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Frost Ends Growing Season

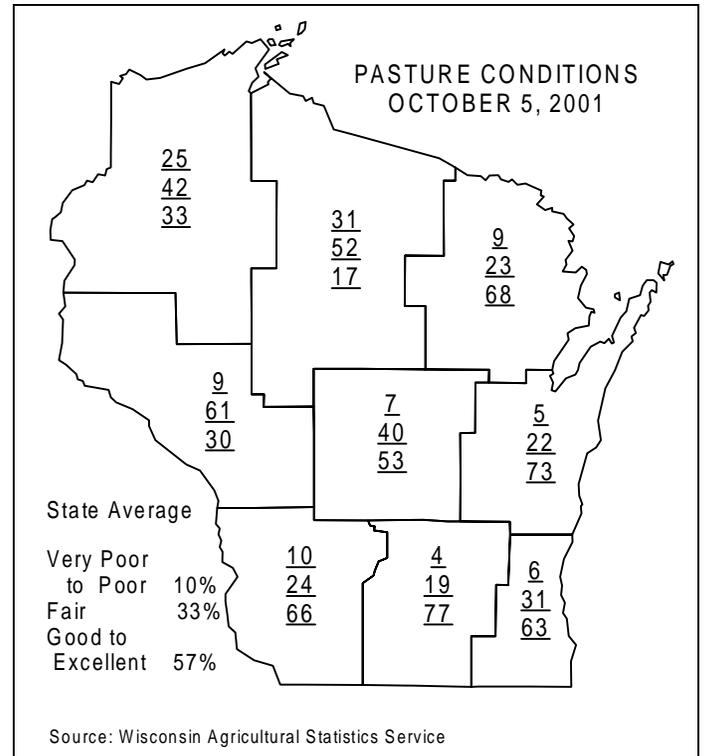
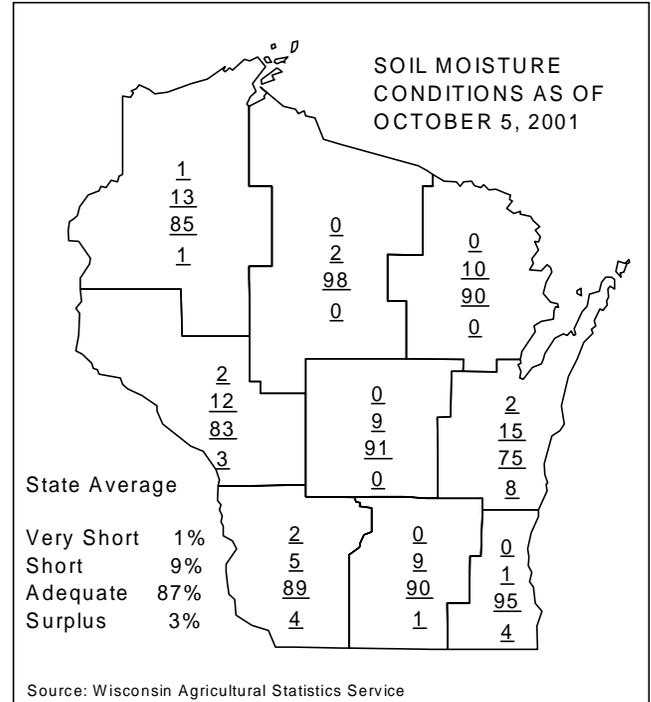
Most of the state saw at least one night with temperatures in the high 20s last week, ending the growing season for Wisconsin crops. Varied planting dates and different soil and weather conditions have resulted in mixed crop conditions and harvest observations. Reported yields vary from average to below average, depending on field location. Soil moisture was reported 1% very short, 9% short, 87% adequate, and 3% surplus. There were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Corn in dent stage reached 90% last week, compared to 100% last year, and 98% for the 5-year average. Corn maturity reached 50% complete, compared to 81% last year, and 76% for the 5-year average. Corn harvested for silage was 61% complete, compared to 86% last year, and 80% for the 5-year average. Corn harvested for grain was just underway with 6% complete, compared to 14% for both last year and the 5-year average. A Clark County farmer reported most of the corn and soybeans were not mature in his area, with no natural black layer corn seen to date.

Soybeans leaves turning was at 96% complete last week, same as last year, but below the 5-year average of 98%. Soybeans dropping leaves rose to 73%, compared to 92% for both last year and the 5-year average. Soybean harvest reached 13%, compared to 41% last year, and 31% for the 5-year average. A Brown County reporter noted soybeans with moisture levels at 14%.

Fourth cutting **alfalfa** harvest reached 49% complete this year, behind last year's 65%. Many reported fourth crop was baled, noting good quality and quantity compared to past cuttings this year.

A Grant County farmer reported good yields for **apples** and most **vegetables**, along with **grapes** being picked. **Cranberry** harvest progressed last week with quality reported good and quantity intentionally reduced. A Vilas County farmer reported **potato** yields were good, with some varieties smaller than normal.



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of October 5, 2001					
Item	V.-poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
Pasture	2	8	33	49	8
Corn	3	8	28	47	14
Soybean	2	7	27	47	17

Wisconsin Crop Progress, October 7, 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 in dent stage	79	82	75	85	92	88	95	97	98	90	100	98
Corn mature	39	42	29	50	45	42	53	60	66	50	81	76
Corn hvstd. for silage	59	50	55	68	62	57	69	65	65	61	86	80
Corn hvstd. for grain	2	3	1	4	2	2	8	9	10	6	14	14
Soybean leaves turning	99	98	91	98	94	95	96	93	100	96	96	98
Soybean dropping leaves	68	70	58	77	62	65	76	74	81	73	92	92
Soybean harvested	13	13	10	14	12	10	15	12	15	13	41	31
4th crop hay harvested	48	53	47	48	47	52	49	51	48	49	65	n.a.

Quotes from Farm Reporters and County Ag Agents

BARRON-D.B.: Third and fourth alfalfa crop being harvested. Corn silage harvest going full tilt. Trees are at their peak.

BURNETT-R.B.: Corn drying down after frost on sand. The ears are small or only filled about three-fourth's of the ear. Could use more rain before the freeze-up.

CLARK-G.S.: We have ended our growing season with a serious series of frosts and freezes. Most of the corn and soybeans were not mature. I have not seen any natural black layer corn on my stops.

ONEIDA-P.L.: Potato harvest is complete, quantity and quality seem to be pretty good this year. Dry year helped expedite the harvest. Cranberry harvest is progressing well, quality is good; quantity was intentionally reduced. Ground is being worked and seeded with rye and wheat. Frost is pretty much county wide now.

VILAS-L.K.: The last hay went in this week. Potato harvest about done. Yields are good but some varieties smaller than normal. Cranberry harvest in full swing. No area wide killing frost yet.

FOREST-A.K.: Corn silage is being made. Some third crop hay was put up in silos.

OCONTO-D.T.: Quality and quantity of silage looks very good. Corn has matured very fast the last three weeks. Haying is done in this area. First crop hay quantity very good, quality is poor. The rest of the crop had very good quality and fair quantity. No real frost damage yet. Winter wheat is doing very well.

DUNN-S.S.: Silo filling of corn has been in full swing this past week; should be completed this following week. Quality fair to good, quantity little higher than the past few years. Some fourth crop hay being made but pretty much over with. Second hard frost last night. Most things ripe now. Trees are at a peak. Some have started combining beans, haven't heard of any yields yet.

ST CROIX-L.M.: Killing frost this weekend. Soybean yields are below average. Need rain.

PORTAGE-J.W.: Had killing frost. Not all pumpkins made it. Few making hay. Cranberry harvest underway. Few finishing corn silage. Fall tillage about 20 percent complete.

WAUSHARA-A.S.: No great frost damage yet. Corn maturing and maybe a little better in some cases than first thought. Some soybeans are harvested but probably 3-5 days off for most. Some

potatoes still to be harvested but good weather this past week has hurried the harvest.

DOOR-M.F.: Dry weather in June and July really hurt corn silage yields. Over 8,000 acres of wheat are now planted, with growers planting additional wheat, once the soybeans are harvested.

KEWAUNEE-J.B.: No frost yet, corn still has a lot of moisture. Soybeans are starting to be combined.

WINNEBAGO-J.K.: Hard killing frost on Saturday evening and Sunday morning has ended our growing season. I don't believe this will be a major factor in our final yields for corn and soybeans. It appears that there will be ample supplies of forage, good to excellent cuttings of 4th crop hay and late corn that will be taken as silage.

LAFAYETTE-L.W.: Has been a good week for soybean harvest. Yields of beans and corn are coming in better than producers were expecting.

VERNON-A.D.: Busy with corn silage and baling. Some farmers have combined soybeans.

DODGE-G.R.: No frost yet. Chilly nights with fog and heavy dew in morning. Corn silage harvest nearing completion. Yields surprisingly good for both quantity and quality. Soybean fields now nearly devoid of leaves. Some early maturing varieties harvested and winter wheat being planted after beans. Some dry hay baled this week. Some alfalfa third and fourth crop remains to be harvested.

WASHINGTON-K.R.: Hard frost Saturday night ended this year's growing season. Most wheat is planted. Corn and soybean yields will be below normal.

WAUKESHA-D.W.: The last nine days have been dry. Most hay is done.



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Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on October 7, 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	66	36	82	26	51	-2	2,641	2,425	0.01	2.74	-1.75	30.73
Green Bay	65	40	77	24	52	-1	2,519	2,289	0.06	2.41	-1.54	23.07
La Crosse	66	43	83	29	55	-1	2,849	2,731	0.02	5.58	1.26	28.03
Madison	64	42	79	26	53	-1	2,682	2,686	0.00	5.53	1.69	33.15
Milwaukee	65	47	78	33	56	1	2,677	n.a.	0.14	4.75	0.86	30.31

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.