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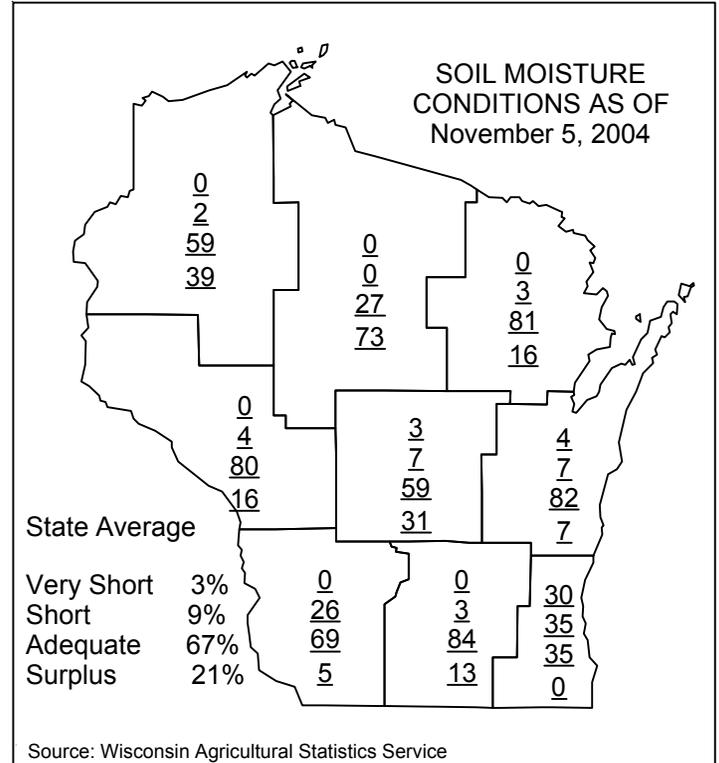
Wet Conditions Continue

Wet weather slowed harvest and fieldwork this week. The average temperature was 4 to 6 degrees above normal. Low temperatures were reported in the 30's, while high temperatures reached the 60's during the week. Soil moisture conditions were reported as 3% very short, 9% short, 67% adequate, and 21% surplus. Most of the state has adequate supplies of soil moisture; however, the southeastern part of the state is experiencing very short to short soil moisture supplies. There was an average of 4.3 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Corn harvest continues to move slowly. The rain and mud kept some producers from getting grain out of the fields. Northern areas of the state are still harvesting high moisture corn. Most reports indicate yields are average. There were a few reports that mold appeared in standing corn. Harvest in central parts of the state also progressed slowly. Corn that has been harvested is yielding average to above average. Yields in the southern parts of the state have been reported to be above average. The corn remaining in the fields is taking a long time to dry down. Many producers need sun and wind to help dry the remaining corn. **Soybean** harvest was also slowed by the wet conditions. The late-planted soybeans are becoming a challenge to harvest with the clouds and rain. Above average yields have been reported in the southwest; however, reports on soybean yields for the rest of the state have been mixed. It was a slow week for **fall tillage**, with producers waiting for fields to dry before tractors can get back in the fields.

Corn in the mature stage was reported at 96%, below last year's 100%, and the 5-year average of 100%. Corn harvested for grain was reported at 51% complete, behind last year's 75%, and the 5-year average of 72%. **Soybeans** harvested was reported at 79% complete, behind last year's 98%, and the 5-year average of 94%. **Fall tillage** was reported at 42% complete, behind last year's 51%, and the 5-year average of 43%.

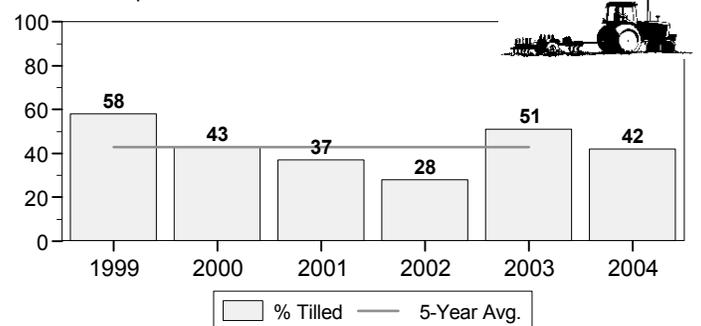
Winter wheat planting is almost complete, with most emerged and in good condition. Most **fruits** and **vegetables** have been harvested for the year.



Fall Tillage Completed

Yearly Averages for Wisconsin

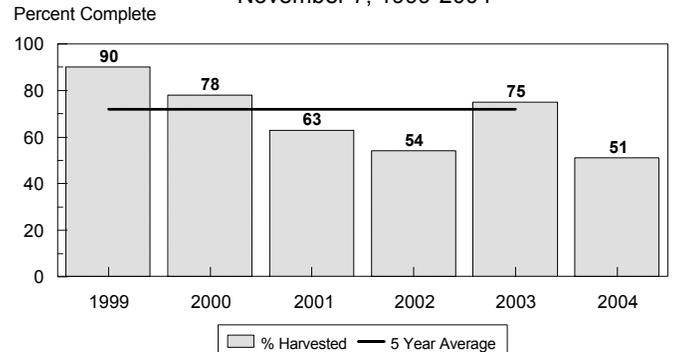
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Corn Harvested

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Wisconsin Crop Progress, November 7, 2004

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 mature stage	95	90	90	96	98	88	100	100	97	96	100	100
Corn hrvt. for grain	20	30	48	42	75	60	64	50	54	51	75	72
Soybeans harvested	61	73	54	82	88	70	97	89	78	79	98	94
Fall tillage completed	35	40	43	34	79	75	27	25	24	42	51	43

Quotes from Farm Reporters and County Ag Agents

CHIPPEWA-T.P.: Wet weather has slowed harvesting and fall fieldwork.
RUSK-G.P.: High moisture corn is the crop this week. Yields are average to below average for this area, with some reports of mold showing up in the standing corn. Limited tillage with continued high soil moisture. Still some soybeans in the fields with an undetermined fate.
MARATHON-M.K.: Corn is still wet. Lots of soybeans yet to be harvested.
SHAWANO-T.A.: Supervised two national corn grower contests. One had 208 bushels per acre and the other, 211 bushels per acre, with test weights of 56 pounds on each. Pretty strong corn harvest. Soybeans are in the range of 40-50 bushels per acre. In all, a pretty good crop year.
BUFFALO-R.S.: Seeing old corn pickers in the fields harvesting-one way to beat drying costs. Soybeans over 16% moisture are being dried to get them harvested. Rains stopped all field activity earlier in the week. Some corn yields were over 200 bushels per acre on heavy soil and 100 bushels per acre on lighter soil.
DUNN-H.A.: Very little harvesting was done this past week. Corn is still in the 25-35% range. Too wet to harvest soybeans.
WAUPACA-D.H.: Plenty of moisture, some fields are too wet for harvest equipment. Very little progress in fall harvest due to cloudy, rainy weather.
WAUSHARA-A.S.: We had no rain for months it seemed like. We could not beg a drop and now harvest time is here, and it cannot seem to stop raining.
FOND DU LAC-E.A.: Corn for grain and soybeans were a poor crop due to lack of rain during the growing season. We had hard frost several times this fall. Winter wheat looks good, off to a good start.
OUTAGAMIE-K.J.: Corn yields have been exceptional for many. In talking with producers, many have not had any trouble getting past the 160 bushels per acre and some have joined the elite 200 bushels per acre club. Soybean yields have been more average, but many producers are happy to have gotten what they did. Fall tillage is in full swing, with only the cold temperatures hardening the topsoil preventing farmers from accomplishing much.

GRANT-L.F.: Lots of corn hanging in the fields yet because we have not had a real hard killing frost. Lots of leaves on the corn which makes drying down hard to come by. Corn is a very good crop in our area. Almost all of the soybeans have been harvested, which also was a good crop. We have a supply of good quality hay. Fall tillage should pick up after some real nice rains when the ground is softer. Winter wheat looks good and growing; most covering the ground already.
RICHLAND-S.K.: The corn harvest is running about 140 bushels per acre on the average, which is much higher than anticipated. The yields were far below last year's high yields. The soybean crop saw small beans and very low yields. Our average yield was in the 25-30 bushels per acre range. A year ago we were well over 50 bushels per acre. Last week's rain brought all fieldwork to a halt.
DANE-D.F.: Much-needed rain earlier in the week slowed or stopped fall tillage. As corn harvest nears completion, many farmers have been surprised with yields appearing to average between 140-150 bushels per acre; however, producers are still trying to harvest. They have commented on severely lodged corn. Winter wheat continues to grow - all fields look excellent going into the winter.
ROCK-S.S.: Corn yields are outstanding. There is a lot of down corn but yields remain high. Late-planted soybeans have been a challenge to harvest with the weather conditions.
WASHINGTON-R.B.: Too wet for combining soybeans. Did combine corn very high in moisture; 25-35%. A lot of tillage is going on. Wheat looks very good.
WAUKESHA-R.F.: Corn is fair in quality, but poor in quantity. Soybeans have high moisture.



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Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on November 7, 2004

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 Oct. 9	Mar. 1 to Oct. 9 normal *	Last week	Since Sept. 1	Sept. 1 dep. from normal*	Year to date
Eau Claire	54	33	69	26	43	5	2534	2488	0.00	7.59	1.22	29.28
Green Bay	52	38	62	33	45	6	2385	2352	0.18	5.04	-0.68	30.09
La Crosse	55	36	69	33	46	5	2890	2814	0.25	5.84	-0.18	38.92
Madison	53	40	65	36	47	6	2681	2766	0.65	4.86	-0.85	37.09
Milwaukee	52	42	65	36	47	4	2571	n.a.	0.98	2.73	-3.61	30.11

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. Source: NCEP/NOAA Climate Prediction Center <<http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>>. N.a. = not available. T = trace.