



Wisconsin Crop Weather

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Frost Reported

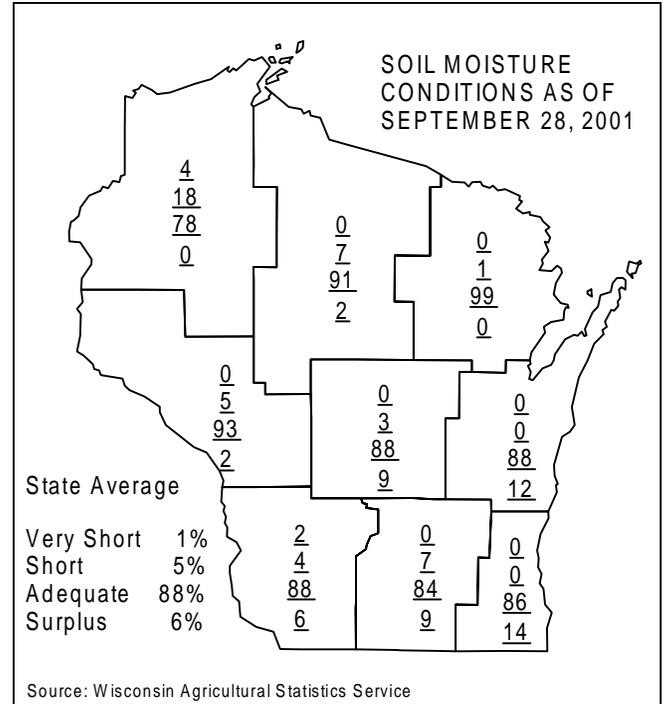
Wisconsin farmers reported frost throughout the northern two-thirds of the state last week. Scattered locations in northern Wisconsin reported a killing frost; the end of the growing season is near. Fields are busy with activity as silage harvest continues and soybean and high moisture corn harvest started last week. Manure hauling started on fields that were open after silage harvest. Soil moisture was reported 1% very short, 5% short, 88% adequate, and 6% surplus. There were 5.2 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Corn in dent stage reached 81% last week, compared to 96% last year, and 94% for the 5-year average. Corn maturity reached 38% complete, compared to 66% last year, and 61% for the 5-year average. Corn harvested for silage reached 45% complete, compared to 65% last year, and 63% for the 5-year average. Corn harvested for grain started last week with the statewide average reaching 2%. High moisture corn harvest was reported statewide last week. Silage yields continue to be reported as variable, depending on field location and soil characteristics.

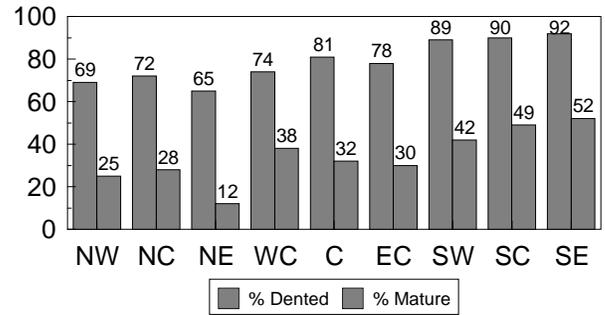
Soybeans leaves turned reached 89% complete last week, compared to 90% last year, and 95% for the 5-year average. Soybeans dropping leaves reached 55% complete, compared to 83% last year, and 76% for the 5-year average. Soybean harvest started last week with the state averaging 4%, compared to 15% last year, and 12% for the 5-year average. Heavy morning dew delayed soybean harvest activities until late in the day in many locations last week.

Third cutting **alfalfa** harvest reached 93% complete last week, same as the 5-year average, but behind 100% last year. Fourth cutting alfalfa harvest reached 40% complete this year, behind last year's 50%. A Grant County farmer reported well managed pastures are again green and lush.

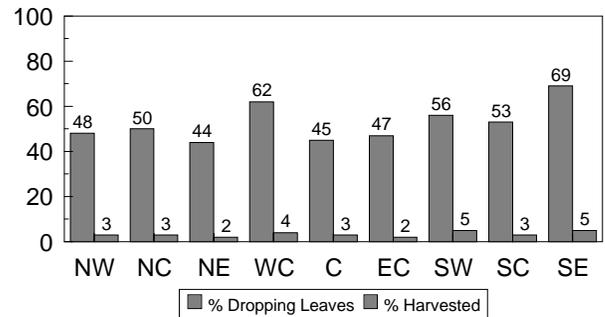
Cranberry harvest started in Jackson County last week. **Potato** harvest was back in full swing. The potato crop in Pepin County was reported as very good condition and yield. **Winter wheat** continued to be planted last week. Florence County reported an excellent **apple** harvest.



Corn Progress, by District September 30, 2001



Soybean Progress, by District September 30, 2001



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of September 28, 2001					
Item	V.-poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
Pasture	2	12	25	48	13
Corn	3	9	29	47	12
Soybean	2	5	26	49	18

Wisconsin Crop Progress, September 30, 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	69	72	65	74	81	78	89	90	92	81	96	94
Corn mature	25	28	12	38	32	30	42	49	52	38	66	61
Corn hvstd. for silage	40	33	38	52	48	43	54	49	50	45	65	63
Soybean leaves turning	90	92	81	92	85	89	88	85	98	89	90	95
Soybean dropping leaves	48	50	44	62	45	47	56	53	69	55	83	76
Soybean harvested	3	3	2	4	3	2	5	3	5	4	15	12
3rd crop hay harvested	91	93	89	93	91	94	96	95	96	93	100	93
4th crop hay harvested	40	43	37	38	37	41	39	42	38	40	50	n.a.

Quotes from Farm Reporters and County Ag Agents

BARRON-R.C.: Corn silage harvest is in full swing. Tonnage is lower than last year as will be dry corn yield. Fall wheat planting is complete; the number of acres planted will be down. Light test weights in corn and lower bean yields are expected.

RUSK-G.P.: Frost on Sunday night, freeze on Monday night has put an end to our growing season. Corn silage has started with the lower third of the leaves still green. Moisture still running in the high 60s to 70 percent. Hay is at third to fifth cutting, quality and quantity both good right now. Soybeans are dropping leaves, with harvest on the earliest fields to start next week. Farmer's work has switched over to fall crops now, with lots of pumpkins, gourds, squash, and Indian corn.

ASHLAND-A.R.: Hard killing frost Monday and Tuesday. Most of corn silage harvested; good quality and production. Fall plowing has begun. Manure hauling and all odd variety jobs being done. Weather has been dry and rather nice.

PRICE-A.B.: Found another field of third crop, so had to cut it, but that will be all. Corn is all cut; about 85 percent silage and 15 percent by the bears and coon-maybe a few deer.

FLORENCE-K.B.: Some areas of the county have excellent corn; some areas are very poor due to the inconsistency of rainfall. Hay cutting is finished. Everyone is picking a bumper crop of apples. Pumpkins weren't as good as other years. Most of them are small.

SHAWANO-B.R.: Excellent weather is maturing corn rapidly, very little yield will be lost if we have frost soon. Some low areas did have frost, but majority of crops are still growing. The corn that was planted in late June is surprisingly going to make some pretty good corn silage.

JACKSON-J.W.: Apple harvest is in full speed ahead. Cranberry harvest has started in eastern Jackson County. Corn silage quality is not up to other years due to poor grain yield.

PIERCE-C.T.: Had 1.25 inches rain last weekend followed by frost Tuesday. Corn not yet ready for high moisture harvest.

PORTAGE-D.Z.: Much corn still a little green to be made into silage; got down to 27 degrees Tuesday morning. Entire fall harvest season seems to be running about 10 days behind normal.

WAUPACA-D.L.H.: Quantity of corn silage is below normal, but quality is good. Hay cutting is finished, mainly third crop. We had a light frost in some isolated areas.

WOOD-F.M.: Frost did light damage in lower fields, but stalks still green. Great week to harvest hay. A lot of reports of baling. Corn

silage progressing, and fall tillage getting done.

BROWN-C.F.: Tuesday southern Brown County had its first frost. Sunday we received .25 inch of rain. Corn chopping is progressing vastly. Winter wheat planting is coming to a close. Some farmers have worked up ground where corn silage was taken off. No signs of combining of corn or soybeans yet. Some winter wheat is up out of the ground by Denmark.

SHEBOYGAN-E.P.: Only a few farmers filling silos. Most third crop hay being chopped. Soybean fields have all turned yellow. Leaves on plants planted early have already dropped. Most corn in dent stage. Need a late frost to mature completely.

GRANT-E.B.: Some low susceptible spots had frost damage, but things are still green and growing. The cold wet weather put a stop to most harvesting and slowed maturity to a standstill.

SAUK-C.N.: Haybines were really rolling midweek. With a few good days of clear weather, a good portion of hay crop should be harvested. Lots of corn silage being harvested also, with better field conditions. Reports of high moisture corn being put up. A lot of manure being applied after silage.

DANE-D.F.: Combining has just started; several farms harvesting soybeans or high moisture corn. Corn silage quality is average; quantity varied depending on summer rains.

GREEN-M.M.: A few farmers have started harvesting early-planted beans. Most of corn silage has been harvested with average to below average yields. Harvest of high moisture grain will probably start in earnest next week.

RACINE-L.F.: Soybeans are just waiting to be harvested, but we need the rains to stop. Silage harvest going well.

WALWORTH-E.P.: Silage filling about over. Winter wheat planting about done. Started soybeans on Wednesday. Heavy dew in the morning stopped soybean harvest. Hay won't dry.



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Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on September 30, 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	62	35	71	30	49	-6	2,641	2,425	0.46	2.77	-1.02	30.76
Green Bay	62	39	70	35	51	-5	2,519	2,289	0.39	2.28	-1.07	22.94
La Crosse	64	40	70	34	52	-6	2,849	2,731	0.14	5.60	1.92	28.05
Madison	61	40	68	36	50	-6	2,682	2,686	1.70	5.21	1.94	32.83
Milwaukee	61	46	68	40	53	-5	2,677	n.a.	0.82	3.98	0.70	29.54

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.