



Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition



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Needed Rain Recieved

There were 4.8 **days suitable for fieldwork** during the week ending May 10th, 2015, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Much-needed rains limited fieldwork this week, though planting moved quickly while conditions were suitable. Corn, oats, and soybeans planting remain ahead of normal for mid-May. Daytime highs climbed into the 80s at the beginning of the week before cooling off again. Warm nights helped to raise soil temperatures and boost crop conditions.

Soil moistures fell in some areas but rose in others due to variable precipitation totals and windy conditions this week. **Topsoil moistures** improved slightly on average, with 27 percent short to very short compared to 29 percent last week. Statewide, **subsoil moistures** were 31 percent short to very short, compared to 29 percent last week.

As of May 10th, **spring tillage** was 81 percent complete statewide, 19 days ahead of last year and 14 days ahead of the five-year average.

As of Sunday, **corn** planted was at 69 percent complete, tied for the second highest percent planted by May 10th in more than 35 years, and 12 days ahead of the five-year average. Corn emerged was 9 percent, 11 days ahead of last year and 4 days ahead of the five-year average.

Soybeans planted was at 25 percent, the third highest percent planted by this date in more than 35 years, and 9 days ahead of the 5-year average.

Oats planted was at 92 percent, 23 days ahead of last year and 17 days ahead of the five-year average. The first Oat condition rating of the year was 0 percent very poor, 0 percent poor, 18 percent fair, 68 percent good, and 14 percent excellent.

Potatoes planted continued to progress, reaching 91 percent.

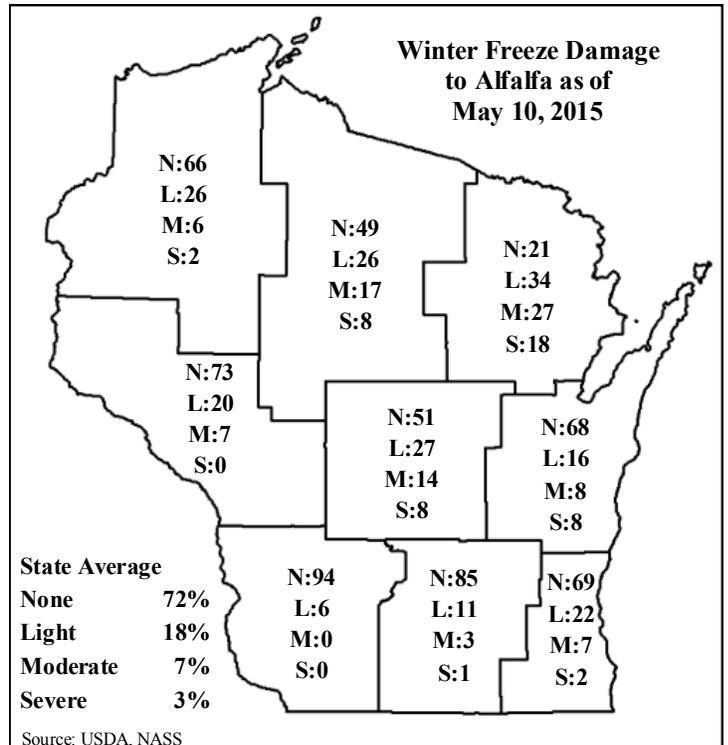
Pasture condition improved week-over-week again with 65 percent rated good to excellent compared to 53 percent last week.

Winter wheat condition was 69 percent in good to excellent, up 3 percentage points from the previous week.

The first **All Hay** condition rating of the year was 2 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 16 percent fair, 60 percent good, and 18 percent excellent.

The Northeastern district of the state saw the most **alfalfa freeze damage**, with 45 percent of the crop showing moderate to severe damage. The state average was 10 percent moderate to severe damage, compared to 2 percent last year.

A reporter in Wood County noted that **cranberry** buds are mostly in the bud break stage and some have started to elongate. A reporter in Dane County reported that **apple** trees are blooming.



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of May 10, 2015

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
Hay, All	2	4	16	60	18
Oats	0	0	18	68	14
Pasture & Range	1	8	26	56	9
Winter Wheat	0	7	24	52	17

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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 planted	69	79	65	72	72	76	61	69	68	69	42	17	33
Corn emerged	7	6	8	10	9	16	8	8	17	9	0	0	5
Oats planted	88	89	87	96	96	91	92	96	93	92	80	36	58
Oats emerged	50	35	45	62	61	53	65	64	67	56	29	12	34
Potatoes planted	85	73	66	99	98	n.a.	80	73	n.a.	91	75	56	n.a.
Soybeans planted	18	34	27	34	26	37	16	19	24	25	4	4	8
Spring tillage complete	79	90	80	82	84	86	83	72	82	81	66	28	49

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Conditions as of May 10, 2015

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	4.8	5.9	4.7	5.4	6.1	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.8	6.7	3.5
	Percent									Percent		
Topsoil Moisture												
Very Short	5	0	0	2	1	2	4	9	1	3	3	0
Short	25	11	36	18	30	35	29	20	10	24	26	2
Adequate	65	87	63	74	63	61	66	67	85	70	68	64
Surplus	5	2	1	6	6	2	1	4	4	3	3	34
Subsoil Moisture												
Very Short	4	0	0	2	1	1	6	12	1	3	4	0
Short	30	11	26	27	31	35	37	27	13	28	25	5
Adequate	62	87	72	69	66	62	57	59	82	68	69	74
Surplus	4	2	2	2	2	2	0	2	4	1	2	21

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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-P.T.: As of Sunday evening, no rain. We are starting to feel the effects of having almost no moisture this spring. Only 3 measurable rains - the largest was less than 0.5 inch.

POLK-A.M.: Weather has been favorable for spring planting. End of week received much needed rains.

PRICE-D.E.: Much needed rain came timely with most crops planted. Hay fields improved but still some winterkill damage reports coming in. Some fields will be plowed and planted to substitute crops. Small grains look good and some corn is emerged. Some soybeans have been planted but the majority is left to plant at this time. Manure pits finally could be emptied.

FLORENCE-T.B.: Warm windy days led to dry top soil conditions shortly after rain fell the first of the week. Trees finally starting to form leaves.

EAU CLAIRE-M.H.: Alfalfa looks good. Corn, soybeans and the last of the small grains were being planted until rain brought things to a halt on Thursday and Friday.

LA CROSSE-I.H.: Wet and cold weather this week prevented farmers from getting in the fields. On days when they did get in the field, they focused on planting corn.

JUNEAU-J.W.: Last week ended on a cool and rainy note but I don't think many people were complaining. Field work progress slowed down this past week but the rain came down pretty nicely and was needed. The early season corn is starting to emerge on the lighter soils. Pastures and hay fields seem to be greening up nicely.

PORTAGE-J.B.: Winterkill on the alfalfa has shown up and many fields are being tilled. The new seeding from last year is ok. Last week was excellent for planting corn. It's dry and areas that haven't been planted for at least two years are planted this year. Everything is waiting for rain!

FOND DU LAC-B.B.: A timely 0.70 inches gentle rainfall for the period did well by all the new seedbeds. Beehives are very vigorous with huge pollen loads available. Pears have completed their blossom and the apple trees went to full blossom this period.

SHEBOYGAN-M.B.: An excellent week for getting crops planted. Well ahead of long term averages. Some rains would be very helpful right now.

VERNON-K.L.: Another wet week with minimal field work completed. Early week was hot and humid with showers and later temps turned cold with daily highs in the 60s. Some no-till planting, spraying and spreading fertilizer.

COLUMBIA-G.K.: Corn planting is coming along well in spite of the cool soil temperatures. Farmers are now switching over to soybean planting. Overall, alfalfa fields look great.

ROCK-C.O.: Rain this week halted all field work until today. Some early planted corn is up. Alfalfa appears to be recovering from the dry winter conditions after this week's rain.

WALWORTH-N.W.: Not much progress in the fields this week. Kind of a drizzly, gray week. Starting to see rows of corn in the fields.

Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on May 10, 2015

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 May 9	Mar. 1 to May 9 normal*	Last Week	Since Mar. 1	Mar. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	73	50	81	44	61	+8	343	197	1.43	4.90	-0.79	5.49	-2.03
Green Bay	74	50	86	47	62	+10	281	161	0.21	2.74	-2.63	3.73	-3.88
La Crosse	75	57	85	53	66	+10	430	238	1.07	6.04	-0.31	7.26	-1.28
Madison	73	55	82	49	64	+11	363	236	0.86	6.00	-0.52	7.41	-1.62
Milwaukee	69	50	81	44	60	+8	227	n.a.	0.68	6.73	-0.58	8.47	-2.38

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. n.a.=not available. T=trace Source: NCEP/NOAA Climate Prediction Center <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>.

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