



Wisconsin Crop Progress

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Rains Hit or Miss

Maximum daytime highs topped 90 degrees for a fifth consecutive week this week. Northwestern Wisconsin received significant and sometimes heavy rainfall, with storm damage reported in Barron, Burnett, Ashland and Taylor Counties. Scattered, spotty rain brought little relief to the south and east of the state, where conditions remained very dry. Topsoil moisture was over 70 percent short to very short in five of the nine reporting districts. Crops were stressed and development has reportedly halted in some areas due to the lack of moisture. There were scattered reports of insect damage to corn, oats, hay and soybeans. There were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork.

Across the reporting stations, average temperatures this week were 2 to 6 degrees above normal. Average high temperatures ranged from 79 to 84 degrees, while average low temperatures ranged from 56 to 60 degrees. Precipitation totals ranged from 0.05 inches in Green Bay to 1.94 inches in La Crosse. 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/>

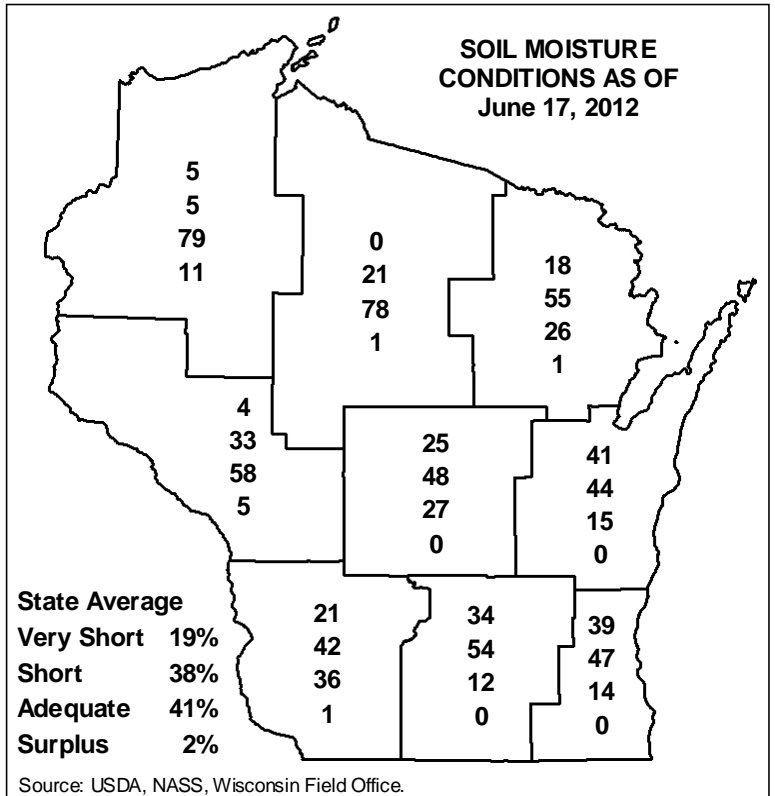
Corn had an average height of 18 inches statewide. Several reporters noted that corn is already knee high in their area. Cutworm damage to corn was reported in many areas throughout the state. Some corn was reportedly being replanted in the northwest due to the heavy rains.

Soybeans were 94 percent emerged across the state. Reporters in dry areas noted that soybeans on light soils have not yet emerged.

Oats were 72 percent headed this week.

First cutting hay was 97 percent harvested this week and the **second cutting** was 24 percent harvested. Reporters in the southeast commented that the second crop is short due to lack of moisture. Problems with alfalfa leaf hoppers were reported in Shawano, Chippewa and Vernon counties.

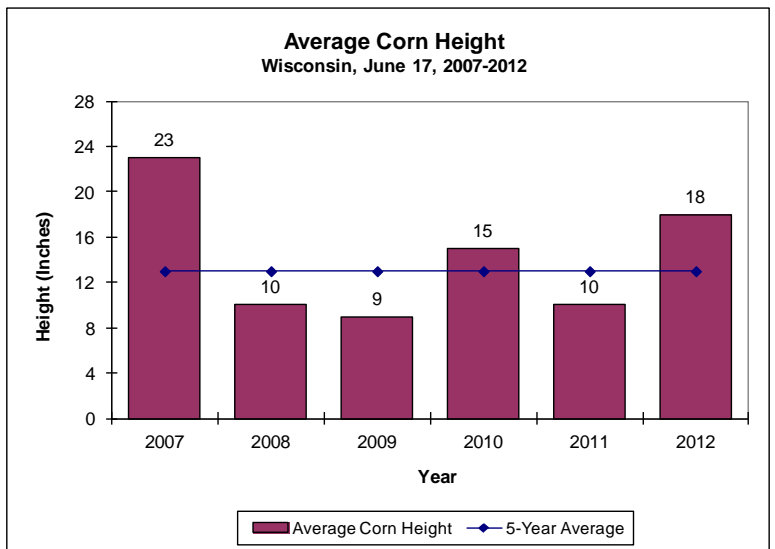
Winter wheat was developing rapidly, with many reporters noting the crop is headed out and starting to turn color. **Sweet corn** was reportedly tasseling in Green and Rock Counties. A Waupaca County reporter commented that the **raspberry** harvest has begun three weeks early. **Strawberry** season was reportedly in full swing, but drawing to a close in southern Wisconsin.



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of June 17, 2012

Item	V.-poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
Pasture	4	16	27	48	5
Oats	1	5	25	58	11
Corn	3	8	26	51	12
Soybeans	3	8	27	53	9

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
Average corn height (in.)	14	12	20	18	15	11	25	23	17	18	11	10	13
Soybeans emerged	93	97	96	96	96	92	96	96	84	94	83	78	86
Oats headed	70	50	73	71	48	79	89	98	97	72	41	14	28
First cutting hay	89	92	96	98	95	99	99	100	96	97	92	76	70
Second cutting hay	9	5	20	18	16	32	37	42	19	24	n.a.	0	0

Source: USDA, NASS, Wisconsin Field Office.

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Selected Quotes from Farm Reporters and County Ag Agents

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

BURNETT-J.D.: We got a lot of rain Thursday.

CHIPPEWA-T.P.: Much needed rain at the end of the week. Leafhopper populations are going up in alfalfa. Several fields have exceeded treatment thresholds. No-till corn into rye stubble has had problems with armyworm.

CLARK-R.H.: Received some much needed rain yesterday. Soybean emergence has been uneven in many fields with dry weather. Have had numerous calls on black cutworm in corn, no-till fields have received the most feeding damage, much of the corn now may be beyond the critical V5 stage. Second crop is looking good and with the rain should be ready for harvest in the next couple of weeks to maintain a 30 day cutting schedule. Small grains are heading and looking good at this time.

ONEIDA-B.E.: Highs in the mid 70s to mid 80s, lows in the mid 40s to mid 50s for the most part this past week. We did see lows in the 30s on 6/9 and 6/12, and ran the sprinkler irrigation system for frost prevention. Most of the early varieties of cranberry vines here are at anywhere from 40 to 80 percent bloom, and the late varieties are at anywhere from 5 to 15 percent bloom. Honeybee hives for pollination were delivered and placed on 6/17, about a week or so earlier than usual.

TAYLOR-D.E.: Well needed rain but straight line winds on Friday morning caused damage to trees and some buildings. Corn fields are showing signs of cutworm damage in some areas. First crop hay is harvested and the crops are looking good, except in the low areas.

SHAWANO-J.N.: Very dry, haven't had any rain for over two and a half weeks.

JACKSON-T.W.: Got some needed rain. Has gotten soybeans to pop and corn to take off. Second crop is also taking off.

PEPIN-G.A.: Two inches of rain 6/14. Crops are looking good, but pastures are dry.

PORTAGE-J.W.: Cranberries in full bloom, looking good. Potatoes blooming looking good. Continued planting of scheduled snap bean and sweet corn for processing. Haymaking slowed or stalled by threat of rain or rain. Only have dried baled hay to make. Some weedy corn and bean fields.

WAUSHARA-K.W.: Last measureable rain here was on May 26. Received 0.1 inch on 6/16 and 0.6 inch on 6/17. Most

crops are still looking pretty good considering the lack of rain. Pastures and hay fields will be short

FOND DU LAC-B.B.: This report period begins and ends with high temps of 90 degrees. and zero rain. Stress on corn and beans is now across all soil types and land features. Second crop hay was put up in excellent condition but was of below average yield.

MANITOWOC-M.R.: Second crop hay harvest kicked off this past week - hard to believe the second crop hay harvest is happening in the second week of June!

IOWA-K.M.: Light first and second crop hay. Corn in some areas starting to curl. Damage to apple and berry crops obvious and appears significant (40-50 percent production).

VERNON-K.L.: Vernon County received sporadic rain throughout the week. Parts of the county received anywhere from 0.2-0.7 inches of rain. Crops are in need of rain. Leaf hoppers have been seen in alfalfa. Corn is uneven in areas. Farmers harvesting second crop alfalfa. Pastures this past week looking stressed from lack of rain.

DANE-J.M.: Corn is curling up. Finding army worms and I have not seen them in years. We need rain bad. Strawberries are done.

GREEN-J.T.: Less than a quarter inch of rain this week, on 6/11. All crops need rain. I saw some sweet corn starting to tassel.

KENOSHA-J.H.: Desperately need rain. Some damage irreparable.

OZAUKEE-K.A.: Very dry top soil. Second crop hay is short. Weeds are growing good. Had 0.5 inches rain Saturday night, 6/16.



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Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on June 17, 2012

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 Jun. 16	Mar. 1 To Jun. 16 normal*	Last Week	Since Jun. 1	Jun. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	79	56	92	44	68	2	1078	697	0.85	0.89	-1.39	12.66	0.13
Green Bay	84	59	93	49	71	6	989	617	0.05	0.05	-1.61	10.60	-0.67
La Crosse	83	60	92	49	72	3	1213	795	1.94	2.00	0.02	13.54	0.65
Madison	83	58	91	44	70	4	1151	782	0.12	0.16	-1.84	11.24	-2.30
Milwaukee	81	60	89	51	70	5	946	n.a.	0.78	0.79	-0.96	13.43	-1.32

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.