



Wisconsin Crop Progress

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Rain Welcomed; Heat Still Needed

Some timely rains fell across the state this past week but temperatures have remained cool. The Northwestern district has yet to collect the amount of precipitation like the rest of the state as their soil moisture conditions remain mostly short. Growers were anticipating sunshine and warmer temperatures to help kick-start the growth of many of their crops. Across the reporting stations, precipitation totals ranged from 1.81 inches in Madison to 0.72 inches in Eau Claire. Average temperatures last week were 3 to 8 degrees below normal. Average high temperatures ranged from 64 to 71 degrees, while average low temperatures ranged from 48 to 53 degrees. On average, there were 4.3 days suitable for fieldwork. If you are interested in further weather data, please reference the following sites:

- <http://www.noaa.gov/>
- <http://www.aos.wisc.edu/~sco/>
- <http://www.cocorahs.org/>
- <http://www.weather.gov/>

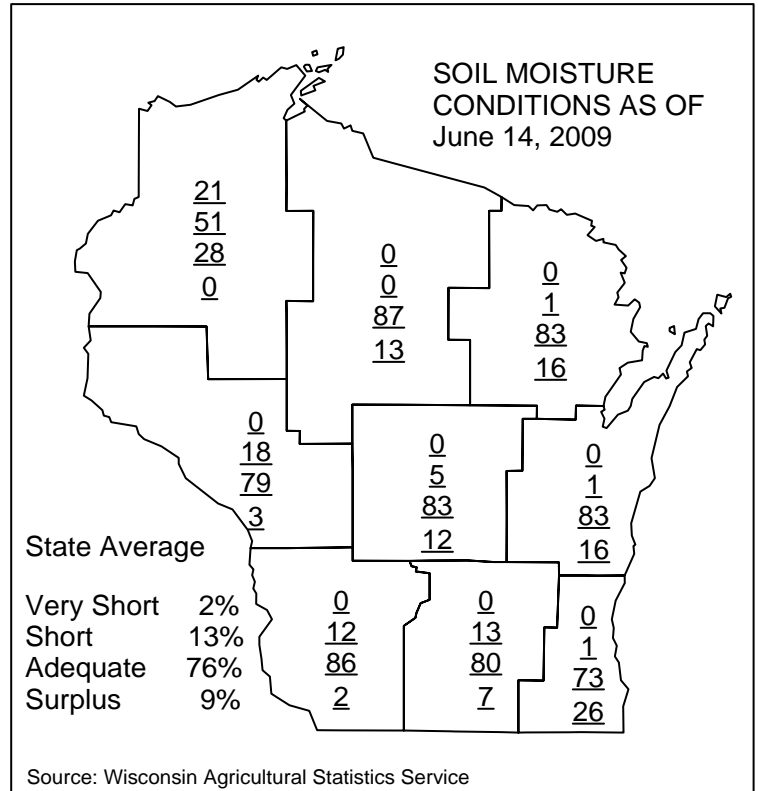
Except for some late plantings, **corn** emergence was almost finished at 95 percent complete. Heat is needed for the corn to start responding as the growth has started to slow. A few sunny and warmer days last week helped the corn perk up and started to bring some color back into it. Warmer temperatures will also help to develop the roots. Some corn was being sprayed for weeds. The average height of corn throughout the state was reported as 7 inches high.

Soybeans planted was 96 percent complete, while soybeans emerged was 80 percent complete. Emergence jumped 22 percentage points from the previous week. For the most part, soybeans were still emerging slowly, yet appear to be coming up with a pretty good stand. There were areas where the cool weather has affected the condition of soybeans and growth has yet to take off. Similar to corn, warmer temperatures are needed.

Oats headed was reported as 11 percent complete throughout the state. Some oats planted as a cover crop were being cut for hay.

Haying remained underway this past week and growers were fitting in cuttings between the rains. **Hay** was reported as 72 percent complete, up 21 percentage points from a week ago. Reports on yield and quality have been mixed depending on how long it was lying in the fields and if it was rained on. Again, warm weather is needed to put that final growth on first crop, to help dry out the hay that is down, and to get a good start on the second crop's development.

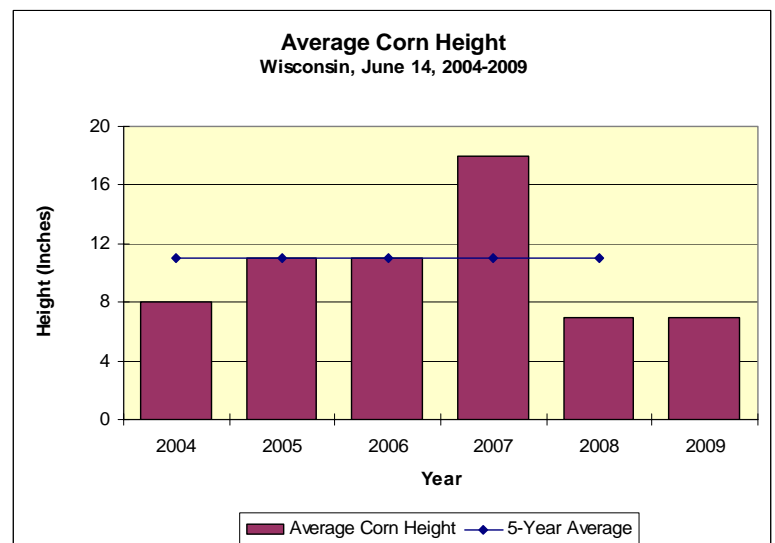
Early **peas** and **snap beans** were both reported as looking great.



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of June 14, 2009

Item	V.-poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
Winter Wheat	1	5	20	59	15
Oat	0	2	20	62	16
Pasture	2	9	24	48	17
Corn	1	3	22	57	17
Soybean	1	4	30	54	11

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 emerged	98	97	96	97	94	92	100	94	93	95	93	93
Soybeans planted	99	97	97	99	95	92	100	97	90	96	93	94
Soybeans emerged	90	75	83	94	72	68	94	77	76	80	76	80
First cutting hay	74	70	74	79	64	74	73	74	49	72	26	54
Average corn height	5	6	5	6	6	6	13	8	5	7	7	11
Oats headed	3	0	5	8	12	6	7	20	25	11	11	22

Source: USDA, NASS, Wisconsin Field Office.

Quotes from Farm Reporters and County Ag Agents

RUSK-G.P.: Everything is looking better with a good rain and some sunshine. Lots of spraying is going on now. First crop hay is done; some was good and some not so good. Some potash is going on now that the prices have come down.

MARATHON-M.K.: It is too wet to spray crops. There is some hay to cut which was a good crop.

TAYLOR-D.E.: First crop hay harvest is well underway. Some did get rained on, but most has been harvested without getting washed. Hay quality looks good. Planted crops are growing slowly due to cold temperatures. There is little to no replanting or prevented planted.

LANGLADE-A.K.: We need heat and sunshine for corn and haying. The hay crop is very good.

OCONTO-K.H.: Corn and soybeans are responding to warmer weather. First cutting hay harvest is almost complete. Reports are excellent yields and quality of alfalfa. Some marginal stands are being tilled to be planted to corn. Wheat is beginning to head out. Recent rains have soil moisture levels in good shape.

LACROSSE-I.H.: It has been a cool wet week again. Harvesting of first crop hay is still in progress. The hay had been knocked over by the rain so that it is somewhat lodged. It is also a little spongy. The hay is coarse now and farmers are trying their best to get it off between the rainy days.

PEPIN-H.R.: First crop hay has good quality but short on quantity. Second crop hay is off to a good start. Corn looks real good with very even stands. Soybeans in our area needed rain. Most of the spraying is going well. Some nitrogen is going into the corn.

ST. CROIX-L.M.: First crop alfalfa yields are 50-80 percent of normal for many producers. Rain a week ago was great but need much more rain. The sub-soil is dry.

WAUPACA-D.H.: Corn and soybeans need warm sunshine. Hay harvest is at a standstill due to all the rain and cool weather. Hay yields are slightly down due to cool temperatures but the quality is high.

WOOD-M.L.: Alfalfa yields have been good and most of the crop was made timely without weather problems; regrowth is coming back well. Fieldwork left to be done has been hampered by rain.

BROWN-M.H.: Most of the corn and soybeans have emerged. Some wheat is starting to head out. Earlier harvested alfalfa is showing acceptable regrowth for second cutting. We need some heat.

OUTAGAMIE-K.J.: There are a few fields of corn and soybeans that just were planted this past week. These were lower fields that never were dry enough to plant early on. First crop hay continues to be harvested. Blooms are starting to show up in fields indicating that quality will begin to drop quickly without any warm weather. The cool weather has kept pests in check as there are no major widespread problems coming out of the farm fields.

SAUK-W.J.: The rain on Sunday night and Monday followed with nice warm days gave second crop hay a needed boost. Early cut hay will need cutting by late next week. Corn and soybeans are really off too. Oats have heads in the boot. Wheat is short but starting to head out nicely.

ROCK-C.O.: Things are finally growing, but slow. Soybeans just are not taking off; no-till is the worst. Hay harvest is moving along, and a lot of Nitrogen is being sprayed.

WASHINGTON-R.B.: Some farmers are planting crops for the first time. Corn and soybeans are slow to grow. Hay is fair in yield but quality is good.



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Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on June 14, 2009

City	Temperature						Growing degree days (modified base 50) 1/		Precipitation				
	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg. dep. from normal *	March 1 to June 13	March 1 to June 13 normal *	Last week	Since June 1	June 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	66	48	77	46	57	-8	602	633	0.72	1.66	-0.16	7.97	-4.10
Green Bay	64	50	74	46	57	-7	485	556	1.46	2.10	0.72	12.53	1.54
La Crosse	68	52	76	46	60	-8	694	723	1.08	1.76	0.19	11.10	-1.37
Madison	71	53	75	49	62	-3	655	712	1.81	1.83	0.20	18.58	5.50
Milwaukee	65	51	72	46	58	-6	542	n.a.	1.38	1.51	0.13	15.58	1.29

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.