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2011 Crop Season Nears Completion

A week of above average temperatures added to this year's mild fall. Farmers took advantage of sunny, cool days to finish up harvesting and tillage. However, reports from the eastern half of the state indicated some fields were too wet to finish fall tillage or other field work, although weekend rain and snow brought moisture to dry soils in the northwest. There were 4.9 days suitable for fieldwork statewide.

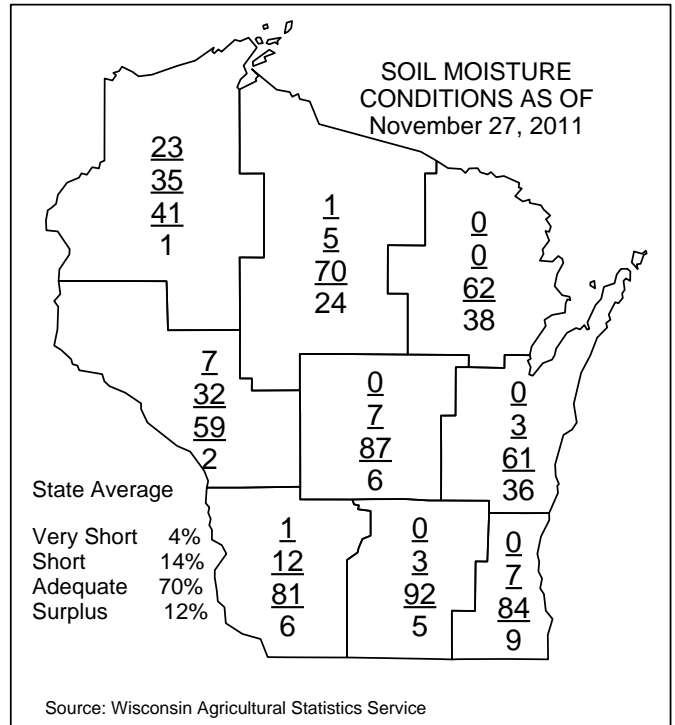
Across the reporting stations, average temperatures this week were 7 to 9 degrees above normal. Average high temperatures ranged from 43 to 48 degrees, while average low temperatures ranged from 32 to 38 degrees. Precipitation totals ranged from 0.22 inches in La Crosse to 0.40 inches in Eau Claire. Growing degree days for corn remain above normal for all reporting stations. 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/>

The **corn** harvest was wrapping up for the season, with 95 percent harvested statewide. Producers were baling stalks and clearing fields.

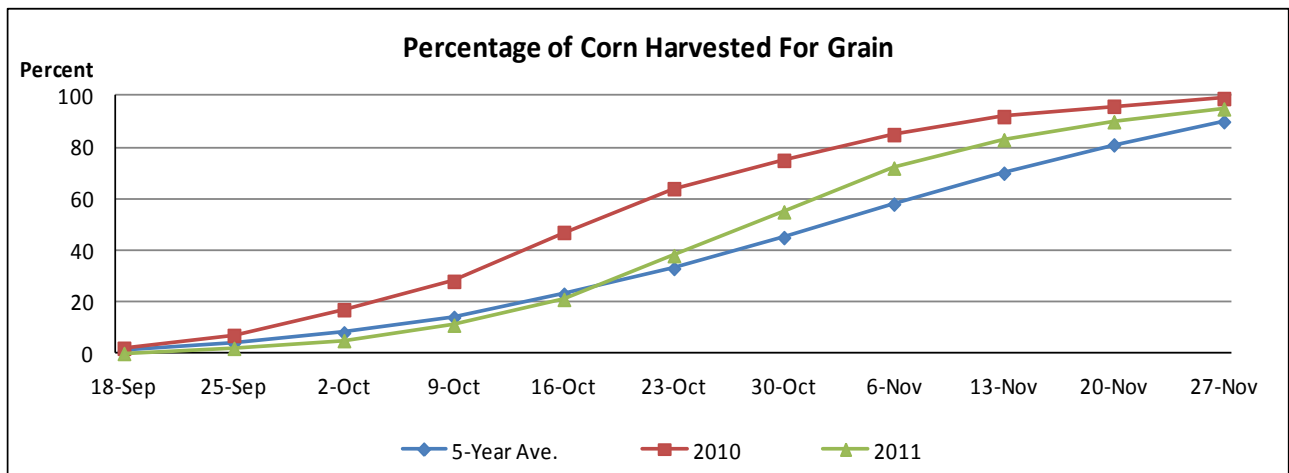
Fall tillage advanced to 82 percent complete, 8 percentage points above the previous week and 14 percentage points above the five-year average.

Winter wheat was going dormant for the winter. **Deer** hunting was in full swing Thanksgiving week.



This is the last weekly *Wisconsin Crop Progress* for the season. The review of the 2011 growing season will be released in late December. The Wisconsin Field Office of the National Agriculture Statistics Service wishes to thank the many farmers, county agents, and others that provided the information which has allowed you to have an accurate picture of Wisconsin agriculture each week.

Thank you and Happy Holidays!



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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 harvested for grain	96	89	91	97	93	91	96	99	94	95	90	99	90
Fall tillage completed	73	96	83	82	87	76	78	87	82	82	74	n.a.	68

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-T.J.: What little corn that is still standing is there because available storage is full.

RUSK-G.P.: The last of the corn is coming off. It's been a really nice fall for harvest after just a so-so growing season. Fall tillage is mostly done, just waiting for the snow to come now. Winter crops look good with a few exceptions. Farmers are checking pricing on seed and fertilizer with money coming in to purchase ahead for next year. Seems to be a lot of optimism for next year's growing season.

CLARK-R.H.: Corn harvest is winding down with the majority of the corn harvested. I have spoke to a few producers that are allowing corn to dry down in the field, but intend to harvest the first weeks of December. Tillage work will continue until soils freeze and some manure is still being hauled. Winter grain crops have emerged and look good going into winter.

ONEIDA-P.L.: We have had some snow showers and rain, the snow is pretty well gone and has soaked in well making tillage almost impossible as the top soil is very greasy. We are not froze up yet! Once the temps drop it will freeze fast as the soil moisture is very good. Any corn that is left in the field maybe due to the wet soil and they are waiting until freeze up to get it out. Manure handling has been progressing, but is getting increasingly difficult due to the moisture on the surface layer. There were alot of deer hunters taking home Christmas trees on their vehicles. Winter cover crops look very good.

SHAWANO-B.R.: The majority of the corn has now been harvested even though some was high in moisture. Tillage is being done with plenty of mud on some of the equipment. We have excess soil moisture in many fields. Winter wheat looks very good.

DUNN-S.S.: Some manure hauling still going on otherwise getting ready for winter.

JACKSON-T.W.: Average yield is better than expected.

PORTAGE-J.W.: Corn harvest nearly complete, variable yields. Manure hauling other activity this week. Winter crops look good.

WAUPACA- D.H.: The last of the corn is coming out of fields left due to wet conditions. Overall, 2011 has been a good year for farmers.

WAUSHARA-K.W.: Ground is now a bit wet for tillage. Some fields with tire ruts from fieldwork.

CALUMET-B.L.: Another 0.5-1.0 inch of rain has further delayed the harvest of the later planted corn for grain as well as tillage and manure applications. They are calling for some

lower 20 degree nights later this week which could put enough frost in the ground for many to complete some fall tasks. The remaining corn in our area is standing up quite well. Yields in these areas are ok but typically not at the averages of the portion of our county where planting was 2-3 weeks earlier.

DOOR-R.S.: It has been a good year.
VERNON-K.Y.: Corn harvest almost complete. Lots of fodder bales being made. Winter wheat emerged and looking nice.

COLUMBIA-B.K.: Very little corn to harvest, still a little up in moisture as these acres were the last planted. Tillage will come to an end this week (11-28-11) as temperatures return to normal. Forecast for lows in mid 20's and highs in 30's. Overall the growing season was a challenging one, late wet spring, prolonged hot July and August, fortunately most areas in the county did receive timely rainfall even if it was very limited. Crops suffered but not as much as most expected as yields on average on better soil types were better than many producers were expecting. Light soils suffered high levels of yield loss.

GREEN-M.M.: Corn harvest is complete with good yields across the county for both corn and soybeans. Enough moisture to get most winter wheat fields off to a good start.

OZAUKEE-K.A.: Perfect moisture for fall tillage. Everything pretty well done around here. A little corn standing due to deer hunting season. I think wheat has a perfect green color. Have a happy holiday season!

WASHINGTON-G.S.: Harvest is winding down. Fall tillage is nearing completion. Winter crops are beginning to go dormant with the cold/freezing temperatures.



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Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on November 27, 2011

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. 26	Mar. 1 to Nov. 26 normal*	Last Week	Since Sept. 1	Sept. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	43	32	57	22	38	9	2827	2599	0.40	3.21	-4.43	30.70	0.00
Green Bay	44	33	53	24	38	7	2674	2456	0.27	8.48	1.24	35.32	7.95
La Crosse	46	34	54	26	40	7	3180	2953	0.22	5.58	-1.76	33.69	2.79
Madison	47	33	53	23	40	7	3047	2926	0.31	8.01	0.73	28.31	-2.79
Milwaukee	48	38	53	32	43	7	2900	n.a.	0.38	6.88	-1.21	30.17	-1.92

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.