



Wisconsin Crop Weather

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Below Average Temperatures and Above Average Rainfall

Temperatures last week cooled down to 3 to 5 degrees below normal. The early days of last week saw incredible rainfall; some areas approached 3.0 inches of rain in only a few days. Although farmers in the northwestern part of the state called for more rain, the rest of Wisconsin reported wet fields and even flooding. Farmers in Buffalo and Grant counties also reported soil erosion due to the rainstorms. However, the warm and dry end of last week allowed farmers to return to their fields.

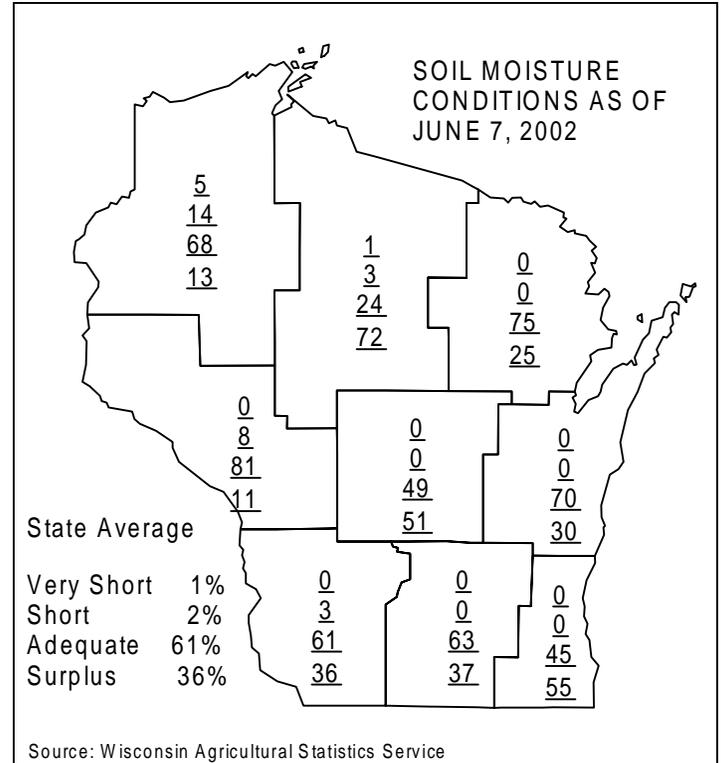
With so much rain early last week, farmers only had 3.5 days suitable for fieldwork. The Badger State's soil moisture was 1 percent very short, 2 percent short, 61 percent adequate, and 36 percent surplus.

Farmers across the state reported that **corn** and **soybean** planting is winding down. However, a report from Barron County revealed some farmers are replanting corn and soybeans because the cold soil and herbicide interactions have caused the plants to leaf out underground. Farmers in Pepin and Dane counties reported that corn color improved as the weather warmed. Across the state, corn averaged a height of 4 inches; however, some farmers in Washington County reported corn 8 inches tall. Throughout Wisconsin, both corn and soybean emergence improved with the warmer weather at the end of last week. Black cutworms were spotted in corn fields in Columbia County. There were still reports of leaf beetle in Dane and Rock counties' soybean fields.

Farmers are still reporting that **alfalfa** looks good but short. Farmers in Barron and Sheboygan counties said that the alfalfa crop is about 60 percent of normal growth, with a farmer from Waupaca County reporting the crop only 50 percent of normal growth. This week's colder temperatures held hay growth back. Farmers in Columbia and Jefferson counties reported weevils whose numbers were close to economic threshold in alfalfa fields.

Winter wheat is heading in Oconto, Jefferson, and Walworth counties. A report said that a light green mold was found on some Washington County wheat. Additionally, a Barron County farmer reported **rye** is beginning to head.

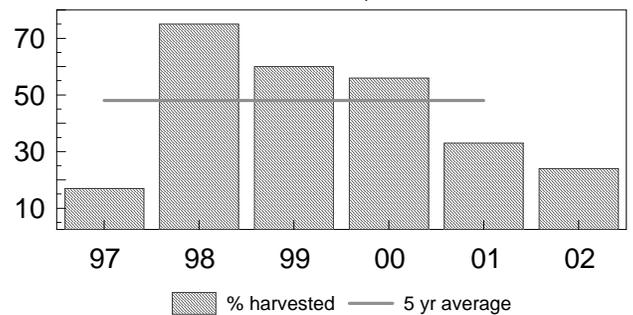
With the dryer and warmer weather at the end of last week, **potato** planting is almost done. Farmers reported that the potato crop is emerging nicely in Oneida and Waushara counties. A Waushara County farmer said the potatoes are 6 inches high. **Cranberries** in Wood County are coming along well. A report from Sheboygan County revealed that farmers are rushed to find enough dry land to plant **peas** and **snap beans**. Regardless of the planting date, **sweet corn** in Sheboygan County was at the same growth stage last week.



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of June 7, 2002

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
Pasture	1	5	25	53	16
Corn	1	4	29	53	13
Winter wheat	0	1	14	57	28
Soybean	1	3	30	52	14
Oat	0	2	13	67	18

FIRST CROP HAY HARVESTED WISCONSIN AS OF JUNE 9, 1997-2002



Wisconsin Crop Progress, June 9, 2002

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 planted	89	81	86	97	93	88	99	99	99	94	92	98
Corn emerged	56	52	66	75	74	74	93	91	89	79	76	n.a.
Average height of corn	3	2	3	4	3	3	5	4	4	4	4	7
Soybeans planted	60	61	70	89	86	83	96	93	93	88	81	91
Soybeans emerged	26	27	38	52	63	49	84	79	78	65	56	n.a.
Oats emerged	87	69	89	97	97	95	100	99	99	93	100	100
First cutting hay	8	10	21	19	16	20	42	48	32	24	33	48

Quotes from Farm Reporters and County Ag Agents

BARRON-R.C.: Last week's dry weather, and this week's rain, have greatly improved the spirits of the farmers. Many more acres were planted. Hay is going to be very short. Many farmers are doing clipping test and watching the feed value, yet others are getting started after planting.

BAYFIELD-J.M.: Dry conditions allowed most corn and small grains to be planted this week. We need rain, as top soil is very dry.

ONEIDA-P.L.: Fruit trees are blossoming. Corn has all has been planted and some is emerging. Small grains are looking good. Potato crop is emerging nicely with the warm temperatures. Hay looks like it may be short for the first crop.

PRICE-M.P.: We had about 1.0 inch of rain Monday and Tuesday, which really helped the hay and crops. Fruit trees are in full blossom here. Hay is still short.

VILAS-L.K.: Potatoes are being planted with the dry weather; will be finished planting next week. Lack of rain slowed down hayfields and pastures.

FOREST-A.K.: Hay crop is short with lots of dandelions.

PEPIN-H.R.: Corn is almost all planted. Poor hay ground after first cutting. Soybeans coming up real fast, but still some to plant on low ground. Early-planted corn has emerged better then expected. No replanting needed in this area. Lots of first crop hay being cut now is short.

ST. CROIX-R.K.: It was getting dry, but got some good showers, so crops have improved. Hay has grown some now. A small amount of hay was cut. There is very little hay up.

TREMPEALEAU-D.D.: Much-needed rain came to our immediate area; however, there are places that have too much rain. First cutting hay was delayed for four days, but is advancing nicely now. Much uneven emergence in corn. Soybeans seem to be emerging better.

WAUPACA-P.K.: Most corn and soybean populations are very good. Weed control has also been great. Alfalfa crop has improved over the past two weeks, but there still will be heavy turnover of many fields this fall.

WOOD-F.M.: Three to six inches of rain have left farmers unable to finish planting and start hay harvest. Corn, soybeans, and oats have very good germination, but damage where water is ponded. Cranberries coming along very good.

BROWN-D.S.: We are still battling with wet conditions to finish planting and make hay. There may be some switching from corn to soybeans to finish up the last planting as we approach the middle of June.

FOND DU LAC-E.A.: Corn and soybeans are just about all planted. Starting to cut first crop hay; a good crop.

SHEBOYGAN-T.B.: Planting is winding down for corn and soybeans. The only acres left to be planted are areas that are too wet, or where growers want to plant following a hay crop. Fruit trees are in full bloom or just past. Peas, snapbeans, and corn are being planted all over the county, and there is a rush to find enough dry acreage to plant them on.

GRANT-R.R.: We had 5.5 inches of rain this week. There was much erosion. With the warm weather, everything is finally growing. Some cornfields are getting very weedy.

DANE-D.F.: Planting is nearly complete, only low lying areas remain. Farmers are spraying corn for post-emergence weeds. Several sighting of the leaf beetle in soybeans. Alfalfa harvest progressing nicely. Most hay is of excellent quality, but only average quantity.

JEFFERSON-J.M.: Had 2.5 inches of rain Sunday night through Tuesday night; fieldwork stopped. Winter wheat is starting to head, and corn and soybeans are improving. Some high quality haylage made.

WALWORTH-E.P.: Hay that was cut Sunday and before, is wet. Lots of ponds in fields. Should be able to put up hay by Friday. Corn fields look good. Soybeans look better.

WASHINGTON-R.B.: Corn is eight inches high and looks good. Wheat is also looking good, some mold showing up-light green color. Soybeans also looking good. Hay is good quality, no buds yet. Some fields still need to be planted.



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Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on June 9, 2002

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 June 8	Mar. 1 to June 8 normal *	Last week	Since June 1	June 1 dep. from normal*	Year to date
Eau Claire	71	51	83	42	61	-3	509	551	2.51	2.51	1.39	14.37
Green Bay	66	50	78	43	58	-5	412	480	1.91	1.91	1.07	11.92
La Crosse	73	55	82	49	64	-3	616	631	2.92	2.92	1.96	12.67
Madison	71	51	83	43	61	-3	531	623	2.78	2.78	1.78	13.65
Milwaukee	66	49	83	45	58	-5	465	n.a.	1.99	1.99	1.14	12.55

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.