



Wisconsin Crop Progress

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Soybeans Turning Color Rapidly

Temperatures were 8 to 10 degrees above normal this past week, allowing for crops to continue maturing. High temperatures were in the high 80s and low 90s, while low temperatures were in the high 40s and 50s. Rainfall totals ranged from 0.10 inches in Milwaukee to 1.64 inches in Green Bay. Eau Claire, Green Bay, and Milwaukee remain below normal for rainfall this year. Soil moisture conditions were rated as 4 percent very short, 16 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus. There was an average of 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

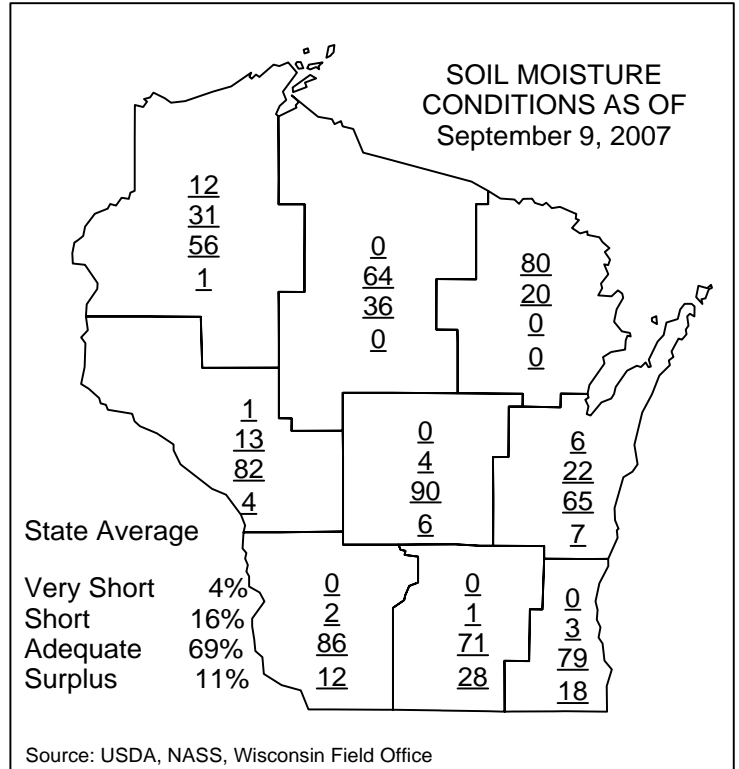
Corn in the dough stage reached 94 percent complete, slightly above last year's 92 percent and the 5-year average of 85 percent complete. Seventy-two percent of the crop had reached the dent stage, an increase of 16 percentage points from last week. This is above last year's average of 64 percent and the 5-year average of 55 percent. The crop was rated at 17 percent mature, above last year's 10 percent and the 5-year average of 7 percent. Several fields were harvested for silage this past week, bringing the total to 24 percent complete. This is ahead of both last year's and the 5-year averages of 18 and 16 percent, respectively. In addition, some seed corn had been harvested in south-central areas.

Soybeans turning color jumped 33 percentage points to 56 percent complete. This is above both last year's 48 percent and the 5-year average of 51 percent complete. Fourteen percent of the crop had dropped their leaves, slightly below last year's 15 percent, but the same as the 5-year average. Fields seem to be maturing unevenly. Disease is becoming a larger problem, especially in central areas.

There were lots of opportunities to make third and fourth cutting **alfalfa** this past week. Third cutting hay increased to 87 percent complete, below last year's average of 89 percent, but above the 5-year average of 84 percent. Fourth cutting hay was 20 percent complete, also below last year's average of 22 percent, but above the 5-year average of 18 percent. Reports for quality and quantity of yields for fourth cutting have been extremely variable. **Pastures** have continued to improve.

Fall field work has started. Some **winter wheat** has been planted and **alfalfa** re-seeded.

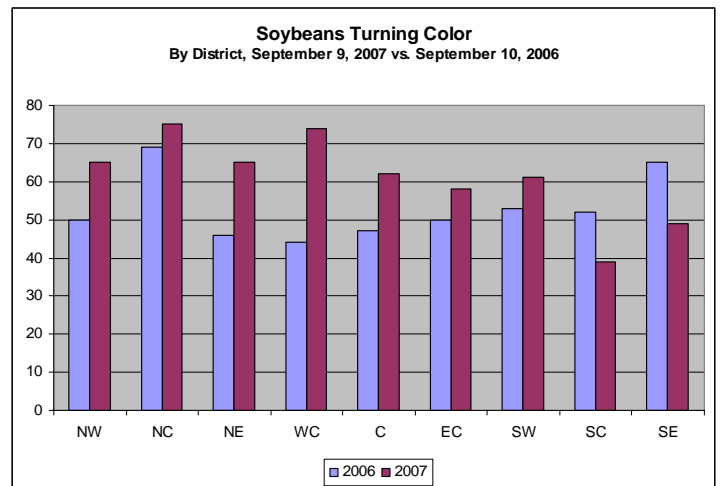
Apple and **cranberry** yields appear to be good. Harvesting continues for **potatoes**.



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of September 9, 2007

Item	V.-poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
Corn	7	16	27	35	15
Soybeans	5	11	30	40	14
Pasture	7	10	26	49	8

Source: USDA, NASS, Wisconsin Field Office.



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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 dough	82	88	95	95	86	90	98	99	100	94	92	85
Corn dent	58	72	70	70	69	69	79	75	76	72	64	55
Corn mature	5	7	5	23	20	17	21	18	25	17	10	7
Corn harvested for silage	17	15	45	39	23	26	20	14	4	24	18	16
Soybeans turning color	65	75	65	74	62	58	61	39	49	56	48	51
Soybeans dropping leaves	21	15	20	26	11	13	9	7	13	14	15	14
Third cutting hay	82	82	95	90	86	84	89	88	96	87	89	84
Fourth cutting hay	13	5	5	20	13	25	26	34	17	20	22	18

Source: USDA, NASS, Wisconsin Field Office.

Quotes from Farm Reporters and County Ag Agents

BARRON-D.B.: Corn and soybeans look better since receiving the recent rains. Corn silage harvest has begun with quality and quantity ranging from very poor to very good. There is some insect damage in the corn stalks depending on the hybrid. Third and fourth crop hay cutting is short.

CLARK-N.S.: Corn silage harvest is underway. Third crop hay cutting is nearly done. Pastures are rebounding well.

SHAWANO-B.R.: A lot of corn silage was chopped this week with tonnage being good, although grain content was lower than normal. Some corn is nearing the level for high moisture harvesting. Soybean leaves are starting to drop. Alfalfa fields have come alive again which should give some decent yields in a few weeks.

MONROE-W.D.: It was a good week for getting hay harvested; excellent quality and quantity. All crops have recovered from the past drought and recent rains. It seems like a second spring with everything wanting to grow again. Some areas will have a decent yield with corn and soybeans, but some others have not recovered.

PIERCE-J.K.: Corn looks pretty good, although stalk condition is getting worse everyday. Soybeans are changing fast. Combines will be in the fields soon.

WAUPACA-D.L.H.: Rain came too late for most crops except for pastures. Low yielding corn is being put in the silos.

WOOD-F.M.: With all the rain in August, harvesting of hay and corn silage went very good. Fourth crop hay yields varied from good to very poor. Reports of corn silage in some fields are very good but drought damaged fields had low yields.

SHEBOYGAN-E.P.: Heat and dry weather for too long stunted the corn. We are now getting a little rain, but it still is failing. Soybeans are half turning color. Soil got very dry for plowing this week.

WINNEBAGO-R.H.: Corn and soybeans look like a bumper crop. We are hoping to get in the fields where conditions allow the machinery to harvest the good crops. Sweet corn harvest is getting close to being done with 7-8 tons per acre. Fourth crop hay is looking very good. The rain came early enough to help the quality and quantity.

GRANT-L.F.: Corn and soybeans look really good. Lots of silage is being made. Lots of third and some fourth crop hay were spoiled due to too much rain. Most hay was chopped back on the ground for the fourth crop to be a better crop, which really looks good. Pastures really improved. Some weeds are showing up in the fields. As a whole, crops look very good in our area. We may get some rain, but we are not hurting for moisture. We got a good soaking rain Thursday night and Friday.

COLUMBIA-R.S.: Soybeans are turning. Corn is beginning to change color also. Some spots in the corn are all dried up. Oat and winter wheat fields that are left untilled are full of weeds. Oat yields were below average. Wheat is average. Corn seems to be less than expected; cobs and kernels are shorter. Soybeans vary greatly. Some are below average and others are above average.

JEFFERSON-R.W.: Crops look a lot better after the large rainfalls. Corn silage will be going strong next week.

ROCK-C.O.: Crop stress is showing in both corn and soybeans. Parts of soybean fields have dropped their leaves and other parts are still green as can be. Corn is showing signs of leaf diseases and is shutting down. You can tell when the top of the plant is the first to get brown, not the bottom. Pollination was spotty in fields on lighter soils.

RACINE-L.F.: Excessive rains have destroyed many acres of corn and soybeans. Soybeans have died up and are lying in the field rotting. Not sure what will happen with the corn yet. There are still some areas with water standing. Crops that were not flooded are still looking to be a very bountiful harvest.



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Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on September 9, 2007

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 Sept. 8	Mar. 1 to Sept. 8 normal *	Last week	Since Sept. 1	Sept. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	84	59	91	49	72	9	2661	2215	1.54	1.55	0.36	20.53	-3.91
Green Bay	85	59	92	53	72	10	2479	2078	1.64	1.64	0.69	19.16	-2.12
La Crosse	86	64	92	56	75	9	2987	2487	0.91	0.91	-0.13	32.79	8.32
Madison	83	61	89	53	72	8	2737	2421	0.23	0.23	-0.77	34.83	10.13
Milwaukee	83	65	91	58	74	8	2624	n.a.	0.10	0.10	-0.90	24.52	-0.50

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. Source: USDA, NASS, Wisconsin Field Office.