



# Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition

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## Farmers Race Oncoming Snow

Farmers were scrambling this week to get fieldwork done before oncoming winter weather. Rain and snow events late in the week interrupted fieldwork and drove up grain moistures in the eastern portions of the state. This precipitation made for slick field conditions and wind reportedly lodged standing corn in some areas. However, conditions across the rest of the state were much drier, allowing good progress on fall fieldwork. With substantial snow and much colder weather in the forecast, reporters were concerned about the amount of corn and soybeans still to be harvested and the amount of manure still to be spread. Several reporters noted farmers working through the night to clear fields while conditions allowed. The corn silage and soybeans harvests were nearing completion, as was winter wheat planting. Grain driers were going full blast across the state but some producers were reportedly still delaying their grain corn harvest until moisture content falls naturally.

There were 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork this week.

Across the reporting stations, average temperatures were normal to 3 degrees above normal. Average high temperatures ranged from 46 to 53 degrees, while average low temperatures ranged from 32 to 37 degrees. Precipitation ranged from 0.08 inches in La Crosse to 0.73 inches in Green Bay. If you are interested in further weather data, please reference the following sites:

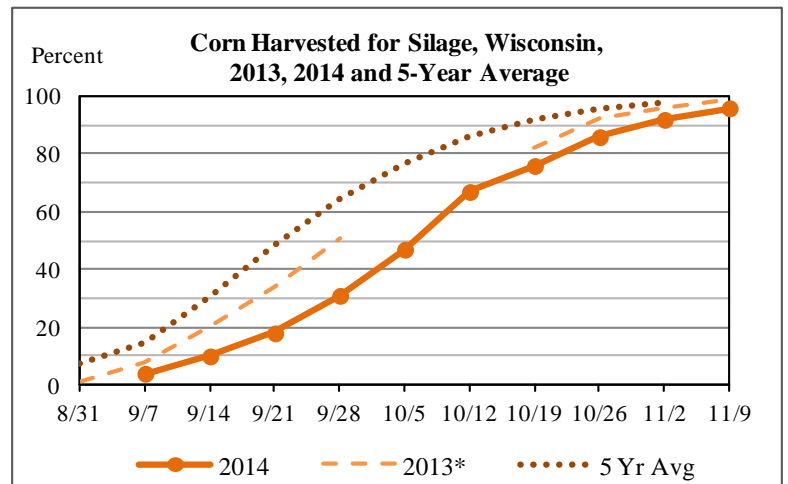
- <http://www.noaa.gov/>
- <http://www.aos.wisc.edu/~sco/>
- <http://www.cocorahs.org/>
- <http://www.weather.gov/>

As of November 9, ninety-three percent of **corn** was mature. Corn for silage was 96 percent harvested and corn for grain was 50 percent harvested. Grain moisture at harvest averaged 23 percent. Corn condition was rated 72 percent good to excellent.

Ninety percent of **soybeans** had been harvested.

**Winter wheat** was 94 percent planted and 79 percent emerged. Winter wheat condition was rated 68 percent good to excellent.

**Fall tillage** was 52 percent complete.



\*Due to a lapse in federal funding in October 2013, the Crop Progress reports for the weeks ending October 6, 2013 and October 13, 2013 were cancelled. Therefore, previous year estimates for the corresponding weeks will not be available. Five-year average estimates will reflect the years 2009-2013 using published estimates for 2009-2012 and imputed estimates for 2013.

## Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of November 9, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
Corn	2	6	20	49	23
Winter Wheat	0	4	28	56	12

## Wisconsin Crop Progress as of November 9, 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	43	66	40	54	57	52	49	56	48	52	41	46	44
Corn mature	93	93	89	99	81	84	98	100	97	93	90	98	98
Corn harvested for grain	39	42	24	53	37	30	61	68	49	50	33	60	68
Corn harvested for silage	97	94	89	99	97	94	100	100	99	96	92	99	100
Soybeans harvested	92	80	63	98	84	79	98	97	92	90	80	85	89
Winter Wheat planted	95	99	100	98	97	90	98	95	96	94	89	n.a.	n.a.
Winter Wheat emerged	75	91	82	72	80	74	84	86	76	79	70	n.a.	n.a.

## Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Conditions as of November 9, 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	5.3	4.2	3.2	5.8	4.5	4.7	6.2	6.0	5.6	5.3	5.6	3.6
	Percent									Percent		
Topsoil Moisture												
Very Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4
Short	8	0	0	9	1	1	9	7	2	5	4	17
Adequate	78	74	45	80	84	70	88	91	97	81	83	69
Surplus	14	26	55	11	15	29	3	1	1	14	13	10
Subsoil Moisture												
Very Short	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	10
Short	4	5	8	9	5	0	8	10	8	6	6	30
Adequate	82	72	52	86	74	74	91	87	90	83	83	53
Surplus	14	23	40	5	20	26	1	2	1	11	11	7

# Wisconsin Crop Progress

## 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.:** Grain crop harvest in full swing. Some soybeans still to be combined and the corn is heading to grain dryers at 18 - 22% moisture. Manure hauling is keeping farmers busy and fall tillage equipment is being used heavily.

**BAYFIELD-C.B.:** Nice dry week. Lots of corn silage and soybean harvest. Reports of some very good yields on corn.

**MARATHON-S.N.:** Harvest slow going with muddy fields. Most corn silage off. A little less than 50% of the corn needs to be combined. First major snowstorm has made its appearance.

**MARINETTE-N.S.:** Soybean harvest is continuing and producers continued to finish chopping corn last week. Harvesting dry corn is just starting as moisture content is still high in most fields. Producers may leave corn standing longer this year, in an effort to reduce their drying costs.

**SHAWANO-B.R.:** Winter wheat emerging very nicely. Still a fair amount of soybeans left to harvest with moisture being quite high on them yet. Most of the corn in the area is still above 25% yet.

**JACKSON-T.W.:** Moisture levels are dropping, corn harvest has picked up. Moisture levels still a little high, so corn agronomy centers are about full, causing things to slow a bit.

**LA CROSSE-I.H.:** Light showers every couple days making bringing in the corn difficult. Good crop, though. Combining beans as well.

**ST CROIX-D.K.:** Nice dry fall weather made corn harvest move along. Lots of corn stalks harvested for bedding.

**JUNEAU-J.W.:** Farmers were really hitting the fields hard trying to get as much done as possible before the winter weather rolls in this week. Moisture is still high but yields are even higher. Dryers are having a hard time keeping up. I had some people tell me they were still going to try to plant rye for a cover crop.

**PORTAGE-J.W.:** Manure hauling was a major activity.

**FOND DU LAC-M.R.:** Corn yields extremely variable, ranging from well over 200 bushels per acre down to just over 100 bushels per acre. A lot of soybeans in the 50 to 60 bushels per acre range.

**MANITOWOC-M.R.:** Some farms are still chopping corn silage. High moisture corn harvest started this past week. Snaplage harvest wrapping up. Lots of manure needs to be hauled yet and with wet field conditions and potential cold/ground freezing temps on the way for the next week, moving manure could be a real challenge this fall.

**CRAWFORD-J.B.:** Corn harvest for grain has not been aggressive, hoping for some field dry down. However, now with the threat of winter weather upon us area farmers may now take a different look at the situation. Soybean yields seem pretty average ranging 30 bushels per acre up to 50 bushels per acre. Area farmers seem extremely pleased with corn yields but to date we aren't hearing specific numbers. Area hay fields are looking good going into the late fall and early winter. Emerging winter wheat and rye could use a growth boost heading into the winter. Some fall tillage has occurred, some area livestock and dairy farmers are spreading animal waste on fields and working it in preparing for the winter months.

**RICHLAND-J.C.:** There is still a lot of corn in the field and we are hearing that many of the elevators are full. Talk of the winter storm warning led to a big weekend push.

**GREEN-J.T.:** Corn harvest is rapidly progressing.

**WASHINGTON-J.N.:** Winter wheat is 1.5 to 2.0 inches tall. Shell corn harvesting slowed down due to high moisture. Waiting for dryer conditions.

**WAUKESHA-R.F.:** Still harvesting corn.

### Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on November 9, 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. 8	Mar. 1 to Nov. 8 normal*	Last Week	Since Sep. 1	Sep. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	46	32	57	24	39	+0	2688	2587	0.51	8.40	+1.89	41.07	+11.31
Green Bay	47	34	56	28	41	+1	2457	2445	0.73	7.93	+2.06	28.65	+2.61
La Crosse	51	37	58	31	44	+2	3168	2937	0.08	6.23	+0.13	35.71	+6.20
Madison	52	36	60	28	44	+3	2935	2902	0.26	5.19	-0.64	33.00	+3.54
Milwaukee	53	36	62	24	44	+0	2604	n.a.	0.23	4.18	-2.25	29.47	-1.22

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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