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Weekend Rains Offer Relief

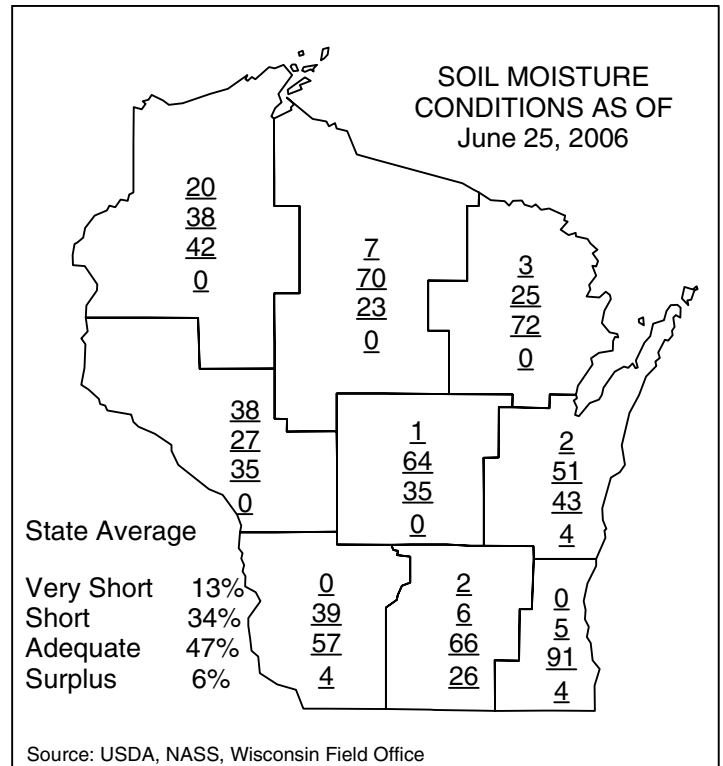
Much needed rains over the weekend helped moisture-stressed corn and the regrowth of alfalfa in northern and central areas of the state. Southern Wisconsin had a contrasting problem, as persistent rain delayed second crop alfalfa cutting. Temperatures were fairly normal for the week, ranging from average to 2 degrees above normal. Average high temperatures were in the high 70s to low 80s in most areas. Low temperatures averaged in the high 50s to low 60s during the week. Rainfall totals ranged from 0.34 inches in La Crosse to 1.79 inches in Milwaukee. Soil moisture conditions were at 13 percent very short, 34 percent short, 47 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus. Last week there was an average of 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork in Wisconsin.

Corn height was reported at an average of 25 inches, slightly taller than last year's 24 inches and above the 5-year average of 16 inches, according to the Wisconsin Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Corn continued to show moisture stress over the week due to dry weather, but weekend rains offered some relief.

Soybean emergence was rated at 98 percent complete, even with last year's progress of 98 percent, and ahead of the 5-year average of 89 percent. Soybeans looked good throughout the state where weed control was effective.

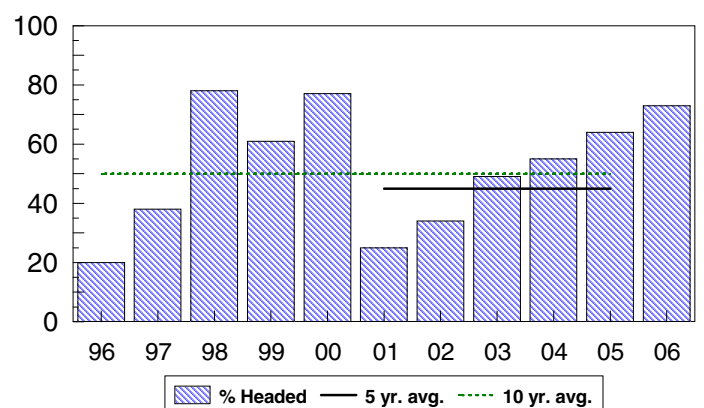
First cutting **alfalfa** was reported at 95 percent complete, above last year's 86 percent and the 5-year average of 74 percent. Timely warm weather helped first crop cutting to reach record completion for this time of year, but also hindered the progress of second crop regrowth. Second cutting alfalfa was reported at 9 percent complete, above last year's 1 percent and the 5-year average of zero. Weekend rain is expected to help second crop regrowth in north and central Wisconsin, but dry weather is needed in southern Wisconsin to help move along second crop cutting. Reporters noted that Leafhoppers were present in northern and central Wisconsin.

Oats headed was reported at 73 percent, ahead of last year's 64 percent and the 5-year average of 45 percent. **Strawberries** were ripening and being picked throughout the state. **Apples** looked very good and were ahead of schedule. **Peas** were being harvested, and **Cucumbers** were planted and starting to come up.



Item	V.-poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
Corn	2	5	25	46	22
Soybeans	1	5	27	50	17
Winter wheat	1	2	8	61	28
Oat	1	5	19	59	16
Pasture	6	17	23	44	10

Progress of Oats Headed
June 25, 1996 - 2006
Wisconsin



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
Oats headed	65	63	65	77	74	63	91	68	78	73	64	45
Average height of corn	22	25	17	24	20	14	33	29	24	25	24	16
Soybeans emerged	99	99	95	99	97	85	99	99	100	98	98	89
First cutting hay	98	92	98	98	91	92	94	95	93	95	86	74
Second cutting hay	6	7	12	9	4	7	11	12	2	9	1	0

Quotes from Farm Reporters and County Ag Agents

BARRON-D.B.: We need rain. Corn, soybeans, oats and second crop alfalfa are all showing signs of moisture stress. Weed control in corn and soybeans are spotty because of no rain. The oats are heading out and are short.

POLK-C.S.: Corn and soybeans look quite good. Small grains are progressing normally as well. In general, most crops look good. Finishing up applying nitrogen on corn. Spraying the last of the soybeans. Treating some alfalfa for insects.

CLARK-N.S.: A much-needed rain came over the weekend. New forage seedings needed the moisture. Some corn leaves were rolling in the middle part of the week.

SHAWANO-B.R.: Corn and soybeans are looking good overall, and chemicals seem to be doing a good job at this time. Wheat is starting to turn. Second crop alfalfa is starting to show buds and no major problems with Leafhoppers as of yet.

BUFFALO-R.S.: Corn leaves were curling from lack of moisture, but the 2.0 inches of rain really helped. Rye is turning yellow. Second crop hay is showing buds. Soybeans seem small for the start of July.

LACROSSE-S.H.: Most fields still look good; however, some rain would really benefit many locations. First crop hay yields were good; a number of producers are starting second crop. Some Leafhopper and weevil presence in second crop alfalfa.

PORTAGE-J.W.: Corn and soybeans are looking good; but there are a few weedy corn fields. Hay yields are better than expected; regrowth is good. Lots of baled hay this week.

WAUPACA-D.L.H.: Corn and soybeans are looking good despite lack of moisture. First crop hay yielded good with good harvesting weather. Weeds are growing with warm and dry conditions.

FOND DU LAC-R.P.: Winter wheat has lodged. Crops in some local areas are showing stress from lack of rain. We did have 0.40 inch of rain for the week, but could use 2.0 inches of rain real soon.

SHEBOYGAN-E.P.: First crop alfalfa had good yields. Short rain showers are saving the corn and other crops this week. More rain is needed to fill out the kernels of small grains. Perennial weeds are a problem this year causing a lot of work.

GRANT-L.F.: Corn looks real good. Lots of corn is knee high already. Some will be waist high by the 4th of July. Warm weather and timely rains have really helped soybeans and second crop hay- which some have cut already. In our area, all crops have emerged. Oats are heading, but some are short. Pastures are very good. There are weeds in some corn fields, but not a real problem. Quality and quantity of alfalfa and hay as a whole have been exceptional in our area.

IOWA-K.V.: Second cutting alfalfa looks good; weevils are almost gone. Corn is growing fast and is dark green in color. Soybeans are starting to take off. Winter wheat looks good.

JEFFERSON-B.K.: Corn exploded with most of it waist high and dark green. Wheat beginning to turn color. Oats are fully headed and look good. Pastures continue to grow rapidly. Soybean spraying is falling behind with the rains, many are 8-10 inches tall already. Need dry weather for second cutting of alfalfa to be made.

ROCK-C.O.: Rain this week was spotty, but in our area it was heavy. Some rain gauges had over 3.0 inches for the week. Corn in some areas is good, but ponding in fields is evident now. Oats and winter wheat look great too. Second crop hay harvest should begin, but weather is holding it up.

KENOSHA-J.H.: Lots of hay, but hard to make. Quite a lot of variability in corn and soybeans. However, most crops are doing well.

WAUKESHA-D.W.: Corn and soybeans have shot up with the recent rains. Roundup ready soybeans are being sprayed this week.



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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 24	Mar. 1 to June 24 normal *	Last week	Since June 1	June 1 dep. from normal*	Year to date
Eau Claire	83	57	88	49	70	2	1099	815	0.68	1.34	-2.09	10.58
Green Bay	79	56	82	47	67	0	893	727	1.57	1.89	-0.77	13.90
La Crosse	82	61	87	56	72	1	1118	926	0.34	1.96	-1.15	14.65
Madison	78	59	82	50	69	1	983	912	0.37	1.63	-1.56	16.39
Milwaukee	77	60	83	51	68	0	866	n.a.	1.79	2.12	-0.63	17.61

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.