



Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition



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Break in Rains Allows First Crop to Wrap Up

Last week's severe weather spilled over into Monday, June 30, with extreme straight line winds damaging crops and toppling trees and buildings across southern Wisconsin. Midweek, a solid window of clear, dry weather saw farmers scrambling to make hay. However, patchy and locally heavy rains continued to interrupt fieldwork in isolated areas. Topsoil moistures fell, with 30 percent surplus on average compared to 37 percent last week. Crops on poorly drained soils were struggling after months of excessive moisture. Prevented spraying has led to high weed pressure in some areas. Rutting and damage to soggy hay stands were reported as farmers finished cutting first crop hay and started the second crop. However, the majority of crops and pastures were in good to excellent condition. Reporters noted that most corn was knee-high for the fourth of July or better and exhibiting normal development for this time of year.

There were 4.3 days suitable for fieldwork statewide.

Across the reporting stations, average temperatures last week were 1 to 3 degrees below normal. Average high temperatures ranged from 77 to 80 degrees, while average low temperatures ranged from 57 to 61 degrees. Precipitation totals ranged from 0.14 inches in Eau Claire to 2.76 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/>

As of July 6, 77 percent of **corn** was in good to excellent condition.

Soybeans were 5 percent blooming with condition rated 77 percent good to excellent.

Oats were 74 percent heading and 16 percent turning color. Condition was rated 85 percent good to excellent statewide.

Ninety-seven percent of **winter wheat** was heading with 55 percent turning color. Seventy-two percent of the crop was in good to excellent condition.

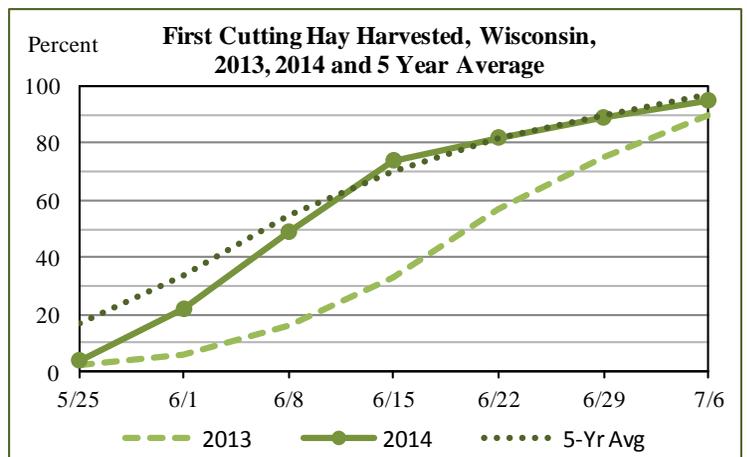
Potatoes were 92 percent in good to excellent condition and were in full bloom in Portage County.

The **first cutting of alfalfa** was 95 percent complete and the **second cutting** was 24 percent complete.

All hay condition was rated 89 percent good to excellent.

Pasture condition was rated 91 percent good to excellent.

Early planted **sweet corn** was beginning to pollinate. **Peas** were being harvested in Trempealeau County. **Strawberry** picking was wrapping up after a later than usual season.



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of July 6, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
Pasture & Range	0	0	9	60	31
Hay, All	0	1	10	56	33
Corn	1	5	17	52	25
Soybeans	1	3	19	54	23
Oats	0	2	13	62	23
Winter Wheat	1	6	21	49	23
Potatoes	0	0	8	70	22

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
	Percent									Percent			
Soybeans blooming	6	2	2	6	2	4	7	8	3	5	0	0	7
Oats headed	44	58	45	84	76	65	91	95	79	74	55	66	83
Oats turning color	0	19	0	11	16	9	28	32	25	16	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Winter wheat headed	90	97	84	95	99	98	98	99	99	97	93	n.a.	n.a.
Winter wheat turning color	37	63	24	30	62	49	55	67	62	55	22	n.a.	n.a.
Alfalfa hay, first cutting	87	93	92	94	95	97	99	99	92	95	89	90	97
Alfalfa hay, second cutting	18	10	23	23	23	26	30	33	25	24	9	12	37

Source: USDA, NASS

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Conditions as of July 6, 2014

Item	District average									State average		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year
	Days									Days		
Days Suitable	4.7	4.3	4.4	4.1	5.3	4.2	4.4	4.2	3.0	4.3	3.2	5.6
	Percent									Percent		
Topsoil Moisture												
Very Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Short	2	0	0	2	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	5
Adequate	59	58	84	74	79	59	69	66	77	69	63	70
Surplus	39	42	16	24	18	40	30	34	23	30	37	25
Subsoil Moisture												
Very Short	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Short	2	4	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	4
Adequate	63	55	88	75	87	58	92	77	74	76	72	74
Surplus	34	41	12	20	12	42	8	23	26	23	26	22

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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.

BARRON-T.B.: Finally two days in a row without rain had everyone cutting hay. Hay quality will be below average for early cuttings, but at least some hay being made. Pest issues are weeds, diseases, and insects in that order. Crops are growing well, but threatened from many sides.

BAYFIELD/DOUGLAS: Baling dry hay has started throughout the area. Frequent small rains have made progress slow.

LINCOLN-K.S.: We're getting a lot of rain, in patches. Depending where the clouds let go, some farmers could get into fields and some couldn't.

MARATHON-S.N.: Spotty showers in areas made it difficult to harvest first crop hay. Those that harvested hay earlier begin with second crop this week. Crops look good. Need more heat, less rain.

FLORENCE-T.B.: Tough haying conditions!!! Can't get more than two days of sun. Showers scattered with some very heavy.

BUFFALO-R.S.: Received 0.4 inches rain for the week. Difficult to bale dry hay. Second crop hay about ready. Strawberry season is over.

LA CROSSE-I.H.: Rain has still held back some field work. Hay gets made only periodically, as weather permits.

WAUPACA-D.L.H.: The favorable weather of the past week allowed producers to finish the harvest of rather mature first crop hay and begin second crop hay harvest in earnest. Corn has good color except on heavy, poorly drained soils where it's yellow in places. Some early planted corn is now waist high. Most oats are headed, early planted oats are beginning to turn color. Better weather conditions have allowed spraying on weedy corn fields.

DOOR-R.S.: Everything is growing good. Need sun and drying conditions for hay.

OUTAGAMIE-J.B.: Second crop hay looking good.

SHEBOYGAN-E.P.: Lots of grass in corn.

GRANT-E.B.: Wind on June 30th destroyed many buildings and flattened oats and corn. Most corn is 5 to 7 feet tall.

DODGE-S.B.: Corn looks great; the areas that were sitting in water are struggling. Temperatures have been moderate; we could use more heat units.

GREEN-D.M.: Rain is still making it hard to make hay!

WALWORTH-N.W.: Starting to build up excess water. Some spots in corn fields are starting to yellow from leaching.

WASHINGTON-J.N.: Corn ranges from 8 inches to 5 feet. The 8 inch corn is stressed.

Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on July 6, 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 Jul. 5	Mar. 1 to Jul. 5 normal*	Last Week	Since Jun. 1	Jun. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	79	57	83	47	68	-2	1072	1011	0.14	9.91	+4.98	24.00	+8.82
Green Bay	78	59	84	49	68	-1	955	912	0.44	4.16	+0.16	14.82	+1.23
La Crosse	80	61	86	51	70	-3	1261	1147	0.34	5.92	+1.23	19.09	+3.45
Madison	79	60	86	51	69	-1	1208	1123	2.76	9.57	+4.86	21.32	+5.17
Milwaukee	77	61	87	53	69	-1	915	n.a.	0.99	6.40	+2.22	17.35	+0.18

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.

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