



Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition

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Harvest Progresses During Mild Week

Harvest activities progressed this week, though conditions remained less than ideal in some areas. Hard frosts at the beginning of the week pushed corn toward maturity. Temperatures warmed up by the weekend, but overcast skies and mid-week rain showers slowed the pace of fieldwork and grain dry-down. Farmers were harvesting soybeans, hauling manure, and tilling fields. Corn silage chopping and haying were starting to wrap up as producers switched to high moisture and dry grain corn harvest. Reporters in the northeastern portion of the state noted heavy rutting and stuck machinery due to ongoing muddy conditions. Elsewhere in the state, field conditions were considerably better, although grain moistures remain high in some areas. Reporters commented that low corn prices and the high cost of drying meant many farmers were delaying harvest until grain moistures fall naturally. However, frequent rains and cold, short days have made dry-down a slow process in recent weeks, keeping harvest progress behind normal.

There were 4.7 days suitable for fieldwork.

Across the reporting stations, average temperatures were normal to 3 degrees above normal. Average high temperatures ranged from 56 to 63 degrees, while average low temperatures ranged from 38 to 42 degrees. Precipitation ranged from 0.08 inches in Green Bay to 0.36 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 October 26, eighty-three percent of **corn** was mature. Corn for silage was 86 percent harvested and corn for grain was 20 percent harvested. Corn condition was rated 73 percent good to excellent.

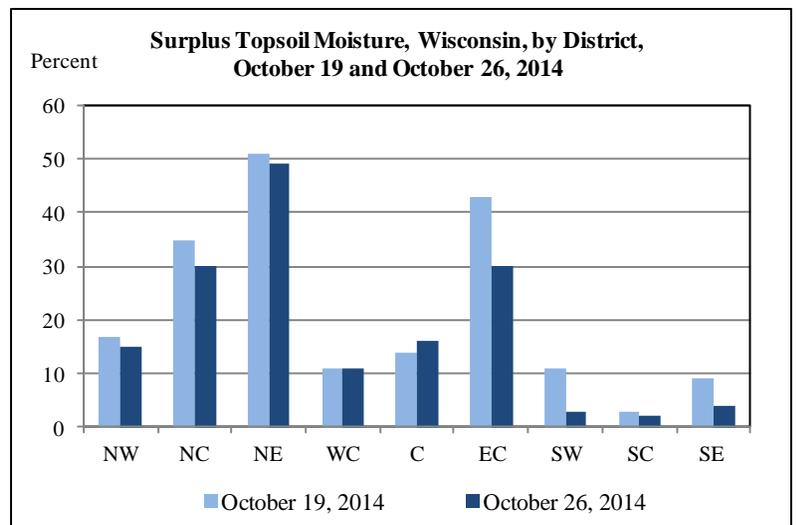
Fifty-nine percent of **soybeans** had been harvested with 71 percent of the crop in good to excellent condition.

Winter wheat was 80 percent planted and 57 percent emerged. Winter wheat condition was rated 63 percent good to excellent.

The **fourth cutting of alfalfa** was 94 percent complete.

Pasture condition was rated 55 percent good to excellent.

Fall tillage was 32 percent complete.



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of October 26, 2014

| | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-----------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| | Percent | | | | |
| Pasture & Range | 1 | 7 | 37 | 46 | 9 |
| Corn | 2 | 5 | 20 | 49 | 24 |
| Soybeans | 1 | 4 | 24 | 47 | 24 |
| Winter Wheat | 0 | 4 | 33 | 55 | 8 |

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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 | | | |
| Fall tillage | 28 | 42 | 28 | 32 | 37 | 26 | 31 | 37 | 29 | 32 | 25 | 29 | 28 |
| Corn mature | 85 | 65 | 56 | 90 | 63 | 69 | 94 | 99 | 93 | 83 | 75 | 90 | 93 |
| Corn harvested for grain | 12 | 9 | 7 | 18 | 12 | 8 | 27 | 36 | 20 | 20 | 11 | 37 | 47 |
| Corn harvested for silage | 78 | 81 | 73 | 97 | 90 | 76 | 98 | 100 | 95 | 86 | 76 | 92 | 96 |
| Soybeans harvested | 65 | 37 | 28 | 79 | 44 | 38 | 64 | 72 | 58 | 59 | 42 | 67 | 75 |
| Winter Wheat planted | 74 | 86 | 94 | 85 | 90 | 74 | 75 | 92 | 72 | 80 | 70 | n.a. | n.a. |
| Winter Wheat emerged | 55 | 65 | 51 | 53 | 70 | 55 | 50 | 66 | 44 | 57 | 41 | n.a. | n.a. |
| Alfalfa hay, fourth cutting | 92 | 75 | 100 | 94 | 96 | 94 | 97 | 100 | 91 | 94 | 89 | 88 | 93 |

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Conditions as of October 26, 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 | 5.5 | 3.8 | 4.2 | 5.4 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 4.6 | 3.9 | 4.7 | 3.4 | 5.1 |
| | Percent | | | | | | | | | Percent | | |
| Topsoil Moisture | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Very Short | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| Short | 7 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 20 |
| Adequate | 78 | 70 | 51 | 83 | 83 | 68 | 87 | 89 | 93 | 82 | 78 | 70 |
| Surplus | 15 | 30 | 49 | 11 | 16 | 30 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 14 | 18 | 3 |
| Subsoil Moisture | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Very Short | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 |
| Short | 4 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 9 | 11 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 31 |
| Adequate | 82 | 67 | 51 | 88 | 65 | 73 | 89 | 86 | 94 | 81 | 80 | 53 |
| Surplus | 14 | 28 | 41 | 5 | 30 | 25 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 13 | 14 | 1 |

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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.

BURNETT-J.D.: Bean yield is about 35 bushels per acre.

RUSK-G.P.: A nice week for crops, soybeans continue to come off with decent yields. Corn silage is moving along, but very little corn coming off for grain. Winter wheat and rye are coming up. The last of the hay is coming off for the year, just on fields that will be rolled over anyway.

BAYFIELD-C.B.: Nice dry week. Warm temperatures. Corn silage harvest activity throughout the area.

ONEIDA-B.E.: Temperatures were closer to normal, and were in fact above average on a few days this past week. Received almost 2.0 inches of rainfall and wet conditions for much of the past week. Cranberry harvest completed, vines are going into dormancy.

LANGLADE-A.K.: Crop harvest is slow, especially soybeans, due to wet conditions and the lack of sunshine.

EAU CLAIRE-D.J.: Got 0.7 inches of rain Thursday night. Rained again last night. Beans yield - 65 bushels per acre, but not really good quality.

TREMPEALEAU-D.D.: Some corn moistures are below 20 percent now. Soybean combining caught up some. Rains slowed progress late in the week.

JUNEAU-J.W.: Soybeans and corn are still pretty high in moisture and we haven't gotten much drying weather until late this past weekend. Forecast is for wet weather the beginning of this week as well, causing further delays. The yields are there in the field, now the challenge is to get them out of the field.

OUTAGAMIE-J.B.: Got about 0.75 inches of rain last week. Still too wet from prior week. One neighbor tried harvesting beans, made one round and quit.

SHEBOYGAN-M.B.: Wet weather has delayed corn silage and soybean harvest. Winter wheat acreage lowered by delayed harvest. Late summer oats and oats/peas look good.

GRANT-T.B.: Reports from producers say that corn yields are going to be very good to excellent. Soybean yields also very good to excellent, with a few reports of not so good yields.

DANE-F.P.: Short days and low temperatures slow corn dry-down.

KENOSHA-R.R.: Soybeans harvest is in full swing. Yields are good at 50 bushels per acre. The stems are tough to cut but soybeans are dry.

WALWORTH-N.W.: Good weekend for soybean harvest. Corn harvest is going slow with producers waiting for moisture levels to come down.

Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on October 26, 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 Oct. 25 | Mar. 1 to Oct. 25 normal* | Last Week | Since Sep. 1 | Sep. 1 dep. from normal * | Year to date | Year dep. from normal * |
| Eau Claire | 59 | 38 | 63 | 29 | 49 | +3 | 2665 | 2572 | 0.36 | 7.77 | +2.22 | 40.44 | +11.76 |
| Green Bay | 56 | 37 | 66 | 29 | 47 | +1 | 2436 | 2431 | 0.08 | 7.17 | +2.36 | 27.89 | +2.77 |
| La Crosse | 63 | 41 | 68 | 35 | 52 | +3 | 3134 | 2914 | 0.25 | 6.06 | +0.93 | 35.54 | +6.88 |
| Madison | 59 | 38 | 69 | 27 | 48 | +0 | 2893 | 2873 | 0.10 | 4.82 | +0.05 | 32.63 | +4.01 |
| Milwaukee | 58 | 42 | 69 | 33 | 50 | +0 | 2560 | n.a. | 0.10 | 3.88 | -1.36 | 29.17 | -0.29 |

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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