



Wisconsin Crop Progress

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Wet Week Slowed Fieldwork for Many

Rain fell across the state this past week leaving fields too wet to harvest any remaining first crop hay. The moisture also hindered growers from spraying for weed control. Crops responded well to the much needed moisture, but now warm temperatures and sunshine are needed to help crops continue to grow.

Across the reporting stations, average temperatures last week ranged from 3 degrees below normal to 2 degrees above normal. Average high temperatures ranged from 69 to 75 degrees, while average low temperatures ranged from 52 to 58 degrees. Precipitation totals ranged from 0.44 inches in Milwaukee to 2.27 inches in Green Bay. There were 2.5 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/>

Corn emergence was almost finished at 98 percent complete. The average height of corn throughout the state was reported at 11 inches high. Nitrogen and weed control applications continue in some parts of the state.

Soybeans planted was 97 percent complete, while soybeans emerged was 85 percent complete. Emergence was reported as uneven in Northern counties due to the dry conditions, but recent moisture has greatly improved the crop. Some reports also stated soybeans were starting to turn yellow due to lack of sunlight.

Oats headed was reported at 38 percent complete throughout the state. Oat fields were reported as doing well, but spraying is needed to control the weeds that have begun to show.

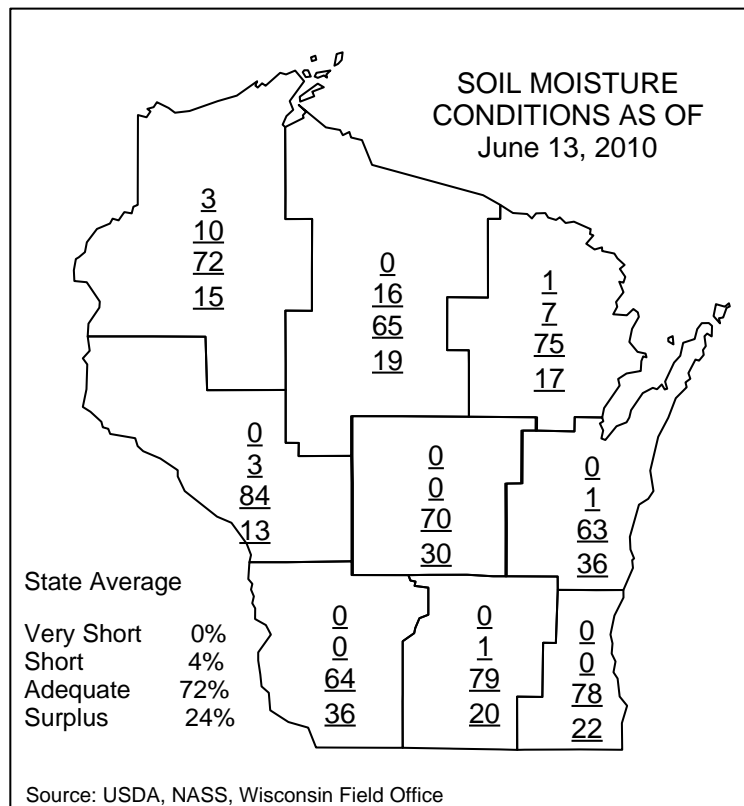
Winter wheat is nearly all headed out now and beginning to fill. Reports stated winter wheat is responding well to the cool, damp weather. Winter wheat conditions were rated 86 percent Good to Excellent.

First cutting **hay** was reported at 74 percent complete. Those still waiting to harvest first crop were delayed by recent rain and damp conditions. While the rain has hindered progress of first crop harvest, it has greatly aided second crop. Many reported second crop as coming back fast and looking good. A few reports stated that evidence of weevil in hay fields has been found.

Apple trees have been reported as looking good. Some hail damage was reported on apple trees in the northeast portion of Crawford County.

Pick your own **strawberry** season started in Shawano County with reports of excellent quality and taste. High yields were reported in Rock County.

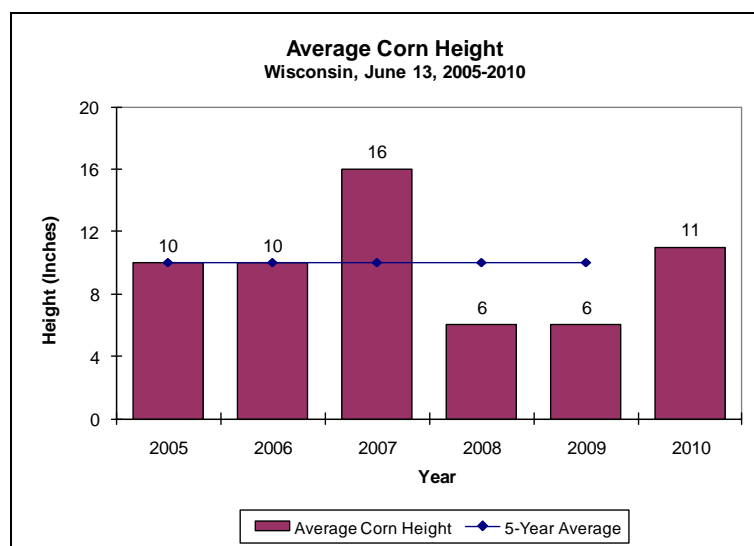
Potatoes have been reported as looking great and beginning to bloom. One report in Oneida County stated that potatoes are being hilled.



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of June 13, 2010

Item	V.-poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
Corn	0	2	12	62	24
Soybean	0	2	14	64	20
Winter Wheat	0	1	13	56	30
Oat	0	3	11	65	21
Pasture	1	2	18	61	18

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 week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
Corn emerged	95	98	96	99	98	94	99	98	100	98	91	94	95
Average corn height	9	9	10	9	9	8	16	14	13	11	n.a.	6	10
Soybeans planted	96	99	96	98	98	94	99	96	99	97	91	95	96
Soybeans emerged	74	92	81	92	94	78	91	88	65	85	70	77	82
Oats headed	18	26	43	38	42	24	49	55	60	38	14	10	18
First cutting hay	66	64	78	79	70	74	77	82	78	74	67	69	59

Source: USDA, NASS, Wisconsin Field Office.

Selected Quotes from Farm Reporters and County Ag Agents

All comments are used in creating this report, but only a few are published below.

CHIPPEWA-T.P.: Things are progressing nicely. Newer stands of alfalfa yielded above normal, older stands below normal.

POLK-A.M.: Many producers have commented that the first cutting of hay has been the best in the past five years. This week's 3.0 plus inches of rainfall has been greatly appreciated. The rain forecast even looks like more rain in the coming week.

ASHLAND-G.H.: No crop replanting at this time. Fruit trees look good with nice bud germination. First crop hay is starting to be cut but slowed this week with wet rainy conditions. Field conditions are wet for fieldwork with rain 1.0 inch each day Tuesday and Friday. Clay in region is slow to dry out with cool wet weather this week.

LINCOLN-K.S.: A lot of producers have a first crop of hay/alfalfa off the field. We definitely received some well needed rain in the past week.

FOREST-L.O.: Receiving much-needed rain.

LANGLADE-A.K.: Dramatic turn-around in crop conditions with 3.25 inches of rain in the last two weeks. Rain has slowed hay harvest, but moisture has greatly improved planted crops. Corn is looking good and soybeans are coming on. Soybean emergence was very un-even due to dry conditions but field populations are now very good. A lot of weedy fields will be re-sprayed now that we have adequate moisture. First crop only about two thirds of normal but quality still seems ok.

MONROE-B.H.: Crops are progressing rapidly. The rain was welcome, but has hindered making the remainder of first cutting hay.

ST. CROIX-R.F.: The entire county received 1.0 inch or more of rain during the past week. Producers who have not finished harvesting first crop are waiting for a break in the weather. Above average hay yields are being reported. All crops continue to improve with the recent rains. Standing second crop in many fields looks great.

GREEN LAKE-B.K.: Substantial moisture over the last seven days have led to wet conditions preventing the last corn plantings to being planted. Three to five days of good dry weather will be needed to bring soil back to planting condition.

MARQUETTE-D.B.: Had a damp humid rainy week. Hay that was cut stayed on the ground. Pea harvest is projected to start this week, weather permitting. Sweet corn harvest should start in July.

CALUMET-B.L.: Second crop re-growth is growing rapidly. Our soybean emergence seems to be good to excellent. Our April 15th planted corn is now 12.0 to 16.0 inches tall. New seedings are growing rapidly. Some reports and measurements show over 2.5 ton of dry matter alfalfa per acre on first cutting harvested May 27th. Late-planted corn came up in a few days and looks healthy. We had a heavy shower this Friday morning with more predicted for the weekend. We will have adequate moisture to grow a large second cutting as well.

OUTAGAMIE-B.L.: Quality of alfalfa was fair and yield was fair.

CRAWFORD-J.B.: Much-needed rain has been received but now we need some warm and constant temperatures which will really make a difference in crops. Just a few more acres of soybeans need to be planted. Overall crop conditions, including fruits and vegetables seem very good. Strawberries are ready as well as asparagus. Apple trees and similar fruit trees seemed to have good pollination; some hail damage was recently reported on apple trees in the northeast portion of the county.

LAFAYETTE-M.Y.: Second cutting of hay is being delayed due to the current wet weather. Many fields look ready to cut. Forecast does not call for too many drying days in the upcoming weeks forecast.

GREEN-D.M.: First crop hay quality good. Field conditions and weed pressure normal. First round of cultivating was done earlier this week. Growing organically, so important that timely cultivating can be maintained.

WALWORTH-N.W.: Some ponding in low areas but not enough to replant. In general all crops are off to a good start. Tough to make quality hay with all the rain.

WAUKESHA-C.B.: Frequent rain did not allow for making hay. Overall, crops are ahead of schedule and looking good.



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Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on June 13, 2010

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 June 12	Mar. 1 to June 12 normal*	Last Week	Since June 1	June 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	70	54	74	48	62	-3	862	616	1.98	3.15	1.49	9.42	-2.50
Green Bay	69	52	76	45	61	-2	738	541	2.27	3.76	2.49	11.40	0.55
La Crosse	75	58	87	55	67	-1	969	704	1.20	1.99	0.55	10.50	-1.85
Madison	75	56	86	52	66	1	875	694	1.03	3.16	1.67	13.21	0.26
Milwaukee	74	58	88	54	66	2	767	n.a.	0.44	2.23	0.95	11.24	-2.98

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.