



WISCONSIN CROP PROGRESS

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Wet Conditions Continue

Though temperatures were warmer and there was some sunshine this week, multiple storms brought unwelcome inches of rain across much of the state. Many reporters commented that wet fields were taking damage from tractors and other machinery. However, the number of days left in the growing season along with ongoing feed shortages have forced farmers to plant and hay in less than ideal conditions. Spraying was also slowed or prevented by wet conditions, resulting in widespread reports of weedy fields. Development of all crops continued to lag behind normal. Growing degree days for corn ranged from 22 degree-days below average in Green Bay to 100 degree-days below average in Eau Claire. Reporters noted that most early planted corn looked stunted due to the cool and wet conditions. Fruit and vegetable crops were also developing more slowly than normal, though condition was reportedly good. There were 3.7 days suitable for fieldwork.

Across the reporting stations, average temperatures last week were 1 degree below to 2 degrees above normal. Average high temperatures ranged from 72 to 80 degrees, while average low temperatures ranged from 55 to 60 degrees. Precipitation totals ranged from 0.64 inches in La Crosse to 2.62 inches in Madison. 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/>

Statewide, **spring tillage** was 90 percent complete, making this one of the latest ends to spring tillage in the past 30 years.

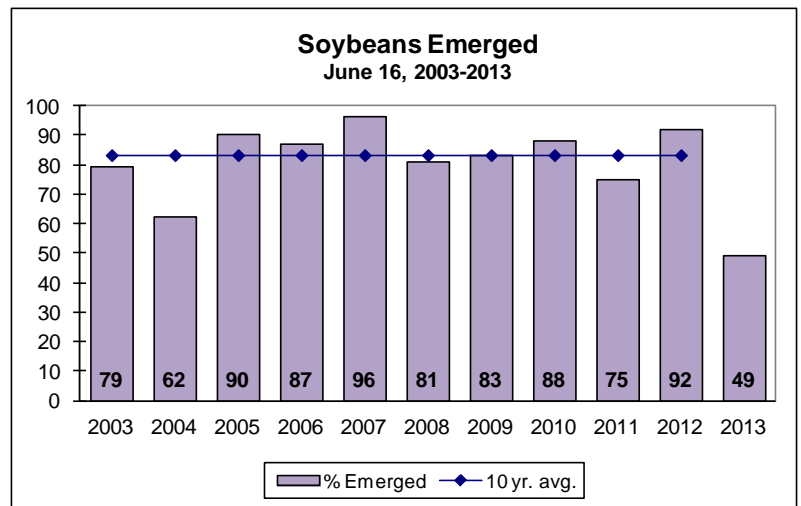
Corn was 87 percent planted, 75 percent emerged, and 8 inches tall on average.

Soybeans were 72 percent planted and 49 percent emerged. Many fields intended for corn will reportedly be planted to soybeans instead, due to the lateness of the season.

Oats were 96 percent emerged and 11 percent headed.

First cutting alfalfa was 36 percent harvested. Baling dry hay has been impossible with the frequent rains, and cuttings have reportedly been rained on several times where they are lying in fields. The first crop was reportedly good quantity but middling in quality where it's been taken off.

Winter wheat was reportedly heading out in Kewaunee County. **Peas, sweet corn** and **snap beans** were in good condition per our Portage County reporters. A Door County reporter noted that **cherry** producers were expecting a heavy crop. **Strawberries** were finally starting to ripen in southern Wisconsin, and reporters statewide noted that the season is about two weeks late.



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of June 16, 2013

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
Pasture	0	2	14	57	27
Corn	1	5	35	45	14
Oats	0	3	29	52	16

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
	Percent									Percent			
Corn planted	88	61	90	85	80	88	93	95	93	87	81	100	100
Corn emerged	68	46	74	68	73	75	81	89	84	75	60	100	96
Average corn height (in.)	5	3	6	6	9	5	8	14	9	8	5	17	12
Soybeans planted	63	32	79	62	68	73	77	88	81	72	55	100	97
Soybeans emerged	40	12	32	27	54	46	57	72	66	49	28	92	84
Oats emerged	94	87	100	96	96	98	95	100	97	96	87	100	100
Oats headed	0	0	0	7	24	3	21	24	19	11	1	68	32
First cutting hay	21	10	54	15	30	53	49	59	44	36	17	96	71
Spring tillage	88	77	94	87	79	93	97	98	93	90	85	100	100

Source: USDA, NASS, Wisconsin Field Office.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Conditions, June 16, 2013

Item	District average									State average		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year
	Days									Days		
Days Suitable	3.1	2.3	4.0	3.1	3.9	4.0	3.8	4.6	3.8	3.7	2.4	6.2
	Percent									Percent		
Topsoil Moisture												
Very Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
Short	0	0	2	0	0	1	3	1	0	1	1	39
Adequate	65	25	55	66	50	58	73	64	79	60	55	41
Surplus	35	75	43	34	50	41	24	35	21	39	44	2
Subsoil Moisture												
Very Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	n.a.
Short	2	0	10	1	0	4	6	1	0	2	2	n.a.
Adequate	81	57	51	80	81	64	84	76	88	75	72	n.a.
Surplus	17	43	39	19	19	32	9	23	12	23	26	n.a.

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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.

CHIPPEWA-G.L.: It is a wonderful year to have a grazing farm.

POLK-A.M.: First cutting of hay is being started. Hopeful rains cease to allow drying!

ONEIDA-B.E.: We saw near average temperatures here this past week, and moderate rainfall. The sun made an appearance, and these conditions helped to stimulate growth/development of the cranberry vines. We have mowed all of the grass around the cranberry beds and perimeter for the first time this year, and estimate we are still about 2 weeks behind a "normal" growing season.

VILAS-R.K.: Potatoes planted.

SHAWANO-J.N.: We had 1.5 inches of rain Saturday night, which just about ends any chance of putting the remaining crops in. Many will take prevent planting insurance instead. I noticed that the early cut alfalfa is slow to come back which was a concern after some early scissor cut samples.

DUNN-S.S.: First cutting of hay this past week. Much more this coming week with weather permitting.

LACROSSE-I.H.: As has been the story this year, the excess amount of rainfall has slowed the progress as far as planting is concerned. Some farmers are planting even though the fields are still too wet in an effort to get seed in the ground. On dryer days long hours are put in on the tractor. There is very little first cut hay made at this time, though I have heard that some persons who are short of feed have been cutting for immediate needs.

JUNEAU-J.W.: Once again we had a week with two good days then rain then two good days and more rain. Some places received 3 inches of rain during the last week. There is still a lot of corn and soybeans that could be planted and most seem to say they will try to plant until June 25-July 1. Mainly corn for silage and they will hope for some soybeans. It's been extremely difficult to make hay because the fields are so soft and the equipment is tearing up the field or getting stuck. Many farmers are still facing feed shortages because they can't harvest forage crops and can't get

everything planted. This could force some to sell cattle.

WAUPACA-J.M.: Field conditions are wet again after Saturday (6/15) rains. Crop spraying has been minimal due to wet conditions.

DOOR-R.S.: Very good rain Saturday evening. Looking much better this week.

SHEBOYGAN-M.B.: Need more dry weather to finish planting corn and beans and to harvest first crop hay.

VERNON-K.Y.: Continuous rain still hampering planting of corn and soybeans and weed control. Some farmers replanted poor corn stands. First crop hay lodging due to rain and fields extremely soft. Vegetable crops planted look good. Some extended sunshine badly needed!

COLUMBIA-S.H.: Columbia County has received from 1 to 2 inches of rain this week depending upon where you live in the county. Some fields are still not planted. First crop hay harvest has been delayed due to the rains. High winds from the storm on Wednesday caused severe lodging in some hay fields. Several farmers killed 25-50 percent of their winter wheat fields and planted corn in them because of the severity of winter kill. We haven't heard of many alfalfa fields that were killed due to winter kill. Some stands were slow to respond and begin growth this spring but most survived. There is prevented planting, but not sure what percentage at this time. One May 29, several farms reported that 15 percent of their corn was not planted and they would switch those fields to soybeans. At that point only 30 percent of the beans were planted.

WALWORTH-N.W.: Planting is wrapped up for the most part with only wet holes that didn't get planted. Timely rains and warmer weather this last week have the crops looking good. Hay has been harvested in between the rains with reports of good yields.

WAUKESHA-R.F.: Still plenty wet conditions. Hoping for sun and dry weather. Will not do any replanting. Weeds are growing. Hay is excellent, some is 3 ft. tall. Pears are excellent.

Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on June 16, 2013

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. 15	Mar. 1 To Jun. 15 normal*	Last Week	Since Jun. 1	Jun. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	75	56	78	51	65	-1	566	666	0.96	1.55	-0.57	21.60	+9.19
Green Bay	77	55	82	51	66	+2	564	586	0.92	2.03	+0.42	15.79	+4.60
La Crosse	78	60	81	57	69	+1	665	759	0.64	1.84	+0.02	20.76	+8.03
Madison	80	57	83	51	68	+2	686	747	2.62	3.32	+1.44	23.41	+10.11
Milwaukee	72	55	85	51	64	-1	544	n.a.	2.09	2.23	+0.61	21.74	+7.15

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.



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