



Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition



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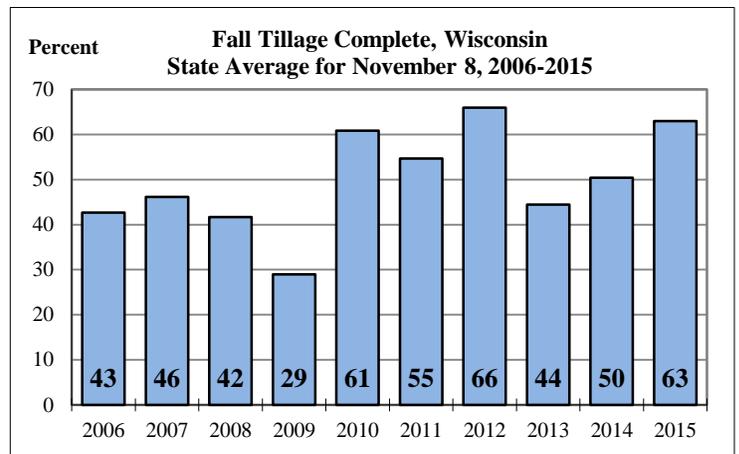
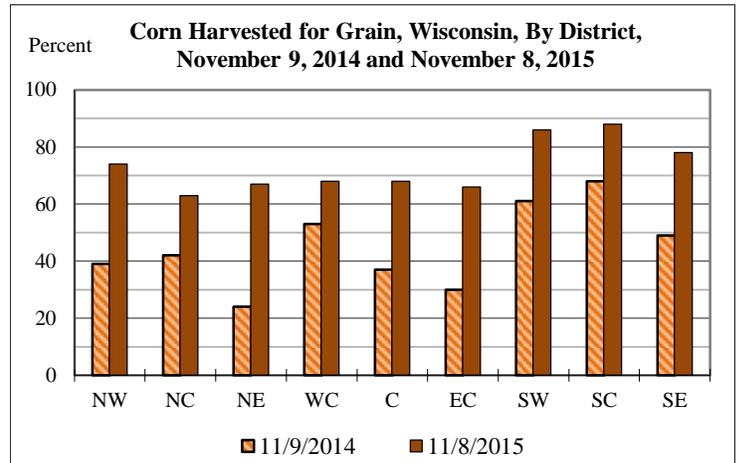
For the week ending November 8, 2015
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Farmers Take Advantage of Warm Spell

There were 4.9 days suitable for fieldwork during the week ending November 8, 2015, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. This week started off unseasonably warm, with sunny skies and daytime highs in the 70's in the southern half of the state. Widespread rain late in the week interrupted fieldwork and ushered in more seasonable temperatures. Average temperatures for the week were 11 to 14 degrees above normal at the five major weather stations. Due to the warm conditions, farmers were able to combine corn, shred stalks, till fields and apply manure. However, some reporters in northern and eastern Wisconsin commented that fields were too wet to support machinery and a hard freeze would be welcome. Corn yields were reportedly looking excellent, with some reporters noting that elevators and co-ops were close to or above their storage capacity.

Topsoil moisture levels held steady compared to the previous week, with 13 percent surplus, 77 percent adequate and 10 percent short to very short. **Subsoil moisture** levels were unchanged, with 5 percent surplus, 81 percent adequate and 14 percent short to very short.

As of November 8, **corn** harvested for grain had reached 76 percent complete, 19 days ahead of last year and 3 days ahead of the five-year average. Ninety percent of the **winter wheat** crop had emerged, 2 weeks ahead of last year. Winter wheat condition was rated 84 percent good to excellent, 1 percentage point higher than last week. **Fall tillage** was at 63 percent complete, 13 days ahead of last year and 5 days ahead of the five-year average.



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of November 8, 2015

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat.....	0	1	15	63	21

Wisconsin Crop Progress as of November 8, 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
Corn harvested for grain.....	74	63	67	68	68	66	86	88	78	76	61	48	72
Fall Tillage.....	54	65	69	52	66	70	77	57	60	63	53	50	55
Winter wheat emerged.....	95	99	91	84	89	90	93	92	84	90	81	78	n.a.

n.a.=not available

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Conditions as of November 8, 2015

Item	District average									State average		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last Year
Days Suitable	5.1	4.0	4.7	4.8	4.8	5.0	4.9	5.2	5.8	4.9	4.1	5.3
Topsoil Moisture	Percent									Percent		
Very Short.....	0	2	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	1	1	0
Short.....	2	17	2	11	9	2	10	10	12	9	8	5
Adequate.....	84	81	76	79	75	84	59	82	85	77	79	81
Surplus.....	14	0	22	10	16	14	26	7	3	13	12	14
Subsoil Moisture	Percent									Percent		
Very Short.....	0	2	0	0	1	0	8	1	0	2	2	0
Short.....	2	9	7	12	11	16	17	14	15	12	12	6
Adequate.....	88	89	82	82	85	73	73	80	84	81	81	83
Surplus.....	10	0	11	6	3	11	2	5	1	5	5	11

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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.

CHIPPEWA-T.P.: The last of the corn fields are being harvested. Manure applications and fall tillage are occurring.

WASHBURN-P.H.: Soils very wet. Some fields will need freeze up before combining.

ASHLAND-C.B.: Some manure hauling activity on fields where the corn silage is off. A few days this week of unseasonably warm weather.

CLARK-R.H.: Interesting driving in the county seeing acres of soybeans yet to be harvested. Wet weather has caused a few issues in the field as some fields are soft and combines are creating ruts. Corn and soybean harvest continued this week between rain showers. Temperatures will be changing starting today with a forecasted cooling trend. I have heard comments from farmers this is one of the best falls in a long time for getting field work done. As in past weeks soybean and corn harvest continues, manure haulers are busy, and fall tillage continues.

LANGLADE-A.K.: Corn staying near 20 percent moisture with wet conditions last few weeks. Frosty nights and clear days will accelerate harvest. It's been a very nice fall.

ST CROIX-D.K.: Nice weather for making corn stalk bedding and harvesting corn.

ADAMS-D.B.: Warm, dry weather helped harvest. Light rains late in the week slowed things for a day

WAUSHARA-K.W.: 21 degrees at Wautoma on the morning of November 8. 22 degrees on the morning of November 9.

FOND DU LAC-B.B.: A great week for shell corn harvest, tillage and manure applications. Winter wheat and alfalfa are in very good shape.

VERNON-K.L.: Corn harvest really moving along with the good weather. Elevators filling up and quality very good this year. Just too bad the prices are so low.

DODGE-R.J.: Fall harvesting is wrapping up nicely.

KENOSHA-R.R.: The corn harvest yields are surprisingly excessive - from 180 to, in some fields, 220 bushels per acre at 17 percent moisture.

WALWORTH-N.W.: Producers are wrapping up their corn harvest with good yields being reported.

Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on November 8, 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 Nov. 7	Mar. 1 to Nov. 7 normal*	Last Week	Since Sep. 1	Sep. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	60	40	72	31	50	+11	2939	2586	0.21	8.43	+2.00	35.99	+6.25
Green Bay	62	43	70	33	53	+13	2907	2444	0.37	8.86	+3.07	25.07	-1.04
La Crosse	63	45	73	36	54	+12	3534	2935	0.17	5.08	-0.96	27.80	-1.77
Madison	65	45	80	30	56	+14	3197	2900	0.57	9.29	+3.52	32.27	+2.67
Milwaukee	66	47	73	34	57	+13	2917	n.a.	0.24	6.58	+0.20	24.35	-6.08

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>.

For more 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/>

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