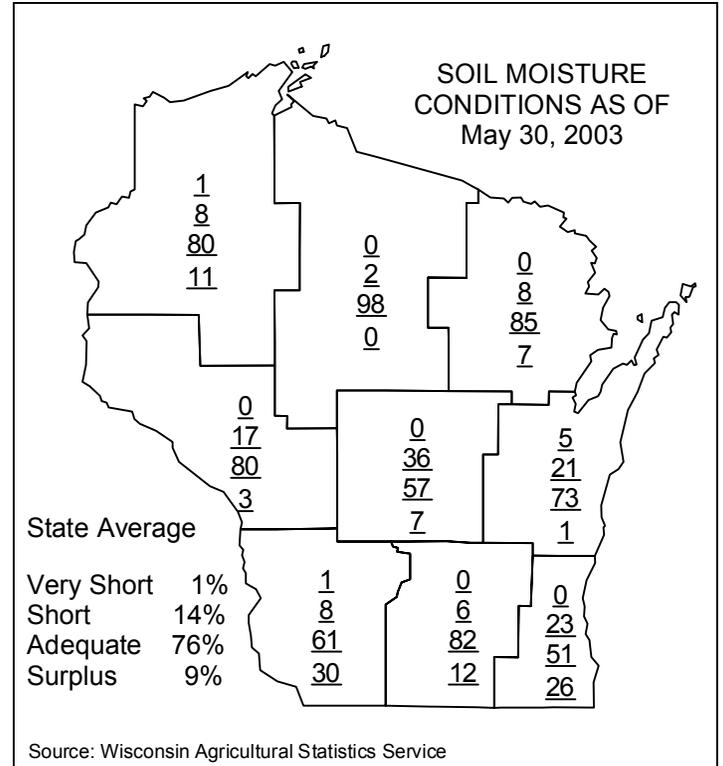
Planting Season Winds Down with Favorable Weather

A second week of good weather allowed fieldwork to advance rapidly. There was an average of 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork last week. Precipitation amounts for the week were mostly under 1 inch. Soil moisture conditions were rated as 1% very short, 14% short, 76% adequate, and 9% surplus. Temperatures were slightly below normal. Some areas reported frost, but little damage was evident. Warmer days have accelerated emergence of crops across the state. Pasture field condition was rated as 1% very poor, 5% poor, 20% fair, 52% good, and 22% excellent.

With much of the planting accomplished, **alfalfa** harvest has begun. Stands of alfalfa were reported to be thin, but of good quality. The good weather allowed alfalfa harvest to move quickly in southern Wisconsin. Northern Wisconsin farmers found more damage from winterkill in older stands of alfalfa. **Winter wheat** conditions were reported as 0% very poor, 4% poor, 19% fair, 58% good, and 19% excellent. Weeds have become a problem in some fields. **Oats** emerged was reported at 92%, compared to 78% last year and 94% for the 5-year average.

Corn planting was mostly completed around the state and it has emerged rapidly with the warmer days. Some early-planted fields were yellow, but greened up throughout the week. Late-planted corn has emerged rapidly with warmer soil temperatures. **Soybean** planting was rated as 73% complete, compared to 78% last year and 77% for the 5-year average. Soybeans emerged at 20% were behind both the last year's 30% and the 5-year average of 48% emerged.

Field activities included spraying of herbicides to combat early weed pressure. **Potatoes** were emerged and looked to be in good shape in the Central Sands region. **Sweet corn** planting continued in canning areas. **Peas** were blooming in early planted fields in Winnebago County. **Fruit tree** blossoming was winding down around the state.

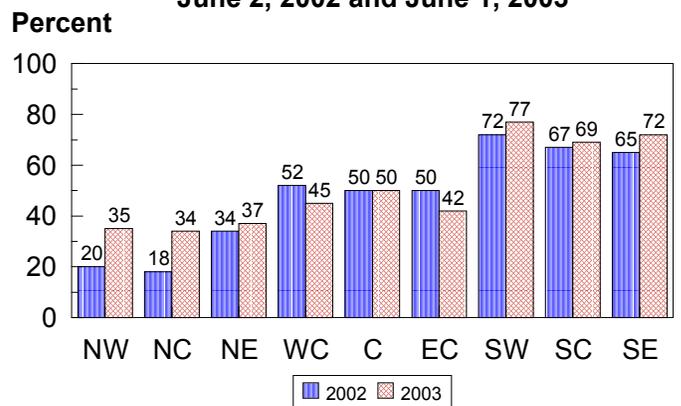


Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of May 30, 2003

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
Pasture	1	5	20	52	22
Winter wheat	0	4	19	58	19
Oat	0	1	21	65	13
Corn	0	2	31	56	11

Corn Emerged

Wisconsin by District
June 2, 2002 and June 1, 2003



Wisconsin Crop Progress, June 1, 2003

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
Spring tillage completed	87	90	94	93	94	92	96	90	90	92	89	97
Oats emerged	85	89	90	93	95	90	97	99	99	92	78	94
Corn planted	83	85	91	91	88	92	94	91	93	90	90	93
Corn emerged	35	34	37	45	50	42	77	69	72	56	49	72
Soybeans planted	60	75	66	74	65	77	82	73	77	73	78	77
Soybeans emerged	9	6	11	13	15	14	40	27	20	20	30	48
First cutting hay	2	5	1	9	6	6	36	16	35	13	11	30

Quotes from Farm Reporters and County Ag Agents

BURNETT-R.B.: Corn is all in and most of it is up. Where it is too wet not much is up. Soybeans are up. It is too wet to plant some soybeans. Hay ground also is too wet.

CHIPPEWA-J.M.: More reports of winterkill in alfalfa. The remaining hay is of marginal quality.

LINCOLN-F.O.: Most planting done, except for wet areas. No replanting being done. Some damage to old hayfields. New seedings look very good. Small grains doing well. Corn and vegetable crops slow to emerge, too cold.

LANGLADE-A.K.: Planting wrapped up with nice weather, corn emergence looks good. Hay growth has been slow and short. There is more winterkill then appeared a few weeks ago. New seeding is OK. Old fields vary from little damage to quite severe.

EAU CLAIRE-R.S.: Hay crop is very uneven, quality will not be real good. Could use a good, warm rain to get pastures going again.

ST. CROIX-L.M.: Some corn is being replanted. Most are finishing planting and starting haying this week. A couple of farmers are done with haying. Many alfalfa fields suffered winterkill or damage. Some fields will have first crop taken off and will be planted to corn.

MARQUETTE-K.V.: Several older stands of alfalfa that suffered winterkill are being harvested early and planted to corn for silage or high moisture corn. Haying is delayed due to slow development, and most of the cutting will begin Monday.

WOOD-M.L.: Cool, dry weather has alfalfa just sitting there, possibly suffering from last winter. Development of hay is uneven.

MANITOWOC-H.W.: Very good week for planting, just about all done. Some wash-outs on early-planted crops..

WINNEBAGO-R.H.: Planting of corn and soybeans mostly all done. Some early-planted corn is having a problem emerging, as there is a crust on the top, also some replanting on fields where there was water standing. Peas look good.

GRANT-R.R.: Dry weather has permitted much of the corn and soybeans to be planted. Continued cool weather has the corn growing slowly, and much of it is yellowed. Some early- planted corn has been replanted.

RICHLAND-S.K.: Soybean and corn planting is progressing nicely. We had a couple of rain days this week that slowed things down a little, but progress is being made. First crop hay harvest is in full swing. The quality and quantity look very good. The pea crop is in full bloom, it won't be long and it will be setting pods.

COLUMBIA-B.G.: First crop hay is moving along. Quality is excellent, tonnage is down. Some signs of alfalfa weevils in hay. Most all the corn is planted and has emerged. Some corn that was planted in too wet conditions makes the population uneven. Due to crusting and very dry soils, some black cutworm activity, especially in no-till corn. Soybeans are pretty much planted, except where there will be some double cropping after first crop hay or vegetables. Most soybean stands look excellent. There are soybean leaf beetles out there feeding on the early-planted soybeans. Green peas look very good.

GREEN-M.M.: First hay cutting is in full swing. All corn and the majority of the soybeans are planted and out of the ground.

WALWORTH-E.P.: Corn is no longer yellow, has a good, green color. Most of hay crop is done. Most of the soybeans are in.

WASHINGTON-R.B.: Corn planters rolled all week; most of the corn is in. Some hayfields will be cut and planted to corn. Corn is three inches tall and a little yellow. Wheat is looking better. Soybeans are slow to emerge. Sweet corn is on hold until warmer weather. Alfalfa is not mature, stems are very hollow and very little fiber.



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Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on June 1, 2003

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 May 31	Mar. 1 to May 31 normal *	Last week	Since June 1	June 1 dep. from normal*	Year to date
Eau Claire	77	45	81	36	61	-1	529	431	0.25	0.00	n.a	10.89
Green Bay	69	45	77	36	57	-4	361	370	0.78	0.00	n.a	9.01
La Crosse	78	48	84	41	63	-2	558	498	0.18	0.00	n.a	10.04
Madison	71	45	77	35	58	-4	473	494	0.45	0.00	n.a	9.22
Milwaukee	65	47	72	37	56	-5	325	n.a.	0.59	0.00	n.a	8.71

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.