



Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition



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Cold, Wet Weather Limits Fieldwork

There was 1.0 **day suitable for fieldwork** for the week ending April 10, 2016, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Temperatures were below normal again this week, with overnight lows falling into the teens and low twenties statewide. Light rain, snow, and cold, overcast conditions provided little opportunity for fields to dry out. Some manure spreading was reported where low temperatures firmed the ground sufficiently, but other fieldwork was stalled by wet conditions. Hay stands, pastures and winter wheat were slowly greening up. Some reporters in northern Wisconsin noted potential freeze damage to winter crops, but others commented that snowfall in their area had protected the ground from frost.

Statewide, **topsoil moisture** was wetter than the previous week, with 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 54 percent adequate and 45 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** was 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 62 percent adequate and 37 percent surplus.

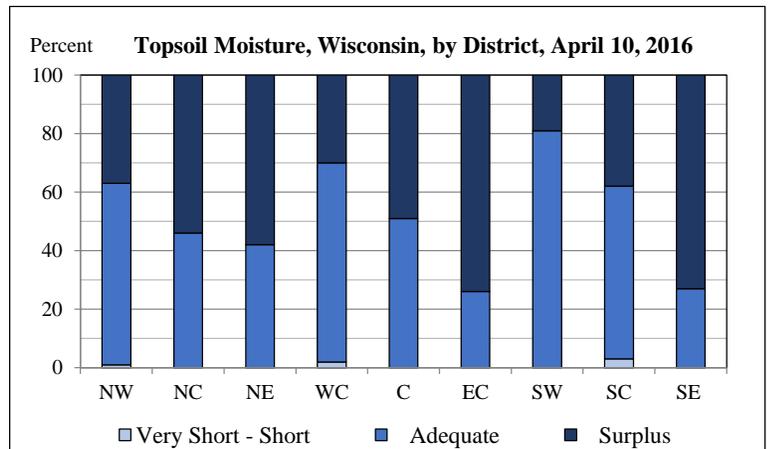
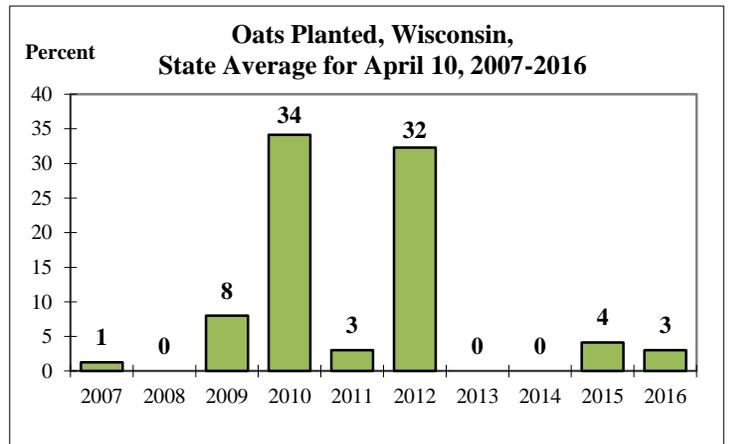
As of April 10th, **spring tillage** was 2 percent complete statewide, 1 percent below last year, and 3 percent below the 5-year average.

Oats planting is reported as 3 percent complete, 1 percent behind last year, and 5 percent behind the five-year average.

Statewide, there were no reports of **potato** acres being planted.

Pasture condition was rated 77 percent fair to good condition, compared to 73 percent last week.

Winter wheat was 79 percent in good to excellent condition statewide, unchanged from last week.



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of April 10, 2016

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
Pasture & Range	3	12	37	40	8
Winter Wheat.....	1	2	18	54	25

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Conditions as of April 10, 2016

Item	District average									State average		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last Year
Days Suitable	Days									Days		
	1.3	0	0.2	1.9	1.4	0.2	1.6	0.8	0.1	1.0	0.8	2.4
Topsoil Moisture	Percent									Percent		
	Very Short.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Short.....	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	1	1	15
Adequate.....	62	46	42	68	51	26	81	59	27	54	57	63
Surplus.....	37	54	58	30	49	74	19	38	73	45	42	21
Subsoil Moisture	Percent									Percent		
	Very Short.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Short.....	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	1	2	19
Adequate.....	67	38	46	76	68	31	91	66	46	62	57	66
Surplus.....	32	62	54	22	32	69	9	30	54	37	41	13

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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.: Maple sap collection continues. Some manure hauling activities but no field work. Winter wheat and rye fields greening up nicely. Alfalfa looked pretty good early in the week, but snow, sleet and very cold temperatures slowed growth.

BAYFIELD-C.B.: No field activity yet. Temperatures have been below normal for the past couple of weeks. Still some snow cover in the eastern portion of our area.

LINCOLN-K.S.: Fields are wet so not much manure hauling.

LANGLADE-A.K.: No activity. We have six inches of snow cover.

SHAWANO-S.S.: Fields are very wet and the weather has been rainy and snowy.

MONROE-B.H.: Weather conditions have been cool and wet which has not lent itself to much field work. There has been a little activity on the sandier soils and some of the Amish farmers have done some tillage in the medium textured soils.

PEPIN-T.M.: Maple syrup season ending with above average production. Manure pumping/spreading taking place.

JUNEAU-J.W.: Things remain cold and wet. Received more snow and rain and temps 15 -20 degrees below normal.

DOOR-T.S.: Nothing happening here. Fields are too wet for any activity.

KEWAUNEE-T.S.: There is nothing going on in this area yet. The cold temperatures and occasional snow have contributed to the delay in starting field work. Some of the ground is still frozen. Temperatures are forecast to be closer to normal by the end of this coming week, so there may be some work beginning. Also, at the end of this coming week, the annual local moratorium on hauling manure will expire so some manure may be applied. With the more than adequate amounts of rain and snow in the past few months, manure pits are getting full and need to be emptied, if only partially. The winter wheat is the only crop to show any sign of getting green and not all fields are even showing that. Some fields are not looking good but, with the cold, the plants are only slowly coming out of dormancy. The condition of the wheat could improve but time and warmer temperatures will be needed to see how this crop came through the winter. The alfalfa is not greening at all, so determining any winter damage will have to wait.

CRAWFORD-J.B.: Winter wheat, alfalfa and grass hay all seem to be coming out of dormancy and starting to green up. At this point it seems there is very little winter kill. Area livestock farmers are spreading manure, disking corn stalks and preparing to seed oats.

COLUMBIA-G.K.: Cold, rainy, sleety, snowy, muddy this past week. Pastures are slowly waking up. Alfalfa came through the winter very well and is looking good so far.

DODGE-R.H.: Need sunshine and warm weather

WALWORTH-N.W.: More cold and wet weather this last week so not much has changed.

WAUKESHA-K.T.: Ground is very cold and wet.

Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on April 10, 2016

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 Apr. 9	Mar. 1 to Apr. 9 normal*	Last Week	Since Mar. 1	Mar. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	42	24	58	13	33	-7	62	17	0.42	5.20	+2.55	6.58	+2.11
Green Bay	37	24	41	13	31	-9	30	16	0.57	4.65	+1.82	7.13	+2.08
La Crosse	48	29	75	20	39	-4	84	35	0.14	4.77	+1.85	6.94	+1.84
Madison	45	26	73	16	36	-5	72	38	0.69	6.76	+3.53	8.99	+3.23
Milwaukee	44	28	70	21	36	-5	70	n.a.	0.79	5.28	+1.59	7.59	+0.43

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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