



# Wisconsin Crop Progress

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## Excellent Week for Corn and Soybean Harvest

A second week of dry, sunny days helped dry fields and dropped moisture levels in corn and soybeans. With good harvesting weather many growers were able to harvest corn and soybeans. It was reported that the biggest obstacle for harvesting grain last week was the wait times at elevators. Although multiple days of dry, warm weather was needed to aid harvest of corn and soybeans, growers are hoping for a little moisture to aid emergence of winter crops.

Across the reporting stations, average temperatures last week ranged from 1 to 3 degrees above normal. Average high temperatures ranged from 69 to 73 degrees, while average low temperatures ranged from 37 to 46 degrees. Milwaukee had 0.01 inches of rainfall, while all other stations reported no precipitation for the week. There were 6.9 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/>

Ninety-three percent of **corn** across the state was mature. Corn for grain was reported at 30 percent harvested, up 11 percentage points from last week and 16 percentage points above the five-year average. Corn for **silage** was reported at 95 percent harvested statewide. High moisture corn harvest was in full swing across much of the northern half of the state, and many reported moisture levels in the teens across the southern half of the state. Corn for grain yields were reported as good to excellent.

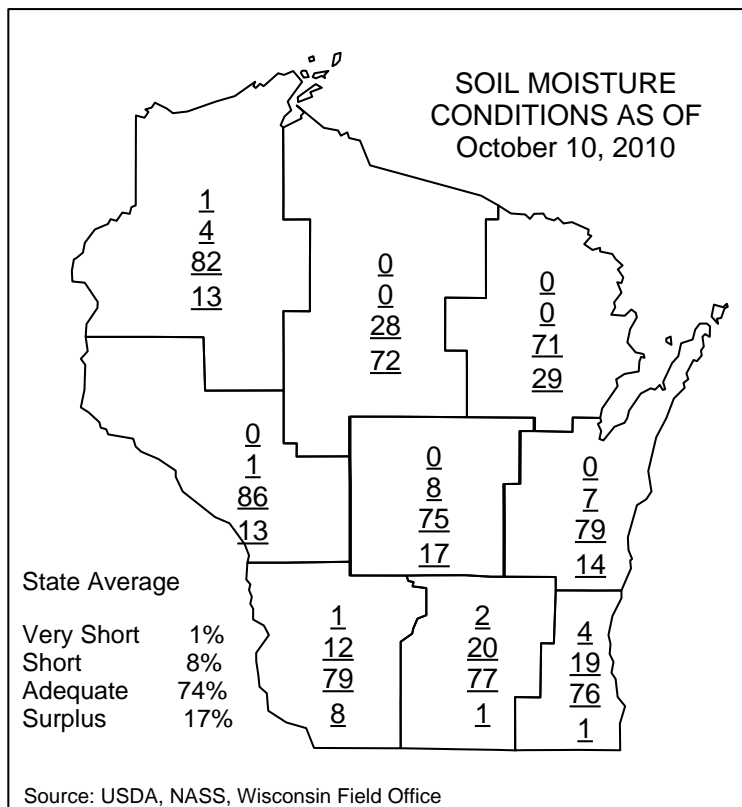
**Soybeans** dropping leaves was reported at 97 percent complete. Many growers took advantage of the dry weather last week as soybean harvest was in full swing. Sixty-three percent of soybeans were reported harvested, up 40 percentage points from the previous week and 32 percentage points above the five-year average. Yields were reported as good to excellent across much of the state. With low yields reported for low-lying areas or areas that were flooded earlier in the season.

**Hay** continued to be cut as fourth cutting hay was reported at 81 percent complete across the state, 13 percentage points above the five-year average. Quality and yield were reported as good. A report from Oneida County stated that some are green chopping or late grazing some hay fields. A report from Buffalo County stated some were able to take fifth crop hay.

**Winter wheat** planting continued last week as other crops were harvested. Earlier planted winter wheat was reported to have emerged in Eau Claire and Washburn Counties. Moisture is needed to continue to aid winter wheat emergence.

**Fall tillage** was reported at 20 percent complete, 4 percentage points above last week and 10 percentage points above the five-year average.

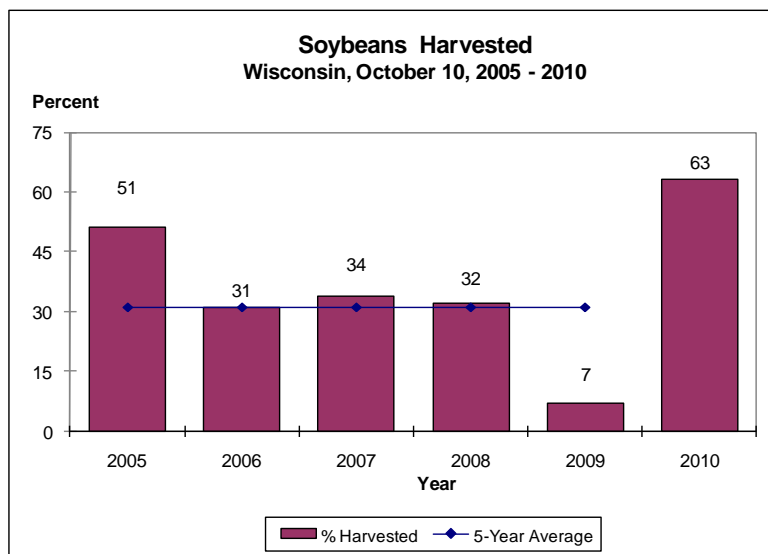
**Manure** pits are being emptied as many are hauling manure onto fields in some parts of the state.



## Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of October 10, 2010

Item	V.-poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
Corn	1	3	12	46	38
Soybean	1	3	13	44	39
Pasture	1	5	23	50	21

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 mature	89	88	87	97	94	78	95	100	99	93	83	55	80
Corn harvested for grain	13	24	25	22	34	24	33	43	31	30	19	2	14
Corn silage harvested	92	82	97	98	99	93	98	100	100	95	87	66	88
Soybean leaves dropped	99	98	86	97	99	97	97	99	98	97	88	88	95
Soybeans harvested	51	51	53	53	46	60	59	81	77	63	23	7	31
Fourth cutting hay	74	73	94	81	78	78	86	91	86	81	75	69	68
Fall tillage	13	10	20	20	25	28	15	19	31	20	16	13	10

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.

**BARRON-C.B.:** The past week's weather has been ideal for harvesting; a lot of progress was made on the soybean and corn fields. Some fall tillage has been done.

**CHIPPEWA-T.P.:** Soybean and high moisture corn harvest are in full swing as awesome weather has prevailed this last week. Fall manure applications are also occurring on fields harvested as corn silage.

**ASHLAND-C.B.:** Fall work progressing well this week. Longest stretch of rain free weather in at least three months.

**CLARK-C.K.:** Exceptional harvest conditions have allowed steady progress of harvesting soybeans and corn. Due to good drying weather, moisture has dropped significantly for both corn and soybeans. There is still continued hay harvesting. Manure hauling and fall tillage are underway on harvested fields.

**VILAS-R.K.:** Potato harvest is winding down. Excellent weather has facilitated a speedy recovery from the earlier rains.

**SHAWANO-B.R.:** Soybean harvest is quickly nearing the end as we have had a full week of ideal combining weather. Yields averaging around 50 bushel with moisture at 9 to 14 percent. Some fields left with ruts to contend with as soil moisture is still excessive. Corn for high moisture is winding down and many found it was a little lower in moisture than they had wanted. Winter wheat being planted on some of the harvested soybean fields. Very little tillage done yet with fields too wet for good tillage.

**BUFFALO-R.S.:** A great week for harvesting, 50 percent of soybeans are harvested. Some are taking fifth crop hay, some baling stalks for bedding. Starting to seed winter wheat and rye.

**EAU CLAIRE-D.J.:** Good yield on soybeans.

**PIERCE-G.A.:** Excellent harvest weather.

**JUNEAU-J.W.:** Warm weather was excellent for harvest. Crops are coming off the fields in great shape.

**WOOD-M.L.:** Very busy week, combines, forage harvesters, balers, manure hauling, tillage, all of it going at once. Reports are of very good soybean yields and very dry beans as well. Fields are still wet in pockets.

**BROWN-B.S.:** As the corn and soybeans are coming off, the manure pits are being emptied and incorporated onto the fields. Winter wheat and winter rye going in.

**DOOR-T.S.:** Corn silage harvest is mostly wrapped up with high moisture corn coming off now with wet yields well over 200 bushels in many cases. Dry corn will likely come off sooner than many growers want because of lodging-related concerns due to Anthracnose. I have heard several reports of 60 bushel soybean yields across the scale. This year we saw some dairy operations taking four timely cuttings of alfalfa with yields as high as 7 tons dry matter. Apple yields are reported as average with growers relatively pleased with yields. There is some fall tillage taking place.

**SAUK-W.J.:** Soybean harvest is nearing completion. Corn for high moisture is completed and dry corn is moving along. Some are waiting for grain to dry down more. Spraying Roundup is in progress.

**RICHLAND-C.L.:** Farmers are smiling. The soybeans and corn are drying down in the field. Drying costs will be very low, yields are also very good. Hopefully the weather will continue to be dry and they will get a lot of fodder baled and some tillage completed.

**DANE-D.F.:** Dry weather has helped fall harvest progress nicely. Soybean yields consistently being reported at 60-plus bushels per acre with corn yields either side of 200 bushels per acre. Fall tillage and winter wheat planting are progressing, but dry hard soils are making tasks challenging in areas. Producers have stopped harvesting soybeans hoping for a rain to bring the moisture content back up over 10 percent.

**OZAUKEE-K.A.:** Wheat being planted, top soil is dry. Combines moving right along. Yield of beans and corn very good. Moisture content for beans was 11 to 14 percent and corn was 21 to 28 percent. Heard of a test plot bean yield 85 to 97 bushels per acre.

**RACINE-K.I.:** Harvest is going very well. Bean yields are very good, many operators happy with yields.



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**Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on October 10, 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 Oct. 9	Mar. 1 to Oct. 9 normal*	Last Week	Since Sep. 1	Sep. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	72	37	83	27	55	3	3013	2482	0.00	7.64	3.18	32.02	4.42
Green Bay	69	40	82	33	54	2	2864	2347	0.00	4.75	0.99	33.05	9.11
La Crosse	73	41	85	31	57	1	3376	2806	0.00	5.60	1.52	35.04	7.45
Madison	72	38	85	30	55	1	3215	2759	0.00	2.76	-0.96	33.10	5.75
Milwaukee	69	46	81	39	58	2	3192	n.a.	0.01	2.13	-1.88	30.51	2.26

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.