



Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition



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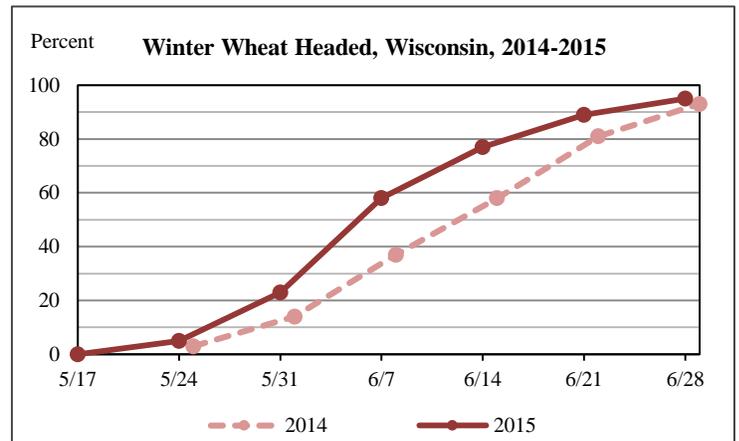
Rain Makes Grain But Not Dry Hay

There were 4.6 **days suitable for fieldwork** during the week ending June 28, 2015, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. June's pattern of frequent showers persisted through yet another week, preventing hay drying and keeping low ground saturated in much of the state. Severe thunderstorms moved through southern Wisconsin on Monday, with some damage to crops, farm buildings and trees reported. Farmers statewide were still working to complete spraying and make hay between rain events. Many reporters noted that corn would be knee high for the Fourth of July in their county. Small grains were well into their heading stage and starting to turn color in some areas.

Average topsoil moistures dropped slightly, with 19 percent surplus this week compared to 21 percent surplus the previous week. At the district level, soil moistures rated surplus was up in the West-Central, Southwest and South-Central Districts, where rains were heaviest, and down in the rest of the state.

As of June 28, the **corn** crop was rated 84 percent good to excellent. There were scattered reports throughout the state of **soybeans** blooming. Eighty-three percent of the soybean crop was rated good to excellent, down 2 percentage points from last week. Eighty percent of **oats** were at or beyond the headed stage, 11 days ahead of last year and 8 days ahead of the five-year average. Ten percent of the oat crop has begun turning color, almost a week ahead of last year. Oats condition was rated 84 percent good to excellent, up 2 percentage points from the previous week. **Potato** condition was rated 92 percent good to excellent, compared to 93 percent last week. Ninety-five percent of **winter wheat** was headed or beyond, 4 days ahead of last year. Forty percent of winter wheat has turned color, 5 days ahead of last year. Seventy-eight percent of winter wheat was rated in good to excellent condition. **Pasture** condition was rated 83 percent good to excellent.

The **first cutting of alfalfa** was 93 percent harvested, 6 days ahead of last year and 5 days ahead of the five-year average. The **second cutting of alfalfa** was 20 percent harvested, the second highest percent harvested by this date in more than 35 years, trailing only 2012. **All hay condition** was 83 percent in good to excellent condition, compared to 80 percent last week. A reporter in Shawano County reported that **strawberry** season is in prime. A reporter in Trempealeau County said that early **peas** are in full bloom. A few reporters throughout the state noted light insect pressure.



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of June 28, 2015

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
Corn.....	0	3	13	60	24
Hay, All.....	0	3	14	55	28
Oats.....	0	3	13	61	23
Pasture & Range..	0	2	15	57	26
Potatoes.....	0	0	8	73	19
Soybeans.....	1	2	14	59	24
Winter Wheat.....	1	3	18	53	25

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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
	Percent									Percent			
Alfalfa hay, first cutting.....	82	82	95	96	89	98	99	98	91	93	85	88	87
Alfalfa hay, second cutting....	16	8	13	24	8	23	27	26	15	20	5	8	16
Oats headed.....	73	72	67	86	70	79	89	94	67	80	55	52	62
Oats turning color.....	5	1	1	14	14	9	10	23	6	10	2	0	n.a.
Winter wheat headed.....	90	91	90	92	97	95	96	98	96	95	89	91	n.a.
Winter wheat turning color....	19	33	10	28	49	30	39	59	48	40	16	19	n.a.

n.a.=not available

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Conditions as of June 28, 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	4.7	4.3	6.1	4.9	4.8	5.4	4.2	4.1	3.7	4.6	4.2	3.0
	Percent									Percent		
Topsoil Moisture												
Very Short.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Short.....	4	0	7	6	5	3	3	8	4	4	4	0
Adequate.....	86	84	69	78	77	81	66	72	75	77	75	63
Surplus.....	10	16	24	16	18	16	31	19	21	19	21	37
Subsoil Moisture												
Very Short.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Short.....	7	0	7	6	7	3	7	12	5	6	6	2
Adequate.....	85	89	75	81	77	83	92	78	75	83	82	72
Surplus.....	8	11	18	13	16	14	1	9	20	11	12	26

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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.

BARRON-T.B.: Rain makes grain, but it doesn't make dry hay. Growers are still struggling to find harvest windows for hay making. Post-emergence nitrogen and herbicide applications are proceeding, but equipment has been rutting up fields. Crop progress has advanced well and everything looks to be growing on schedule. No major pest problems surfacing yet.

CHIPPEWA-B.P.: Things are looking better.

ASHLAND-C.B.: Continued light rains throughout the area are hampering field work. Pastures continue to look better.

PRICE-D.E.: Another week of scattered showers hampered forage harvest progress, especially for dry hay, however, yields are mostly above average. Corn is showing stress of wet, cooler weather. Soybean progress is good. Small grains are heading out and for the most part look very good at this time. Pastures are in good shape.

SHAWANO-B.R.: First crop alfalfa being cut now even if there is rain in the forecast for those that could not get it done earlier. Second crop will start this week for many others. Corn getting very uneven due to wet fields and compaction causing loss of nitrogen. Soybeans finally starting to look pretty good and are getting sprayed as the fields dry. Winter wheat is turning color. Strawberry season in prime now and very delicious.

DUNN-M.B.: Soybean growth increased greatly this week. Corn is "knee high" and more in most fields.

EAU CLAIRE-A.B.: The oat crop has progressed the most in the last week with many more acres heading. Scattered showers still hinder harvesting dry hay. The acres left to be cut for the first time are yielding a ton and better per acre. Liquid manure is being spread on harvested hay fields. The majority of the corn acres have been sprayed. Many of our corn acres are at knee to waist high. Some of the fields are uneven.

TREMPEALEAU-D.D.: Early peas in full bloom. Anticipate harvest before too long.

WAUPACA-D.L.H.: Hay harvest is slowly recovering after last week's very wet weather. First crop hay has become very mature. Farmers are struggling to get herbicides applied to those fields that are still too wet. Crops on low/heavy soils are very uneven due to excess moisture. Most early planted corn will be knee-high by the Fourth of July.

MANITOWOC-M.R.: 2nd crop alfalfa harvest kicked off this past week. Really started to notice the winter wheat turning colors this past week too.

SHEBOYGAN-M.B.: Corn condition varies depending on soil types within the area. Corn on heavy soil types with poorer drainage are showing signs of nitrogen deficiency because of saturated soils at times during the past couple of weeks. Additional nitrogen may need to be applied. Second crop alfalfa is looking good.

CRAWFORD-J.B.: On Monday, June 22, 2015 the southern third of the county received hail, high winds, flooding and flash flooding. For the most part it is expected crops will recover. Several down trees throughout the county as well as a couple power poles. Some damage to farm buildings also occurred. With the exception of the storm damage crops in the county seem to be doing well. Warmer temperatures are really benefiting crops.

COLUMBIA-G.K.: Rains have been scattered throughout the county. It is a challenge making hay again. Observed more lodging of wheat this past weekend.

ROCK-C.O.: Rain stopped all harvest, planting, spraying and baling.

KENOSHA-K.I.: Crops are looking great right now. Hoping for continued perfectly timed rains that allow for making hay.

Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on June 28, 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. 27	Mar. 1 to Jun. 27 normal*	Last Week	Since Jun. 1	Jun. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	81	57	83	53	69	+1	1020	870	0.87	3.68	-0.11	13.13	-0.98
Green Bay	80	57	83	54	69	+2	952	780	0.30	2.40	-0.56	9.36	-3.28
La Crosse	83	61	87	58	72	+1	1256	988	0.73	3.13	-0.34	15.73	+1.30
Madison	79	60	86	55	70	+1	1111	972	0.51	3.07	-0.49	13.79	-1.19
Milwaukee	76	60	85	55	68	+0	821	n.a.	0.27	2.49	-0.58	12.71	-3.37

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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