



Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition

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A Taste of Winter

Daytime temperatures on Monday of this week were in the 70s across much of the state. But by Friday, highs were barely making it out of the 30s, with overnight lows plunging into the teens and 20s. The cold front brought snow to central and northern Wisconsin, with amounts ranging from a dusting to over an inch. Some lodging of corn was also reported due to high winds associated with this system. In spite of the cold snap, overall dry conditions helped harvest activity to progress quickly this week. Topsoil moistures were down slightly, allowing farmers in wet areas to access more of their fields. Soybean harvest was racing toward completion, with corn being harvested for silage, snaplage, and high moisture grain. Corn for dry grain was being combined statewide, though reporters noted that many farmers were still holding off harvest due to high grain moistures. Manure hauling, tillage, and late winter wheat planting continued as fields were cleared. Reporters commented that hay stocks were variable this year, as frequent rains made it difficult to access hay stands and make dry hay. However, overall hay and roughage supplies were up over last year, with 4 percent short statewide compared to 26 percent short in 2013.

There were 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork this week.

Across the reporting stations, average temperatures were 1 degree below to 2 degrees above normal. Average high temperatures ranged from 52 to 56 degrees, while average low temperatures ranged from 30 to 38 degrees. Precipitation ranged from 0.00 inches in Eau Claire and La Crosse to 0.11 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 November 2, ninety percent of **corn** was mature. Corn for silage was 92 percent harvested and corn for grain was 33 percent harvested. Corn condition was rated 72 percent good to excellent.

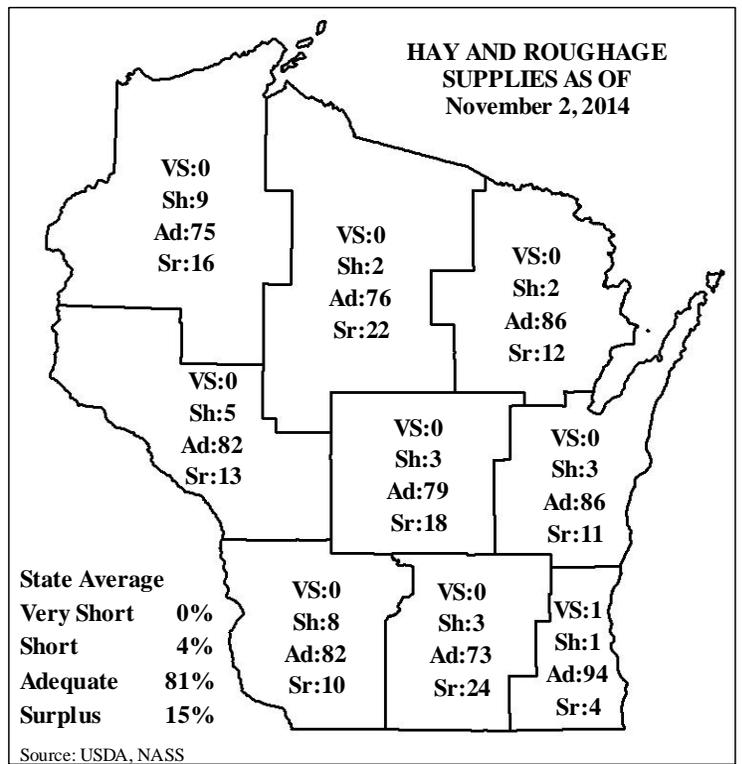
Eighty percent of **soybeans** had been harvested, almost catching up to the five year average after weeks of delayed progress.

Winter wheat was 89 percent planted and 70 percent emerged. Winter wheat condition was rated 68 percent good to excellent.

The **fourth cutting of alfalfa** was 95 percent complete.

Hay and roughage supplies were 0 percent very short, 4 percent short, 81 percent adequate, and 15 percent surplus on average.

Fall tillage was 41 percent complete.



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of November 2, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	2	6	20	48	24
Winter Wheat	0	4	28	56	12

Wisconsin Crop Progress as of November 2, 2014

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	35	54	31	40	47	39	39	45	41	41	32	37	35
Corn mature	90	84	74	98	73	78	96	100	96	90	83	95	96
Corn harvested for grain	24	27	16	31	25	18	40	49	32	33	20	48	58
Corn harvested for silage	91	88	85	98	96	88	100	100	98	92	86	96	98
Soybeans harvested	84	64	46	94	69	67	90	87	82	80	59	80	81
Winter Wheat planted	88	96	98	95	95	85	90	93	87	89	80	n.a.	n.a.
Winter Wheat emerged	65	79	65	68	76	66	66	81	62	70	57	n.a.	n.a.
Alfalfa hay, fourth cutting	95	91	100	94	97	94	98	100	92	95	94	92	95

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Conditions as of November 2, 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	6.3	5.1	5.4	5.7	5.2	5.4	5.8	5.7	5.4	5.6	4.7	4.2
	Percent									Percent		
Topsoil Moisture												
Very Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	6
Short	8	0	0	7	1	0	6	7	7	4	4	20
Adequate	79	73	53	83	85	75	91	90	87	83	82	68
Surplus	13	27	47	10	14	25	3	2	5	13	14	6
Subsoil Moisture												
Very Short	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	13
Short	5	5	13	4	5	0	9	9	12	6	6	30
Adequate	82	70	52	89	76	77	88	87	86	83	81	53
Surplus	13	25	35	7	18	23	2	3	1	11	13	4

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-R.M.: Harvesting high moisture corn, no drying going on yet. Moisture on corn for grain - mid 20s to mid 30s.

WASHBURN-R.H.: Getting ready for winter. Snow flurries coming this week. Had about 4 to 5 inches of snow along the lake.

CLARK-A.K.: Moisture content of beans, 14%. Fields of wheat are not coming up good since we had temps of 18 degrees Thursday night. Still could use dry weather.

PRICE-D.E.: Corn and soybean harvest is well under way, but wet conditions are creating a challenge for harvesters.

FLORENCE-T.B.: Corn silage harvest still going strong. Tillage activity slow at this time, expect once silage is complete it will pick up. Very cold and windy last half of the week.

BUFFALO-R.S.: A good dry week. Soybean harvesting done, corn harvest begun - moisture running 15 to 20%. Corn storage will be a problem. Here in deer country the rut has started with bow hunters having success. Baling, bedding and manure hauling next.

WAUPACA-D.L.H.: Fall harvest of soybeans and corn silage has picked up with favorable weather this past week. Moisture levels for corn need to come down.

KEWAUNEE-T.S.: Much more corn silage was chopped off this past week and the fall job is moving right along now. The ground is still wet, but it has been drying out somewhat in the past couple of weeks. This has made the fieldwork a bit easier. The rain that was predicted last week for the most part never materialized, which was appreciated by those wanting to get soybeans or corn silage or alfalfa off. The tonnage per acre for corn silage has been good, with a lot of corn in the corn silage. The stalks have been drying down with the frosts that have happened, but the cobs still have enough moisture to make good feed. The soybean harvest is progressing, but it is not done yet. In this area, yields have been disappointing this year. Yields ranging from 25 to 40 bushels per acre are the norm, quite a bit less than 2013's numbers. The dry weather early, the cool temperatures and then too much rain all combined to bring the bushels down. The dry corn harvest is just starting, but it will be a slow and expensive drying season for this area's producers. Most of the corn here is in the 30% plus moisture

level, and not much drying will occur this month. This means a lot of wet corn will be combined, which will take a lot to dry. Some producers will wait as long as they can before harvesting the corn to try and reduce what it will cost to dry this crop. Fall tillage is going strong now, with a few fields being plowed. Some winter wheat has been planted, both no-till and conventional. In those areas where the weather allowed the planting to happen earlier, the wheat has been emerging and is looking good. Some fourth crop hay was chopped off this week, and manure hauling is just starting to take place before the winter weather freezes the ground.

WINNEBAGO-S.E.: Corn drydown slow.

VERNON-K.L.: Winter wheat still being planted and some emerged and looking nice. Farmers still working on soybeans, high moisture corn and starting in on dry grain. Local elevator reporting low test weights and moistures from 14-20 on the corn being delivered. Lots of private dryers running full force.

COLUMBIA-G.K.: Soybeans are almost all harvested, just a few scattered fields left. Corn moisture is running from 17 to 32 percent. Hay stocks are in great shape for the year. Pastures are still doing well. Had a hard freeze Saturday morning so alfalfa is frosted and done growing for the year.

DODGE-S.B.: Cold weather should help dry down the corn.

OZAUKEE-K.A.: Soybean combines in full harvesting. No corn combined to speak of. Early planted winter wheat looking good. Seen some wheat being planted on 10/31 after beans came off. Very windy on Friday, 10/31. Corn is still standing very well.

Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on November 2, 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 Nov. 1	Mar. 1 to Nov. 1 normal*	Last Week	Since Sep. 1	Sep. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	52	30	68	15	41	-1	2682	2574	0.00	7.77	+1.70	40.44	+11.14
Green Bay	52	37	68	28	45	+2	2453	2433	0.03	7.20	+1.87	27.92	+2.31
La Crosse	54	36	72	22	45	+0	3155	2923	0.00	6.06	+0.45	35.54	+6.41
Madison	56	34	75	22	45	+0	2921	2884	0.11	4.94	-0.37	32.75	+3.77
Milwaukee	55	38	75	27	47	+0	2589	n.a.	0.06	3.95	-1.94	29.24	-0.59

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