



# Wisconsin Crop Progress

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## Dry Week Allowed Corn Harvest To Continue

The past week saw below average temperatures, however, sunshine was also prevalent, which allowed fields to dry out. With fields dry, fall tillage and manure spreading were in full swing. Corn harvest continued for many, however, storage space at local elevators continued to be the main concern last week. Some elevators built temporary storage facilities to hold the crop, while a report from Shawano County stated that elevators were only taking contract corn.

Across the reporting stations, average temperatures last week ranged from 2 to 4 degrees below normal. Average high temperatures ranged from 48 to 51 degrees, while average low temperatures ranged from 26 to 33 degrees. Precipitation totals ranged from 0.00 inches in Eau Claire and La Crosse to 0.06 inches in Milwaukee. There were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork. If you are interested in further weather data, please reference the following sites:

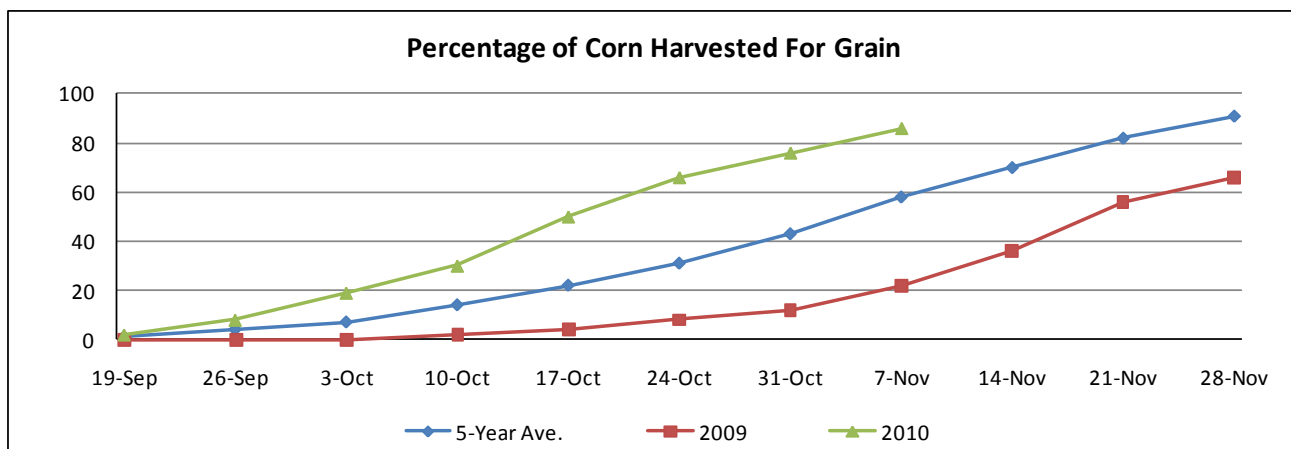
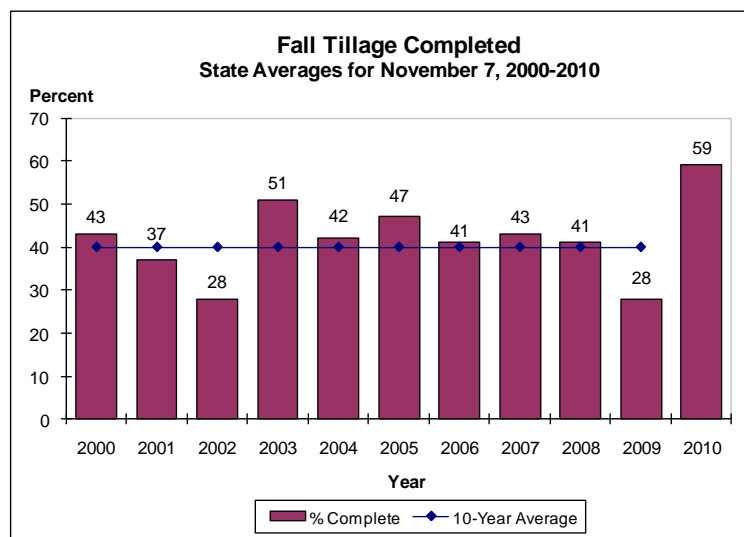
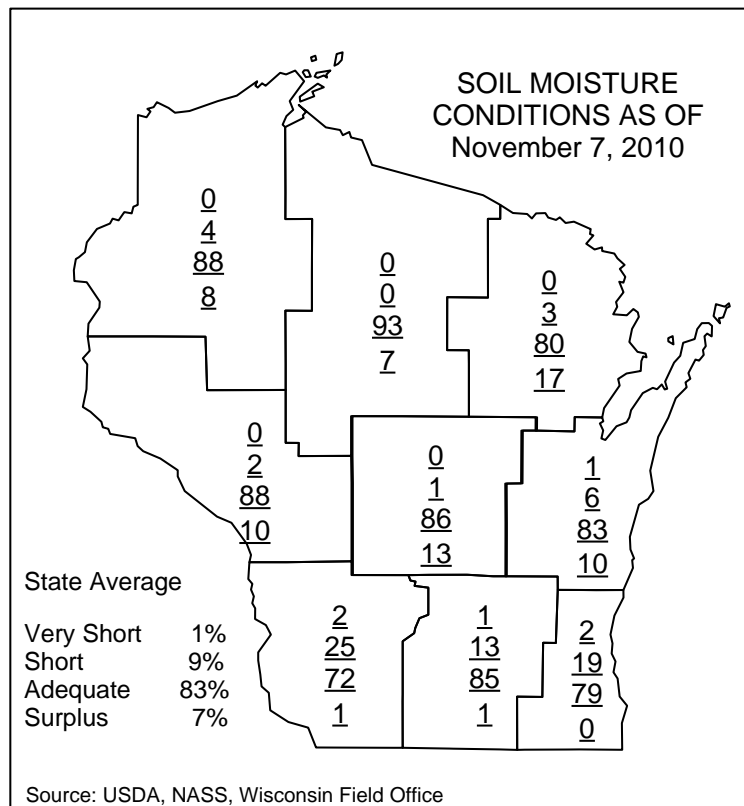
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**Corn** for grain was reported at 86 percent harvested across the state, 10 percentage points above the previous week and well above the five-year average of 58 percent. Growers continued to harvest corn last week despite most elevators being full. With little need to dry corn this season many growers were delivering corn straight from the field to the elevator. Some were able to see how much field loss was caused by wind damage from the storm a few weeks ago. Corn for grain yields varied, but were reported as above average for many.

Early planted **winter wheat** was reported as looking good, and a report from Sauk County stated that emergence was slow on late planted winter wheat. Many reports indicated that winter wheat and **rye** look excellent.

**Fall tillage** was reported at 59 percent complete, 13 percentage points above the previous week and 19 percentage points above the five-year average. Many reported that fields were able to dry the past week allowing fall tillage to be completed. However, a few reports stated fields across the northern half of the state were still too wet for much fieldwork to be done.

Many growers continued spreading **manure** over the past week.



## Wisconsin Crop Progress, November 7, 2010

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 harvested for grain	77	81	77	76	83	84	91	94	89	86	76	22	58
Fall tillage	52	54	62	42	67	66	60	65	67	59	46	28	40

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-R.M.:** Combines are very busy in the corn fields. Saw one farm with soybeans yet to be harvested. Coon hunters have been having much success. They are well fed as indicated by damage in corn fields.

**RUSK-G.P.:** A nice week this week, lots of progress on the corn. Some fall work being done, but soil is still a bit wet. Some late-planted winter rye still going in at this late date, but will probably be OK given the weather forecast for the next couple of weeks.

**CLARK-J.B.:** Corn harvest is continuing, problem is finding storage facilities, as most mills are full. Some fields are very wet, can't spread manure or work. Early planted winter wheat looks very good.

**ONEIDA-B.E.:** Field conditions are typical for this time of year - we are seeing lows in the high teens to lower twenties overnight, and highs in the forties and fifties for the most part, other than a couple of days this past week where the daytime highs only reached the mid-thirties. We received approximately 0.1 inch of precipitation here last week.

**SHAWANO-B.R.:** Many smaller farmers have finished their corn harvest and have their tillage mostly done also. There is still corn in the field that is looking for space in storage. Local elevators are near full and are only taking contracted corn. Field conditions are firming up again and tillage is moving along quite well. It does seem that many farmers are doing more conventional plowing than usual. There are some small spots of water in some fields but they are working through them. The winter wheat looks very good at this point.

**MONROE-P.B.:** Corn harvest has slowed some for those without on-farm storage as the local elevators have filled their bins. Wind damage is showing up in fields and increasing field losses. Most fields handled the recent rainfalls well and are suitable for tillage.

**PEPIN-H.R.:** Corn harvest is going at record speed because the corn only needs a few percentage points to get it dried for safe storage. Lots of manure being hauled. Also, lots of stalk chopping and baling with the dry conditions. Winter wheat is really greening up. The only soybeans left are some in low ground just too wet.

**WAUPACA-D.L.H.:** Some wind damage to standing corn in last week's windstorm. Corn harvest is winding down. A lot of fall tillage going on now that crops are out of the fields. Winter wheat is looking good

**CALUMET-B.L.:** The northeast portion of our county still has considerable corn in the 19 to 31 percent moisture range due to later planting. The crop is drying down. The wind broke off some fields considerably. Manure tankers are moving steadily now and the winter wheat drilled in mid-October is greening up very well after the rains.

**IOWA-S.M.:** Yields and weather were great. Perfect 2010.

**SAUK-W.J.:** Harvest is nearly complete. Winter wheat emergence is slow on late planting. It is all sprouted but not much is up.

**COLUMBIA-B.K.:** Corn harvest is still going on, however, at a slower pace due to storage issues. Field conditions remain dry, tillage and baling corn stalks being done. Winter wheat is emerging but needs rain to give it a growth spurt

**GREEN-D.M.:** Very satisfied with yield on organic corn. Will have to wait until final weight comes in from buyer, but with no fertilizer inputs, should average 100 bushels per acre.

**WALWORTH-N.W.:** Corn harvest is coming to a close. High winds from last week did affect some of the corn that was still unharvested. Winter wheat emergence hasn't been the best with the lack of moisture.



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**Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on November 7, 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 Nov. 6	Mar. 1 to Nov. 6 normal*	Last Week	Since Sep. 1	Sep. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	50	26	56	21	38	-2	3152	2585	0.00	8.23	1.86	32.61	2.97
Green Bay	48	30	59	24	39	-2	2977	2443	0.02	6.61	0.92	34.91	9.06
La Crosse	51	29	59	25	40	-3	3555	2934	0.00	9.11	3.16	38.55	9.13
Madison	50	28	58	22	39	-3	3386	2898	0.01	4.96	-0.74	35.30	5.89
Milwaukee	49	33	56	25	41	-4	3359	n.a.	0.06	4.31	-1.93	3269	2.43

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.