



# Wisconsin Crop Progress

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## Growers Still Waiting for Corn to Dry Down

Many areas of Wisconsin are finished harvesting soybeans, while corn for grain harvest is still underway. Yields vary across the state depending on the amount of rain received throughout the season. Precipitation totals last week ranged from 0.33 inches in Milwaukee to 0.77 inches in Eau Claire. Soil moisture conditions were reported at 4 percent very short, 21 percent short, 72 percent adequate and 3 percent surplus.

Average high temperatures ranged from 58 to 62 degrees, with average low temperatures ranging from 40 to 46 degrees. There was an average of 5.1 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

**Corn** harvested for grain was at 58 percent complete with conditions reported at 6 percent very poor, 11 percent poor, 26 percent fair, 44 percent good, and 13 percent excellent. Harvest was slow in some areas due to rain and snow. High moisture corn harvest was progressing on many farms. Some moisture issues were causing farmers to have to pay high drying costs. Stalks were being baled or cut for bedding.

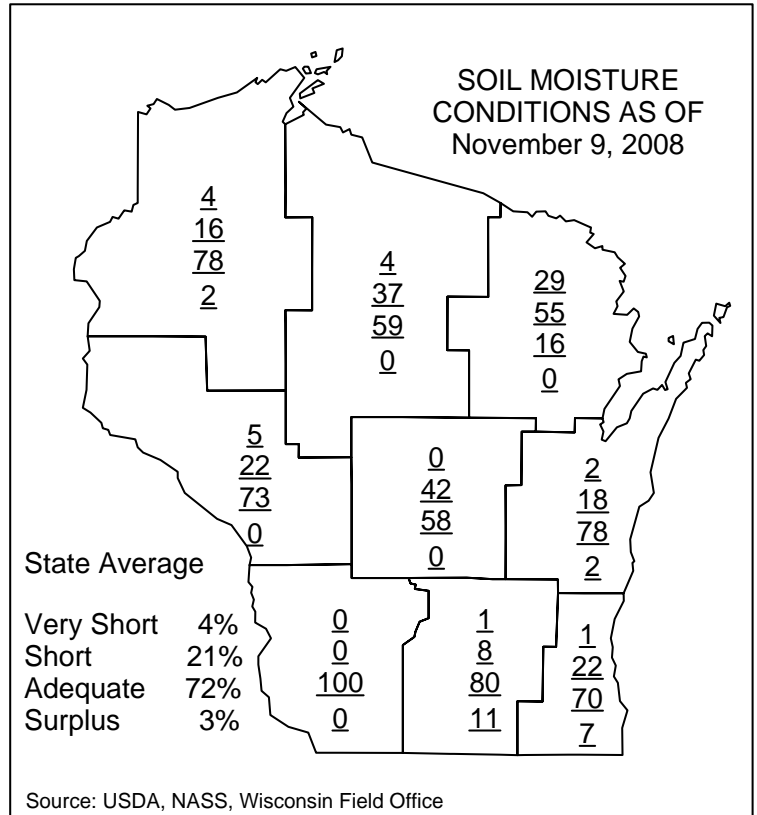
**Soybean** harvest wrapped up this past week with 98 percent completion reported.

**Winter wheat** has had a good start and looks good.

**Fall tillage** was 43 percent complete. The late, dry fall has allowed more plowing and disking to be done. Manure trucks were moving steadily, with hauling drawing to a close.

**Pasture** conditions were reported at 7 percent very poor, 15 percent poor, 46 percent fair, 30 percent good, and 2 percent excellent.

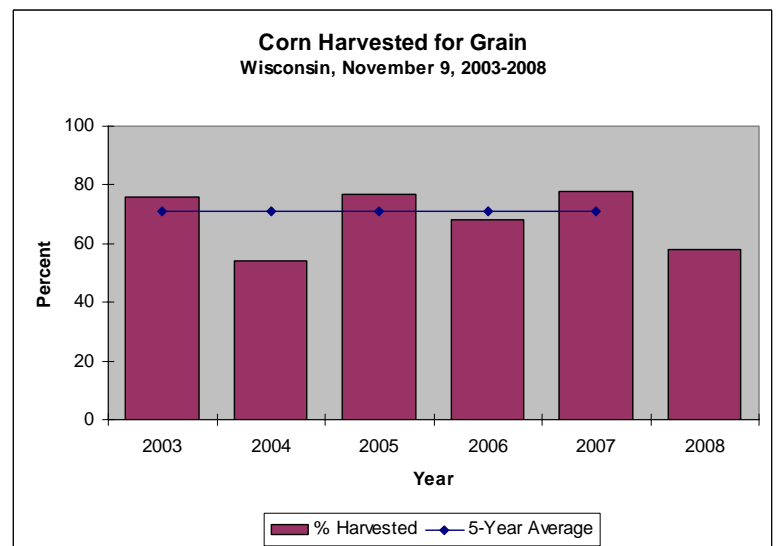
Some **apple** quality in the western part of the state was harmed by hail in early summer. **Rye** was looking good.



## Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of November 9, 2008

Item	V.-poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
Corn	6	11	26	44	13
Pasture	7	15	46	30	2

Source: USDA, NASS, Wisconsin Field Office



## Wisconsin Crop Progress, November 9, 2008

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 harvested for grain	40	53	69	54	56	73	54	59	53	58	78	71
Soybeans harvested	96	100	98	99	94	95	100	98	100	98	93	92
Fall tillage complete	25	68	54	26	68	66	47	33	38	43	48	48

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