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Great Week for Harvest Progress

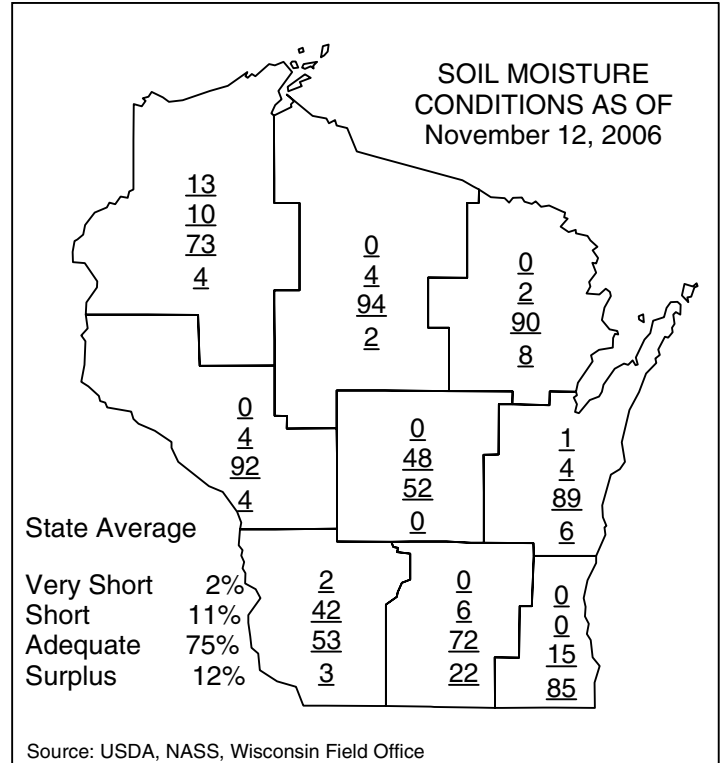
Last week allowed farmers to be very productive in the fields until snow came on Friday. Rainfall totals ranged from 0.12 inches in Green Bay to 0.80 inches in Milwaukee. Temperatures ranged from 4 to 8 degrees above normal. Average high temperatures were in the low to mid 50s across the state. Lows averaged in the mid-30s for the week. Soil moisture conditions were reported at 2 percent very short, 11 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 12 percent surplus. Last week there was an average of 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork.

Corn harvested for grain was at 75 percent complete, behind last year's 83 percent, but ahead of the 5-year average of 73 percent, according to the Wisconsin Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Corn yields continued to vary, especially in the northern parts of the state.

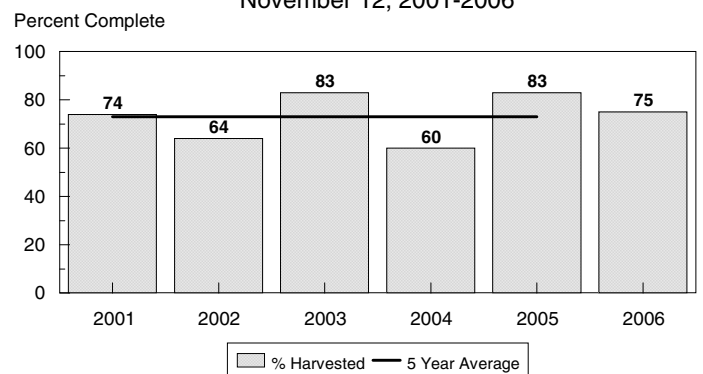
Soybeans harvested was at 96 percent, just lower than last year's 97 percent, but higher than the 5-year average of 94 percent. All areas of the state have caught up in soybean harvest progress, which should be wrapping up soon.

Fall tillage was reported at 49 percent complete, behind last year's 54 percent, but ahead of the 5-year average of 47 percent. Many farmers reported good early week tillage progress before Friday's snow.

Winter wheat that was planted early looks good. Late-planted wheat was not progressing well due to the wet conditions of the past few weeks. **Manure hauling** continued at a good pace.



Corn Harvested for Grain
Yearly Averages for Wisconsin
November 12, 2001-2006



Crop and percent of acreage	Wisconsin Crop Progress, November 12, 2006										State average		
	District average									This year	Last year	5-year average	
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
Corn harvested for grain	72	80	61	69	77	90	82	76	56	75	83	73	
Soybeans harvested	98	99	96	98	96	95	99	97	90	96	97	94	
Fall tillage completed	64	53	53	47	72	83	31	22	47	49	54	47	

Quotes from Farm Reporters and County Ag Agents

BAYFIELD-S.S.: Winter wheat fields are green. Some combining corn for high moisture and putting it in silage bags. Ground is very dry, would like to see more moisture before winter arrives.

WASHBURN-R.H.: Some of the winter wheat looks real good. Corn on irrigated fields was great, but on non-irrigated fields it was not. Feed supplies are short.

CLARK-N.S.: There was a big push last week to move harvest along and empty manure pits. Snowfall came on Friday.

MARINETTE-S.R.: Wet snow will stop progress for a couple days.

SHAWANO-B.R.: Winter wheat planted in early October still is not out of the ground yet, while the early-planted wheat looks excellent. Many test plot corn yields coming in at 200-plus bushels per acre, but have not seen any fields averaging anywhere near that in the area. Most are 120-160 bushels per acre. A lot of excellent fall tillage done this past week.

MONROE-W.D.: This past week was perfect for getting things done. Most soybeans were harvested. Corn is at 19 percent moisture and \$3-plus a bushel. Some fourth crop hay was baled.

PEPIN-H.R.: Corn harvest in this area is really going fast, as the dry weather all week has most of the corn harvested. Soybeans are all done, with good yields on the heavy soils and poor yields on the light soils. Lots of fall tillage is getting done. Lots of stalk baling and stacking is going on also. Good weather for manure hauling also.

WAUPACA-D.L.H.: Corn yielded below average. Soybeans yielded better, but some acres suffered from lack of moisture. Dry weather is conclusive for fall tillage which is above average.

WAUSHARA-L.K.: Corn yields are down this year, except for the irrigated fields. Soybean yields are all the way from 20-50 bushels per acre. It has been a dry week.

SHEBOYGAN-T.B.: Corn yields were above average, but the promising soybean crop fell to average due to drought during the grain filling period. Winter wheat planting is done and early-planted fields look terrific. Fall tillage and manure hauling is wrapping up.

WINNEBAGO-R.H.: Yields for corn and soybeans are better than expected with limited rains. Corn yields were from 100-160 bushels per acre. Soybeans mostly near 50 bushels per acre.

Early-planted winter wheat looks very good. Late-planted wheat does not look so good, as it has been too cold and dry-it has just sprouted in the ground. Warm weather may get it growing and green up the fields.

GRANT-R.R.: Rain and snow have brought an end to fieldwork for some time again. Lots of fieldwork was done the first four days of the week.

DANE-J.K.: Corn and soybean yields are very good in this area. Corn at 180-250 bushels per acre weighed with a buggy. Soybeans came off at 55 bushels (average) per acre with the best fields 60-70 bushels. Winter wheat looks good and is growing again now with warmer weather. All winter wheat planted in this area. There is a lot more fall tillage done now, where corn is off and fodder made. Some farmers done combining and others have five days to one week left to finish.

DODGE-G.R.: Unusually warm weather during the week facilitated the usual frantic pace to finish harvest. Corn is almost done, with moisture ranging from 16-24 percent. Completion hampered by backups at mills in area. Soybeans completed locally. Some were able to make round bales of hay during the week due to favorable weather.

RACINE-L.F.: Again crops are sitting in the fields waiting for harvest. Fields that are being harvested are really looking ugly with ruts. I do not think the winter wheat that was planned to be put in reached its goal, and the wheat in the ground is doing absolutely nothing.

WASHINGTON-K.R.: Winter wheat is just starting to come out. Soybean yields were from 32-52 bushels per acre, depending on fields and rain.



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Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on November 12, 2006

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. 14	Mar. 1 to Oct. 14 normal *	Last week	Since Sept. 1	Sept. 1 dep. from normal*	Year to date
Eau Claire	52	36	71	24	44	8	3015	2516	0.73	5.96	-0.73	25.23
Green Bay	52	35	65	31	44	7	2643	2378	0.12	6.62	0.50	26.72
La Crosse	54	38	73	28	46	7	3180	2846	0.22	4.73	-1.57	26.52
Madison	53	34	69	24	44	5	2839	2802	0.75	6.96	0.86	33.89
Milwaukee	55	38	68	30	46	4	2871	n.a.	0.80	7.67	0.95	33.11

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.