Good Week for Corn and Soybean Harvests

Another dry week allowed growers to make progress harvesting, especially getting their soybeans off the fields. The dry, warm conditions brought down moisture levels in both crops, easing some concerns over drying costs, although many fields still remained above ideal levels. Conditions were also favorable for getting some tillage done and manure hauled.

According to the State Climatologist website, there was a slight amount of precipitation in the northwest and northeast corners of the state, but the majority of the state saw no precipitation last week. Exact temperature and precipitation data were unavailable for this week’s report. On average, there were 6.7 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/~scp/
http://www.cocorahs.org/
http://www.weather.gov/

Corn harvested for grain was reported at 38 percent complete, an increase of 15 percentage points from the previous week. Growers made good progress harvesting corn for grain, but many continued to hold back because of high moisture levels.

Soybean harvest was reported at 88 percent complete, an increase of 34 percentage points from the previous week. Conditions allowed beans to dry down and fields to dry out, and growers were able to make great progress harvesting beans. Some areas were reported to be wrapping up soybean harvest.

Winter wheat planted was reported at 84 percent complete with 63 percent emerged. Winter wheat was reported to be coming up well. There were some growers still planting winter wheat as soybeans came off.

Fall tillage was reported at 38 percent complete, an increase of 9 percentage points from the previous week. Growers reported that they were able to get some tillage done last week, but there is still much more to do.

Growers were able empty manure pits with hauling done as fields were harvested.

Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of November 15, 2009

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Source: USDA, NASS, Wisconsin Field Office.
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SHAWANO

A week of sunny weather has allowed us to get most of the soybeans off with most of
the moisture range still in the 13-15%. Yields were
between 35-50 bushels per acre. High moisture corn
was being harvested by quite of few farmers in the 28-35
% range. Winter wheat is coming up very good. A lot of
manure got hauled this past week and fall tillage is
progressing, but some fields have very wet spots and
harvesting ruts in them.

SHAWANO – J.N.: With the dry weather this past week
producers made huge gains on harvesting the crops.
Soybeans lead the way with nearly all acres harvested.
Moisture levels were around 12.5% so there weren't any
drying charges as compared to earlier harvests which were at about 15-16%. Yields were below average,
ranging from 32-45 bu./acre. Corn harvest also
progressed greatly this week with many acres being
taken off. Moisture levels are for the most part around
30%. Corn for dry grain is being harvested because of a
concern with mold. Drying charges along with a light test
weight (44-50 lbs per bu.) have discounts running in the
range of 55-70 cents a bu.

EAU CLAIRE – M.P.: We finally had a good harvest
week with the majority of the soybeans now harvested
with above average yields. Corn harvest is slower than
normal with higher moisteries and mold present in many
fields.

PIERCE – J.K.: Farmers are picking their spots to
harvest beans and corn as some fields will carry
equipment and some won't. Where crops have been
harvested, manure has been spread as farmers are
emptying their pits. Corn moisture remains fairly high
from 25–35%. Corn driers are really being tested this
year.

GREEN LAKE – R.G.: Combines are rolling in corn fields.
A lot of farmers are done with soybean harvest. Mold is a
problem with some farms. Winter wheat looks much better
than it did. Fields have dried off and a lot of fall tillage is
being done.

WAUPACA – L.B.: Fall raspberry crop was cut short with
early October freeze but otherwise a good to excellent crop.
Squash crop was excellent and pumpkin crop was fair.

FOND DU LAC-R.P.: What a great week for field work; lots of
activity. Need two more weeks to get caught up, but feel
good to get at least one great week to harvest.

GRANT-E.B.: Finally a dry week. Moisture is still high, but
time is running out so artificial drying is the answer.

DANE-J.K.: Corn and soybeans are coming off very fast
now, with excellent weather, many farmers working long
hours and all night in some cases. Moisture is coming and
there is less or no white mold now, especially on early
planted corn and beans. It may be a different story in later
planted crops. Most of wheat planted is up now. I don't think
anyone would try to plant now, but it might work. Wheat isn’t
growing much due to the very cold nights. Fields are quite
wet and soft with trucks and wagons sinking in quite a bit.
There will be a lot of compaction! Quite a bit of field work
being done for those who are ready and able and after liquid
manure. Wet but doesn’t hurt too much now, “I think”.

DODGE-G.R.: Rapid progress is finally possible due to
favorable weather. Soybeans virtually completed with
moistures from 10-14%, yields at 30-40 bushels per acre.
High moisture shell corn being made; some shell corn
started, but moistures in the 20’s.

GREEN – M.M.: Combines were rolling this week as nice
weather let most complete soybean harvest and put a good
dent in corn harvest. Corn dried down well this week, but
moisture levels are still in the 20-30% range, with later
planted fields exhibiting mold problems. Yields are running
much above normal, but test weights and quality are below
normal.

WASHINGTON – K.R.: Thank God for the last 2 weeks of
good weather. We got our soybeans done!

WAUKESHA – C.W.: Great week for harvest; warm temps,
no rain and breezy. Lots more work to be done before winter.
October was very wet this year and about 8 degrees cooler
than last year.