



Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition

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Light Frosts Do Minimal Damage

Temperatures plunged this week with overnight lows falling into the 30s across much of the state by the weekend. Though there were light frosts across the northern half of the state, reporters noted that it was not a killing freeze and the majority of crops should continue to develop. The cold front also brought another round of storms, with scattered reports of hail damage to crops and ponding in low areas. The additional rain kept conditions muddy across the north, further delaying the end of the small grain and third crop hay harvests. Silage corn was being harvested in the south of the state but most reporters commented that corn was not mature enough to chop. Producers statewide were hoping for sunny days to finish the crop and improve field conditions.

There were 4.0 days suitable for fieldwork statewide.

Across the reporting stations, average temperatures this week were 4 to 6 degrees below normal. Average high temperatures ranged from 66 to 68 degrees, while average low temperatures ranged from 46 to 51 degrees. Precipitation totals ranged from 0.52 inches in Milwaukee to 2.23 inches in Eau Claire. 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 September 14, eighty-seven percent of **corn** was in or beyond the dough stage, 59 percent was in or beyond the dent stage, and 8 percent was mature. Corn cut for silage was 10 percent harvested. Corn condition was rated 72 percent good to excellent.

Forty-five percent of **soybeans** had leaves turning color and 11 percent had leaves dropping. Soybeans condition was rated 72 percent good to excellent.

Eighty-five percent of **oats** for grain had been harvested.

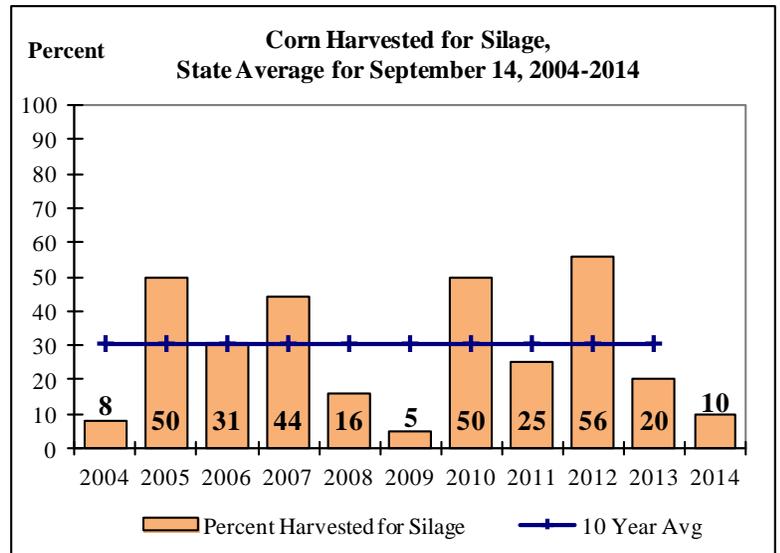
Potatoes were 40 percent harvested with 76 percent rated in good to excellent condition.

The **third cutting of alfalfa** was 90 percent complete and the **fourth cutting** was 39 percent complete.

All hay condition was rated 84 percent good to excellent.

Pasture condition was rated 67 percent good to excellent.

Apple picking was underway statewide. Reporters noted some hail damage to fruit crops in the northern part of the state.



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of September 14, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
Pasture & Range	1	5	27	54	13
Hay, All	0	2	14	59	25
Corn	2	6	20	49	23
Soybeans	1	5	22	48	24
Potatoes	0	1	23	66	10

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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 in or past dough stage	82	83	59	93	79	78	97	98	83	87	80	85	91
Corn in or past dent stage	44	45	20	62	49	41	81	79	60	59	41	55	69
Corn in or past mature stage	2	2	0	5	5	7	11	19	11	8	3	13	20
Corn harvested for silage	2	3	2	7	6	11	30	15	14	10	4	20	31
Soybeans turning color	38	34	18	49	36	34	61	64	28	45	22	44	59
Soybeans dropping leaves	7	3	2	17	9	8	13	17	7	11	2	9	22
Oats harvested for grain	86	57	69	100	97	80	100	100	99	85	80	98	100
Potatoes harvested	28	64	52	25	34	n.a.	90	88	n.a.	40	27	n.a.	n.a.
Alfalfa hay, third cutting	88	70	93	88	87	94	97	97	96	90	85	92	95
Alfalfa hay, fourth cutting	19	11	44	40	35	42	47	63	29	39	26	33	50

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Conditions as of September 14, 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	3.8	3.3	2.9	3.5	3.9	4.5	4.5	4.1	4.2	4.0	3.7	6.2
	Percent									Percent		
Topsoil Moisture												
Very Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	35
Short	8	0	0	4	1	3	16	9	7	6	7	41
Adequate	66	52	66	81	66	71	76	86	83	75	74	24
Surplus	26	48	34	15	33	26	6	3	10	19	19	0
Subsoil Moisture												
Very Short	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	1	32
Short	7	5	8	10	4	2	18	16	11	9	12	47
Adequate	82	57	75	82	71	75	77	78	85	79	73	21
Surplus	10	38	17	8	23	23	3	4	4	12	14	0

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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.

SAWYER-K.S.: Impacts of last week's storm damage are spotty, with some pockets of hail damage on corn and beans. There's still some standing water. Light frost reported in low areas, but most areas avoided a hard freeze. Despite storm damage, corn and bean crops look good. Most should mature in the coming week with warmer weather forecast.

WASHBURN-P.H.: Lots of rain again this week. Prevented planting acres are now too wet for seeding any winter crops. Soybean leaves turning color fast. Lots of white mold in places. Corn silage harvest coming soon.

ASHLAND-C.B.: Two inches plus of rain again this week. Fieldwork progress is very slow. Some small grains look overripe, but fields are too wet for harvest.

MARATHON-G.M.: Got about 2.5 inches of rain last week. 34 degrees Saturday A. M.

FLORENCE-T.B.: Another wet start to the week and very cold. Lows near freezing and highs well below the norm for this time.

ST CROIX-D.K.: Frost on Saturday morning - some low areas appear slightly damaged but most appear to have survived. Corn silage harvest is not too far off with a couple of neighbors chopping a few loads as they are out.

TREMPEALEAU-L.N.: The very real threat of frost has farmers extremely anxious. While corn looks great, it is not mature. Beans are turning and fall is in the air.

JUNEAU-J.W.: Corn silage started coming off in earnest this week. Many reports that crops could be the best they ever had while others are saying their crops look terrible. We avoided frost last week for the most part so hopefully we can get another two weeks or so for the crops to finish out.

OUTAGAMIE-J.B.: Too much rain. Not good weather for harvesting hay.

SHEBOYGAN-M.B.: Soybean crop has a long way to reach maturity before cold weather ends the growing season. Corn silage harvest is generally a couple weeks away.

VERNON-K.L.: Soybeans turning color and starting to drop leaves. Cold nights, but we avoided the frost so far. Small amount of corn silage started and hay cut. Vernon County Fair week so fields were rather quiet.

DANE-J.K.: Field conditions are wet. Weeds and diseases remain stable. Third and fourth crop alfalfa were very good. All small grains are in the bin. Fruit trees are about done with fruit dropping. Veggies are about over also. Some beets and carrots out yet. No frost here yet. We could use 1 to 2 weeks more without frost.

KENOSHA-J.H.: Corn and soybeans are maturing very slowly.

WASHINGTON-J.N.: 0.5 inch rain Friday. Alfalfa has a good re-growth after third cutting. No silo filling yet.

Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on September 14, 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 Sep. 13	Mar. 1 to Sep. 13 normal*	Last Week	Since Sep. 1	Sep. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	66	46	79	35	56	-6	2370	2279	2.23	5.16	+3.25	37.83	+12.78
Green Bay	67	47	80	39	57	-4	2166	2141	0.79	3.67	+2.13	24.39	+2.62
La Crosse	68	49	82	40	59	-6	2747	2562	1.06	1.54	-0.15	31.02	+5.81
Madison	67	48	79	38	57	-6	2562	2497	0.64	1.51	-0.09	29.32	+4.05
Milwaukee	67	51	80	41	59	-6	2242	n.a.	0.52	0.81	-0.81	26.10	+0.26

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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