



WISCONSIN CROP PROGRESS

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Progress Between Rains

This week opened and closed with precipitation, with a few days suitable for fieldwork midweek. Frost helped firm wet ground in the north, while producers contended with muddy conditions in other areas, especially in the northeast. Topsoil moisture was 52 percent surplus in the Northeast District and 58 percent surplus in the East Central District. Some progress was made on the corn and soybean harvests before Saturday and Sunday brought more rain and severe weather to much of the state. Grain moisture content reportedly remained high, but with November halfway over farmers were racing to combine and till their fields whenever conditions allowed. Reporters commented that driers were working around the clock to dry grain for storage. Fall plantings were reportedly responding well to the moist conditions. There were 4.3 days suitable for fieldwork this week.

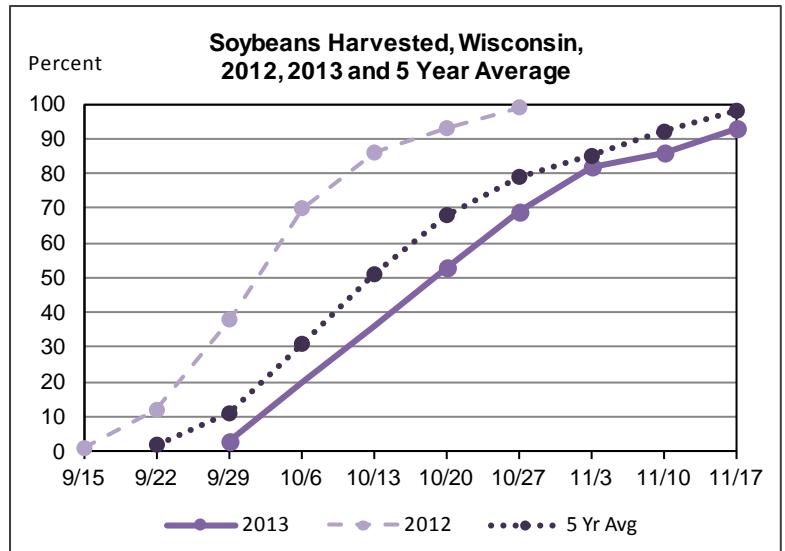
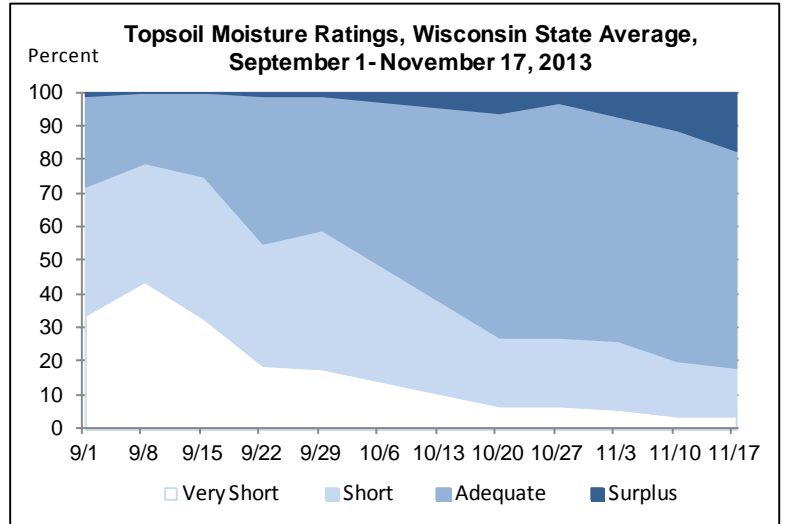
Across the reporting stations, average temperatures last week were 1 degree below normal to 1 degree above normal. Average high temperatures ranged from 45 to 48 degrees, while average low temperatures ranged from 25 to 31 degrees. Precipitation totals ranged from 0.19 inches in Eau Claire to 0.97 inches in Green Bay. 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 for grain was 74 percent harvested. Grain moistures were reportedly between 20 and 30 percent across much of the state. Corn stalks were being baled as fields were cleared.

Soybeans were 93 percent harvested.

Fall tillage was 55 percent complete, with farmers racing to spread manure before the ground freezes.



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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	65	56	47	76	77	63	85	84	71	74	62	97	79
Soybeans harvested	92	69	86	96	91	91	98	98	91	93	86	100	98
Fall tillage completed	41	57	38	51	68	60	55	62	53	55	47	78	63

Source: USDA, NASS, Wisconsin Field Office.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Conditions, November 17, 2013

Item	District average									State average		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year
Days Suitable	4.8	4.1	3.3	4.3	4.6	4.7	4.3	3.9	4.1	4.3	3.5	5.9
Topsoil Moisture	Percent									Percent		
Very Short	8	0	0	7	0	0	8	3	0	4	4	14
Short	12	0	3	30	1	2	29	17	0	14	16	37
Adequate	65	75	45	61	91	40	58	73	89	65	69	45
Surplus	15	25	52	2	8	58	5	7	11	17	11	4
Subsoil Moisture	Percent									Percent		
Very Short	17	0	0	19	7	0	11	5	2	9	9	n.a.
Short	29	11	3	51	23	7	33	31	28	27	30	n.a.
Adequate	50	65	57	30	69	52	54	61	65	53	54	n.a.
Surplus	4	24	40	0	1	41	2	3	5	11	7	n.a.

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.

CHIPPEWA-T.P.: Corn harvest almost completed. Fall tillage is almost completed.

WASHBURN-R.H.: Someone had cut fall grass for feed, baled it in round bales. Cover crop looking good. Got plenty of moisture. Good crop of apples.

ASHLAND-C.B.: Finally a few days of nice weather with temperatures above normal for this time of year. Fields are still wet, but some corn and beans harvested anyway.

CLARK-A.K.: Got about 1.0 inch of rain Saturday evening. Done plowing for this year.

FLORENCE-T.B.: Not much change from last week. Most everyone starting to button things up for the winter. Some silage still being harvested.

LANGLADE-A.K.: Cooler weather has froze up ground to allow harvesting activities, progress made on beans, some corn starting 25 to 32 percent. Three to four inches of frost, very limited tillage and manure application.

JACKSON-T.W.: Rained Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, (14th, 16th and 17th).

PIERCE-G.A.: Harvest weather and soil conditions acceptable for combining and fall tillage.

ST CROIX-D.K.: Lots of corn stalk baling done last week. Nice weather for fall field work.

PORTAGE-J.W.: Corn and soybean harvest nearly complete, below average yields. Fall tillage and planting also nearly complete. Manure hauling has most activity.

WAUPACA-D.L.H.: Crop harvesting has picked up again after the rain that fell last week. Moisture content is decreasing in corn with all the recent windy weather. Early planted wheat looks good.

DOOR-R.S.: Dreary last week. Got 1.0 inch of rain this weekend.

MANITOWOC-M.R.: It is really wet out now. Might have to wait for the ground to freeze in order to finish up harvest and not damage the fields.

CRAWFORD-J.B.: With recent wet weather there is still a lot of unharvested corn fields throughout the county. Not much fall tillage has taken place. Both corn and soybean yields in the county have been respectable for the type of year we've had and right now we might need a hard freeze to wrap up fall harvest. The fall seeded winter wheat looks good.

GRANT-R.R.: We got some much needed rain which should help build up the subsoil moisture. There is still much corn to be harvested yet. There won't be any field work for some time now.

DANE-J.K.: Pretty good moisture, due to cool-damp weather. Field conditions are quite wet, corn and soybeans are done except for a few large farmers and some late planted crops of corn. Fall tillage at a standstill except for some early planted radishes and oats that were sprayed with Roundup. Even though it's wet, they will freeze out. All planting over, winter crops look good. Liquid manure still going on here and there.

DODGE-R.H.: Got 2.0 inches of rain November 17th. Lots of wind damage. Corn and some buildings were blown down. Straight line winds that did lots of damage.

GREEN-J.T.: There is no fall planting around here.

WALWORTH-N.W.: Storms on Sunday put a halt to any field work for a few days. Just a few soybean fields left that were planted after peas. Some producers are wrapping up corn harvest. It has been a slow harvest with moisture in the corn not drying. Lots of drying costs either at the elevator or on the farm.

WASHINGTON-G.S.: Fall tillage, corn and soybean harvest all progressing well. Early planted winter wheat also looks good.

Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on November 17, 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 Nov. 16	Mar. 1 to Nov. 16 normal*	Last Week	Since Sep. 1	Sep. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	45	25	55	11	35	+1	2783	2595	0.19	6.26	-0.77	33.90	+3.64
Green Bay	45	28	58	19	37	+1	2657	2452	0.97	8.66	+2.15	32.64	+5.89
La Crosse	48	29	61	16	39	+1	3152	2948	0.20	6.95	+0.27	34.09	+3.93
Madison	46	28	58	17	37	0	2970	2917	0.29	6.11	-0.39	42.59	+12.39
Milwaukee	47	31	60	21	39	-1	2821	n.a.	0.32	5.88	-1.29	36.01	+4.70

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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