



Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition

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Fieldwork Window Closes as Rain Falls

Fieldwork was occurring as rapidly as possible when weather permitted only to be shut down across most of the state due to rain and overall wet conditions. Snow was finally disappearing in the north as rain fell across much of the state last week. There were reports of corn being harvested from last year's lingering corn crop in the central and northern districts. Manure hauling and spreading were progressing at a slow pace in the north while some oat and corn planting were occurring in the south. Farmers who were able to get into the fields were reportedly leaving ruts. Reports suggest that many farmers are still waiting for fields to dry out before attempting much fieldwork.

On average, there were 2.3 days suitable for fieldwork this week.

Across the reporting stations, average temperatures last week were 1 degree below normal to 4 degrees above normal. Average high temperatures ranged from 54 to 63 degrees, while average low temperatures ranged from 37 to 41 degrees. Precipitation totals ranged from 0.21 inches in Milwaukee to 1.82 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/>

As of April 27, **spring tillage** was 9 percent complete statewide, compared to 4 percent last year and a five year average of 33 percent.

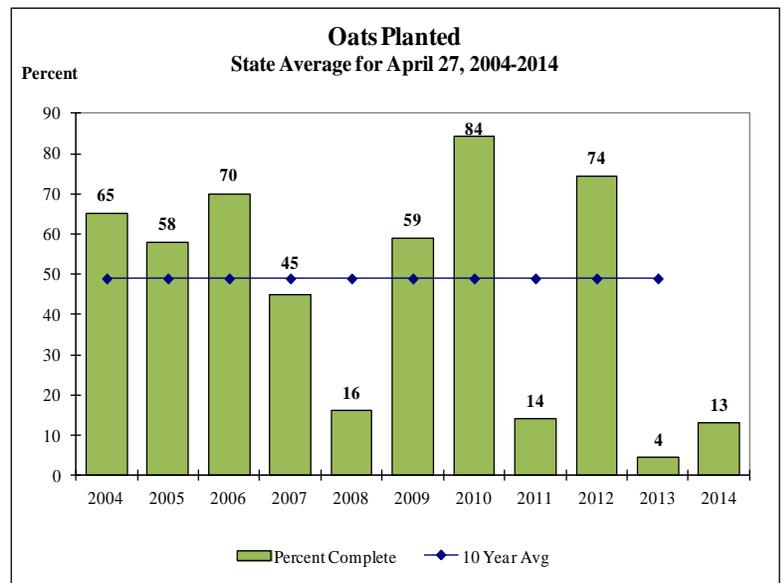
Oats planted was at 13 percent this week, compared to 4 percent last year and a five year average of 47 percent. Oats emerged was at 1 percent this week compared to none last year and a five year average of 18 percent.

Corn planted was at 1 percent this week statewide, compared to 0 percent last year and a 10 percent five year average.

Potatoes planted was at 2 percent complete this week across the state.

Pasture condition improved from 52 percent fair to excellent last week to 64 percent fair to excellent this week.

Winter wheat was at 55 percent in good to excellent condition statewide.



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of April 27, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range	18	18	37	26	1
Winter Wheat	2	7	36	47	8

Source: USDA, NASS

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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
Spring tillage	1	0	1	7	8	2	24	16	16	9	3	4	33
Oats planted	3	0	0	6	6	1	38	31	12	13	2	4	47

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Conditions as of April 27, 2014

Item	District average									State average		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year
Days Suitable	Days									Days		
	1.0	1.7	1.1	2.4	2.5	1.4	3.6	2.8	2.6	2.3	1.5	1.2
Topsoil Moisture	Percent									Percent		
Very Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Short	1	5	8	2	0	0	4	9	2	3	3	4
Adequate	58	66	37	65	51	43	72	66	79	62	63	69
Surplus	41	29	55	33	49	57	24	24	19	35	34	27
Subsoil Moisture	Percent									Percent		
Very Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	1
Short	6	5	12	3	1	1	14	14	4	7	9	18
Adequate	74	76	44	88	68	53	79	76	87	75	75	69
Surplus	20	19	44	9	31	46	4	8	9	18	16	12

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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-J.M.: Some frost still in ground, most snow piles have melted. 1.25" rain Wednesday pm through Thursday pm keeping people out of fields.

DOUGLAS-C.B.: Most snow is gone now. Fields too wet yet for any tillage/planting.

MARATHON-S.N.: Cold blustery conditions with light rainfall the standard this week. The snow is gone! Some manure hauling done. Farmers leaving ruts in field and ruts filling with water.

CLARK-R.H.: Rain this week has halted some corn harvested after it was left in the field last fall. Before the rain some farms were hauling manure, most of which was from bedded packs. Need some warm weather to get a better idea on the state of forage crops. Most winter small grains look good.

FOREST-T.B.: Temperatures well below normal yet. Got a little over 1/2" rain and about 1" of snow in the middle of the week. No field work being done yet but some manure is getting spread. Still no signs of any growth of hay and winter crops aren't doing well. Very little heat to get things going. Have heard that sap is running well. Haven't seen any tree buds yet.

MARINETTE-S.R.: Mostly manure spreading getting done, but a few acres of alfalfa have gotten in the ground.

BUFFALO-R.S.: Had 2 1/2 inches of rain last week. Too cold and wet to get much done yet.

EAU CLAIRE-M.H.: Almost as much fieldwork done this week with "horse power" as "tractor power". Quite a bit of the remaining 2013 corn crop was harvested in conjunction with stalks being chopped and baled. Significant rain fall on Thursday brought field work to a halt.

JUNEAU-J.W.: The cold wet weather continues to frustrate everyone. Besides being very wet, the ground is still too cold to plant much of anything.

PORTAGE-J.W.: Cool and wet. Manure hauling and potato planting major activities this week.

KEWANEE-A.B.: No crop progress this week except some manure hauling. It's just too cold and too wet to do much else. The wheat looks very good and alfalfa is starting to green up. It doesn't appear to have much winter kill at all and frost heaving damage is minimal so far.

MANITOWOC-M.R.: Still too wet to do anything in the fields.

VERNON-K.L.: Weather delaying field work and planting. Pastures slow to green up with the cold temps. Road bans delaying lime and fertilizer applications. Local organic vegetable producers starting to transplant.

GRANT-E.B.: Early planted oats emerging and some corn going in. Rain is forecast for part of the week.

COLUMBIA-G.K.: Some farmers were able to get a little field work done last week. With rain over the weekend and predicted rain all week, it will be a while before farmers get back into the fields.

GREEN-M.M.: Most farmers have their oats and alfalfa seeded with some early planted oats emerging. A few corn planters were going this week, but most have not started with corn yet.

OZAUKEE-K.A.: Weather is slowly improving. Alfalfa starting to green up. A few places of freeze out. Winter wheat is greening up. Some oats and peas planted. A few guys were plowing on Saturday.

WASHINGTON-J.N.: Too cold and too wet.

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Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on April 27, 2014

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 Apr 26	Mar. 1 to Apr. 26 normal*	Last Week	Since Mar. 1	Mar. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	59	37	75	29	48	+0	90	104	1.16	4.29	+0.00	7.49	+1.36
Green Bay	54	38	69	29	46	-1	58	87	0.56	3.85	-0.42	6.64	+0.14
La Crosse	61	41	74	35	51	+0	126	135	1.82	6.87	+2.04	9.23	+2.24
Madison	63	40	78	29	52	+4	132	136	0.61	5.21	+0.06	7.10	-0.53
Milwaukee	59	41	75	33	50	+3	93	n.a.	0.21	3.87	-1.99	6.61	-2.69

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.

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