Rain Slows Fieldwork

Several areas of Wisconsin reported rain slowing down fieldwork this past week, but not enough to stop all harvesting activities. While harvesting continued, manure spreading and tillage activities have also begun.

Average high temperatures ranged from 65 to 69 degrees, with average low temperatures ranging from 44 to 51 degrees. Precipitation totals last week ranged from 0.53 inches in La Crosse to 1.40 inches in Milwaukee. Soil moisture conditions were reported at 6 percent very short, 26 percent short, 65 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. There was an average of 5.0 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Corn

Maturity was at 80 percent mature with 8 percent of corn harvested for grain. Corn for grain will need some good drying weather. Corn silage harvest was winding down with completion reported at 90 percent. Corn conditions were reported at 5 percent very poor, 12 percent poor, 32 percent fair, 41 percent good, and 10 percent excellent.

Soybeans

Arealmost finished dropping leaves, at 97 percent complete. Reports showed that 38 percent of Wisconsin’s soybeans have been harvested. With drier weather, harvest should steadily increase. Crop conditions were at 5 percent very poor, 13 percent poor, 35 percent fair, 39 percent good, and 8 percent excellent.

Pasture

Conditions showed improvement with reports at 7 percent very poor, 21 percent poor, 41 percent fair, 28 percent good, and 1 percent excellent.

Crop and percent of acreage | District average | State average |
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Quotes from Farm Reporters and County Ag Agents

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WASHBURN-K.S.: Fall harvest is in full swing. Recent rains are slowing things down, but should not prevent harvest. Corn for grain will need more good drying weather. Corn silage yields are running average to slightly below average, especially on lighter, sandy soils.

MARATHON-M.K.: Soybeans are yielding 25-35 bushels per acre with 40 bushels tops. There is a big crop of corn silage. Fourth crop hay is small.

OCONTO-K.H.: Corn silage harvest is winding down. Corn combining is continuing. Grain moisture levels vary widely, heard one report of 40 percent moisture still. Soybean harvest is just starting. There are a few hayfields to be harvested yet, but for all practical purposes hay harvest is complete. Manure spreading and tillage is starting as corn fields are harvested. Wheat has emerged. The 1.5 inches of rain early in the week helped turf and pastures green up.

SHAWANO-T.B.: Corn silage harvest is about done; and high moisture combining is under way. The soybean harvest has begun and most of the reported yields are slightly higher than expected, in the 25 to 40 bushel range. Fourth crop hay yields are low. Fall tillage is in full swing and about the same as normal. Corn silage yields are about half of normal. 7 to 14 tons per acre is the reported range of yields.

ST. CROIX-L.M.: 7 to 14 tons per acre is the reported range of yields. Corn silage harvest is complete. Corn for grain has not started. No soybeans as of yet. Fourth crop hay is complete with good yields.

KENOSHA-J.H.: Corn is drying very slowly. Later planted soybeans are slow to mature.

WASHINGTON-R.B.: Farmers are combining soybeans; yields are poor. Wheat planting is going on.

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Soybean harvest is progressing with yields in the 20 to 50 bushel range. Corn silage is nearing the end. This is probably the latest corn silage harvest in twenty plus years. Some high moisture corn is coming off in the drier areas of the county, with moisture reported in the low 30's.

PORTAGE-J.W.: Cranberry and potato harvest continues with good yields. Corn and soybean harvest is beginning with variable yields.

WAUPACA-D.L.H.: Dry fields and good weather are conducive to rapid harvesting of corn and hay. Yields are lower due to dry weather. Fruit yields are average.

SHEBOYGAN-M.B.: Winter wheat is being planted following soybeans. Yields of corn for silage have been good. Early soybean yield reports are in the 40 to 55 bushel range.

WINNEBAGO-R.H.: Harvesting of corn and soybeans has been slow. Fourth crop alfalfa looks good, but progress has been slow. Frost on the corn is slowing progress. Fieldwork has been slow, as the soybeans have not been harvested yet, with some farmers waiting to get the beans off to plant winter wheat.

GRANT-E.B.: High moisture corn harvest is about to begin. What fourth crop hay there is, is being harvested and is very short. Manure is being applied to silage ground.

COLUMBIA-R.S.: Harvest has begun for soybeans. Some fields are done, but yields are low. Many farmers are ready to work, but slow drizzles have kept everyone at a standstill. Weeds have come in the corn fields, and we do not need this.

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Cranberry and potato harvest

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