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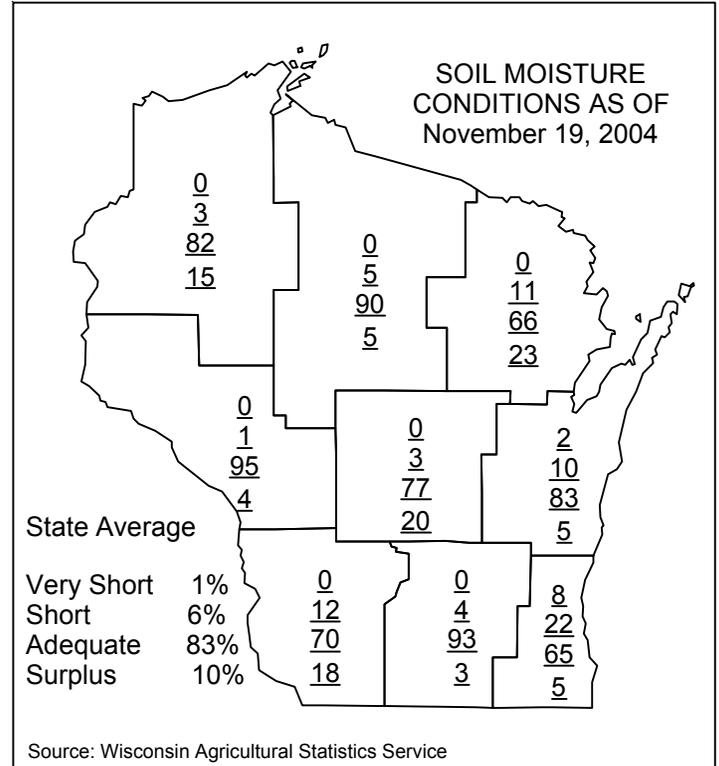
Harvest Continues

Light rains, for most of the week, slowed harvest progress in many areas of the state. Temperatures were 10 to 12 degrees higher than normal for this time of year. Low temperatures were reported in the 10's and 20's, while high temperatures reached the 50's and 60's during the week. Soil moisture conditions were reported as 1% very short, 6% short, 83% adequate, and 10% surplus. Most of the state has adequate supplies of soil moisture. The southeastern part of the state experienced marginal improvement in soil moisture conditions. There was an average of 4.7 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Corn harvest continues to move slowly. High moisture corn is being harvested in northern areas of the state; drier conditions are still needed. Yields have been reported as average, with mold problems in some fields. Recent rains in the central areas have slowed harvest. Producers continue to harvest late-planted corn, with average yields. There have been reports of low test weights in the east-central area. Harvest in the southern parts of the state is moving closer to completion. Yields have been reported average to above average with good test weights. **Soybean** harvest was also slowed by wet weather. Reporters in the northern areas indicate that yields are below average, with some reports of white mold in late-planted soybeans. Most soybeans have been harvested in the southern area of the state, with yields average to above average. **Fall tillage** continues behind harvested fields; however, many producers are still waiting for dryer conditions and the remaining fields to be harvested.

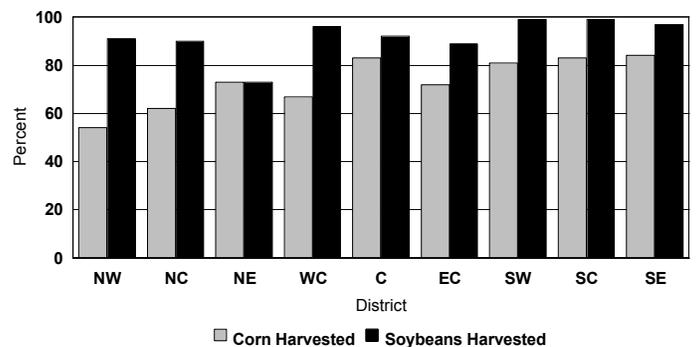
Corn harvested for grain was reported at 75% complete, behind last year's 92%, and the 5-year average of 93%. **Soybeans** harvested was reported at 94% complete, behind last year's 100%, and the 5-year average of 100%. **Fall tillage** was reported at 49% complete, behind last year's 69%, and the 5-year average of 67%.

Most **winter wheat** has been planted, with warm and wet weather putting the crop in good condition. There were no reports of any **fruits** or **vegetables** being harvested.



Percentage of Corn and Soybeans Harvested

By District, November 21, 2004



Wisconsin Crop Progress, November 21, 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 hrvt. for grain	54	62	73	67	83	72	81	83	84	75	92	93
Soybeans harvested	91	90	73	96	92	89	99	99	97	94	100	100
Fall tillage completed	40	52	57	41	83	80	42	43	52	49	69	67

Quotes from Farm Reporters and County Ag Agents

CHIPPEWA-J.C.: Corn harvest is continuing with somewhat drier conditions. Yields on corn appear to be better than average. Moisture is still in the low to mid 20% range. Soybean harvest is almost complete.

WASHBURN-R.H.: With the nice fall weather, our corn crop was good, just high in moisture. Good moisture for fall tillage. In general, crops were average. Had a good hay crop.

OCONTO-K.H.: Reported corn yields are respectable, considering the year. One producer estimated around 110 bushels per acre on corn he just finished combining this past week. Moisture is running in the 28-32 % range. He also has some standing corn he hopes to salvage for high moisture corn, but it is too wet to go through the combine at this point. Fall tillage progress continues as crops are harvested.

SHAWANO-T.A.: Corn yield was short of normal. Conditions for tillage have been pretty good.

MONROE-W.D.: High moisture corn harvest is getting into full gear. Some corn is still at 30% moisture and the best has been 25%. Not much else going on.

PEPIN-R.C.: Corn for grain is finally starting to dry down to reasonable levels. We still have too much left in the fields for this time of the year. We need another good week of dry weather to take the bulk of the corn off the fields.

WAUPACA-D.H.: Early-planted corn was great. Late-planted corn had lower test weights. Soybeans vary; early-planted was good, and late-planted was poor. Tillage is moving along good. Moisture allows excellent progress. Winter wheat looks good.

WAUSHARA-J.J.: Corn in this area was variable. Irrigated growers report good yields and quality. Dry land growers reported 50 bushels per acre of corn with 43 cents drying cost and light test weight. This area had very dry conditions.

FOND DU LAC-E.A.: Corn for grain is light test weight. Soybeans are a poor crop in this area. Winter wheat and alfalfa look very good going into the winter.

OUTAGAMIE-K.J.: There is still some corn in the 30 percent-plus moisture range in the fields. Many took the crop as wet as it was; simply to get it off the field. Test weights have been low.

There are still some soybeans out there that need to come off as well. A lot of small seed and low test weights are with this late crop as well. Fall tillage has been moving along.

GRANT-L.F.: Corn for grain is still high in moisture, quantity and yields are very good. Soybeans are mostly all harvested now, also good yields. More fall tillage is being done due to more harvested fields. Winter wheat is looking very good, growing and nice and green. We need a few weeks of nice weather and most all crops will be harvested. Lots of work being done and lots of corn fodder being baled.

RICHLAND-S.K.: We did not make a lot of progress this week. Off and on showers delayed harvesting the corn, which also slowed down the drying of corn. There is quite a bit of corn being field-dried this year due to high drying costs. Yields of corn and soybeans continue to be reported at above average rates.

DANE-J.K.: Quality of corn has good test weights and yields. Quality of soybeans are very good in early-planted soybeans. Quantity is down in soybeans planted after June; most only yielding 35-40 bushels per acre. Fall tillage is going very good for most who have the crop off. Winter wheat continues to grow with moisture and warmth.

WALWORTH-E.P.: Winter wheat looks good. Some corn still to be combined. Hay looks good.

WASHINGTON-L.K.: Did some custom work this week. Have not combined soybeans since Sunday night. There is 150 acres of soybeans left to be harvested. Late-planted corn is still high in moisture. At least three weeks of combining corn left. Just a poor year in general again.



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Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on November 21, 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	50	35	55	19	43	12	2534	2488	0.83	8.43	1.17	30.12
Green Bay	51	39	61	29	45	12	2385	2352	0.74	5.92	-0.88	30.97
La Crosse	52	40	65	22	46	12	2890	2814	0.80	6.68	-0.27	39.76
Madison	54	39	63	21	46	12	2681	2766	0.44	5.36	-1.42	37.59
Milwaukee	54	41	61	24	47	10	2571	n.a.	0.58	3.44	-4.20	30.82

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.