



Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition



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Rain and More Rain

There were 3.6 **days suitable for fieldwork** during the week ending June 14th, 2015, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Scattered showers frequently interrupted fieldwork, with muggy, overcast conditions and a mix of cool and hot temperatures throughout the week. A large storm system dropped over an inch of rain across southern portions of the state on Thursday, alleviating dry soil conditions there. All that moisture delayed herbicide and fertilizer applications and made it difficult to bale dry hay. Reporters commented that the remainder of first crop alfalfa was very mature and farmers in some areas were making haylage to get it off the fields. Crops in chronically wet areas were reportedly yellow due to moisture stress. Reporters were hoping for a string of dry, hot days to promote crop growth and allow machinery back into fields.

Statewide, **topsoil moistures** rose from percent 13 surplus last week to 21 percent surplus this week. Reporters noted that many fields were too wet to access without damaging them.

As of June 14th, **corn** emerged was 97 percent, 11 days ahead of last year and 12 days ahead of the five-year average. Corn condition was 84 percent good to excellent.

Soybeans emerged was 89 percent, 8 days ahead of last year and 9 days ahead of the five-year average. Soybean condition was at 86 percent good to excellent.

Oats headed was at 28 percent, 6 days ahead of last year. Oats condition was 85 percent good to excellent, down 1 percentage point from the previous week.

Potato condition was 95 percent good to excellent.

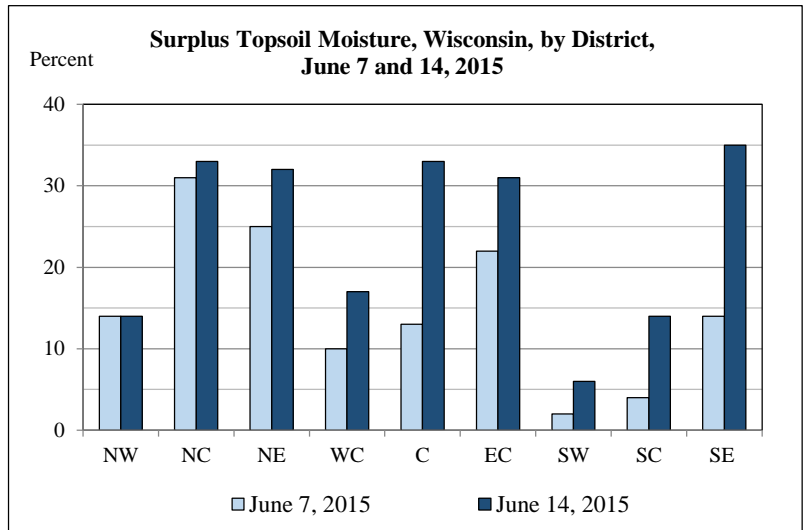
Winter wheat headed was at 77 percent, a week ahead of last year. Winter wheat was 76 percent in good to excellent condition.

Pasture condition was 79 percent rated good to excellent, compared to 78 percent last week.

The first cutting of alfalfa was 76 percent harvested, 3 days ahead of last year and 5 days ahead of the five-year average.

All hay condition was 79 percent in good to excellent condition, down 1 percentage point from last week.

A reporter in Eau Claire County noted that **strawberry** patches are opening this week for picking.



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of June 14, 2015

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
Corn	0	2	14	62	22
Hay, All	1	4	16	54	25
Oats	0	1	14	64	21
Pasture & Range	1	5	15	56	23
Potatoes	0	0	5	76	19
Soybeans	0	1	13	63	23
Winter Wheat	1	3	20	52	24

Wisconsin Crop Progress as of June 14, 2015

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 emerged	95	97	95	98	98	98	99	99	98	97	94	86	88
Alfalfa hay, first cutting	59	53	73	80	64	78	89	86	76	76	61	70	68
Oats headed	24	16	17	18	33	28	35	55	33	28	9	13	26
Soybeans emerged	88	85	77	91	86	94	88	90	88	89	77	73	72
Winter wheat headed	62	53	40	73	81	77	72	89	83	77	58	55	n.a.

n.a.=not available

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Conditions as of June 14, 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	4.1	2.9	2.8	3.6	2.8	4.0	3.4	4.1	3.2	3.6	4.8	5.5
	Percent									Percent		
Topsoil Moisture												
Very Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Short	4	0	0	6	5	0	14	8	8	5	9	8
Adequate	82	67	68	77	62	69	79	77	57	74	78	76
Surplus	14	33	32	17	33	31	6	14	35	21	13	16
Subsoil Moisture												
Very Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Short	6	0	7	7	7	0	23	13	9	8	13	8
Adequate	82	69	78	82	69	80	75	80	60	78	78	80
Surplus	12	31	15	11	24	20	1	6	31	14	9	12

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.: A few growers are waiting for extended dry forecast to finish first crop hay. Traditionally wet fields that didn't get planted early may be planting prevented this year. Rain has been consistent and most are glad we didn't get the really heavy rain that fell just to the south this past week. Most crops looking very good but unless things get dried out weed control may be compromised.

CHIPPEWA-B.P.: Too wet for crops on lower ground. Second crop hay looks great. Still about 50 percent of first crop hay to harvest. Weed pressure is heavy in corn and soybeans. Need some sunny days to dry things out and get crops growing.

MARATHON-S.N.: Wet weather continues to dominate the cropping season. First crop hay is behind a week. Farmers report it is too wet to spray corn.

FLORENCE-T.B.: Hay crop heavy but getting very mature. Grass is well headed out and legumes are well into bud stage. Been too wet for anyone to start cutting. Ground is so wet it will take a couple days to dry out or fields may get rutted. Corn has yellow color and slow growing. The frosts and the wet fields may be the cause.

EAU CLAIRE-A.B.: It has been hard to get a few dry days together to harvest dry hay. Many acres of hay have been harvested as chopped forage and the quality is very good. I have talked to a producer that chopped for 31 hours straight to stay ahead of the rain. The hay quantity has increased and the windrows are huge. Producer are waiting for drier weather to harvest small squares and dry hay. The corn fields are greening up; the corn needs some warm days and most of it will be knee high or taller come July 4th. The no-till soybeans field are greening up and covering the crop residues. Pastures are holding up extremely well with the rains every second or third day. Strawberry patches are opening this week for picking.

ST CROIX-D.K.: Good showers have really helped everything. The second crop hay that is coming looks great. There is still first crop that needs to be made between showers.

TREMPEALEAU-L.N.: Significant rain this past week has been sucked up like a sponge, leaving the fields squishy. In low areas standing water is visible.

ADAMS-D.B.: Rain this week made it difficult to make hay.

PORTAGE-J.B.: Rained 5 days last week totaling around 3 inches. It's wet, nothing moving. Some crops dying, hay fields are a mess.

DOOR-A.B.: Crops continue to look good. It's been a challenge getting hay off with the consistent rain and poor drying conditions, but the majority of the crop is off at this point. Winter kill is still evident with many farmers taking alfalfa fields out of production after first cutting and planting corn.

VERNON-K.L.: Temperatures hit 90 degrees one day this week. Corn and soybeans took a real jump in height. Conditions were ideal the first part of the week for making hay. Parts of the county received 2.0 to 3.5 inches of rain on Thursday. Definitely no longer in a drought situation. Crops look good and first crop alfalfa was yielding average to above.

COLUMBIA-G.K.: Received 2.5 to 3.5 inches of rain throughout the county last week. Fair number of tall wheat field experienced some significant lodging due to heavy rains and wind. Most wheat fields are shorter than normal due to late planting last fall and cool temperatures this spring, which caused very slow growth early on. Shorter plants weathered the rain and winds better.

DANE-F.P.: The 2 inches of a slow rain was very good and it has made the crops, lawns, and gardens look very good.

OZAUKEE-G.S.: All of our crops look good. It started raining last night and is supposed to continue through the day today (Friday).

Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on June 14, 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 Jun. 13	Mar. 1 to Jun. 13 normal*	Last Week	Since Jun. 1	Jun. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	77	57	88	53	67	+2	766	633	2.21	2.56	+0.75	12.01	-0.12
Green Bay	75	57	83	54	66	+2	706	556	1.45	1.46	+0.09	8.42	-2.51
La Crosse	81	62	96	58	71	+3	957	723	2.06	2.15	+0.59	14.75	+2.25
Madison	78	59	90	55	69	+4	840	712	2.39	2.39	+0.77	13.11	+0.13
Milwaukee	76	55	87	51	66	+2	592	n.a.	1.68	1.68	+0.30	11.90	-2.43

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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