



Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition



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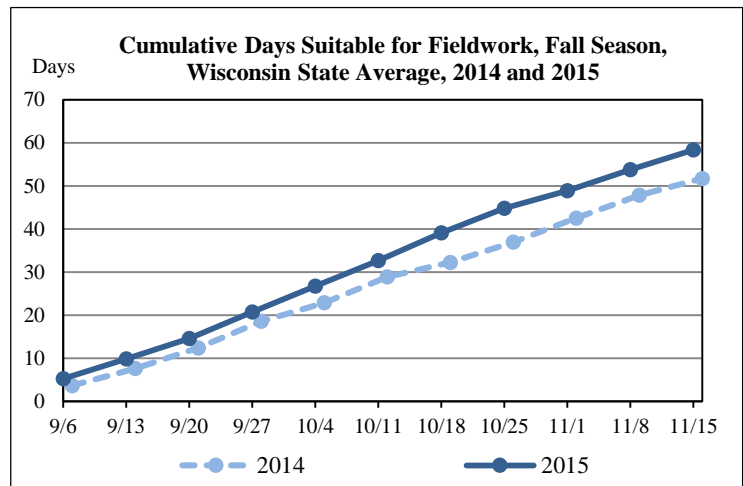
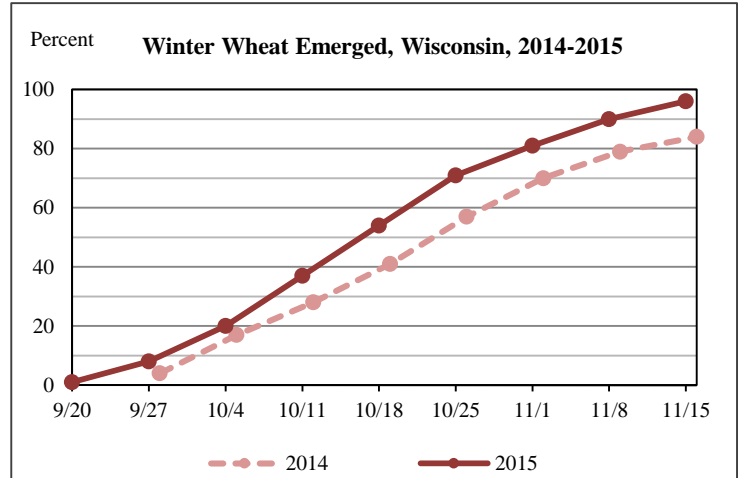
For the week ending November 15, 2015
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Rain and High Winds Slow Harvest Wrap Up

There were 4.6 days suitable for fieldwork during the week ending November 15, 2015, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Though temperatures were again above average this week, a midweek storm system disrupted fieldwork. The northern third of the state received heavy rain, further saturating already wet ground in many areas. Some snow and mixed precipitation was reported along the Lake Superior shoreline and Michigan border. Precipitation totals were much lower across the southern portions of the state with some reports of high winds. Harvest and tillage activities were reportedly able to resume by the weekend. In some areas, mud and frequent rains were making it difficult for farmers to access unharvested fields. Some standing water in winter wheat was also noted in these wet areas. However, many reporters commented that fieldwork was close to completion in their county, with great fall conditions and good yields making for an excellent harvest season.

Topsoil moisture levels were slightly wetter than the previous week, with 13 percent surplus, 79 percent adequate and 8 percent short to very short. **Subsoil moisture** levels were also slightly wetter, with 6 percent surplus, 83 percent adequate and 11 percent short to very short.

As of November 15, **corn** harvested for grain had reached 87 percent complete, over 3 weeks ahead of last year and 6 days ahead of the five-year average. Ninety-six percent of the **winter wheat** crop had emerged. Winter wheat condition was rated 87 percent good to excellent, 3 percentage points higher than last week. **Fall tillage** was at 74 percent complete.



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of November 15, 2015

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat.....	0	1	12	62	25

Wisconsin Crop Progress as of November 15, 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.....	82	80	83	82	83	81	93	94	86	87	76	62	81
Fall Tillage.....	60	78	79	61	74	78	87	72	76	74	63	59	n.a.
Winter wheat emerged.....	96	99	98	86	90	97	98	96	93	96	90	83	n.a.

n.a.=not available

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Conditions as of November 15, 2015

Item	District average									State average		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last Year
Days Suitable	3.5	4.5	5.0	4.3	4.4	4.6	5.0	5.1	5.3	4.6	4.9	4.1
Topsoil Moisture	Percent									Percent		
Very Short.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	1	1	0
Short.....	2	14	2	8	9	1	7	7	11	7	9	5
Adequate.....	77	84	74	86	74	82	65	86	86	79	77	81
Surplus.....	21	2	24	6	17	17	24	6	3	13	13	14
Subsoil Moisture	Percent									Percent		
Very Short.....	0	0	0	0	1	0	7	1	0	1	2	0
Short.....	2	5	7	9	7	12	12	14	12	10	12	6
Adequate.....	86	94	82	86	89	74	79	80	87	83	81	82
Surplus.....	12	1	11	5	3	14	2	5	1	6	5	12

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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.: Corn is all done. The yields were good. Over 2 inches of rain on Wednesday put a stop to all harvesting and fieldwork.

BAYFIELD-C.B.: Wet fields have slowed down fieldwork. Unseasonably warm temperatures earlier in the week, followed by rain/snow mix later in the week. Forecast is for more unseasonably warm temperatures.

MARATHON-S.N.: A pleasant, sunny, dry week helped farmers complete their corn grain harvest. Mid-week, received about an inch of rain. Farmers are hauling manure and turning the earth. "It has been a great fall to do field work!" commented one farmer.

FLORENCE-T.B.: Everything is for the most part complete. Getting ready for winter and putting machinery away. Been a pretty nice fall to get things done in a timely manner. This week we had above and below normal temps. We also had over an inch of rain and the next day an inch of snow.

LA CROSSE-I.H.: Still some corn to be harvested. Fall tillage and other fieldwork is in progress. Bales of stalks can be seen in some fields, hay left in fields is being green chopped or put up for silage. Some fertilizer is being put on fields.

JUNEAU-J.W.: The exceptional weather continued this past week. Corn harvest continues to make good progress. Yields and test weights are excellent. Rain in the forecast could slow harvest considerably for those that didn't get finished.

PORTAGE-D.Z.: A few more soybeans got harvested this week before the rains came again. Corn and bean yields have been running better than normal.

KEWAUNEE-T.S.: It has been amazing to watch the countryside change over the past few weeks. It has gone from seeing a lot of corn standing and not much tillage done to just the opposite now. For the most part, many producers are done or nearly done with all the year's field work. There are a few fields of corn here and there still standing, but most of that is off. And a whole lot of tillage has been done in the past week. Getting this work finished is a good thing as the fall rains have started to really saturate the soil. The ground has been getting wetter each week and, at this time of year, it doesn't dry much if at all. And it seems to be raining each week, with storms dropping at least half an inch of rain. The warm temperatures have made the precipitation all liquid. Had the temperatures been closer to normal, some of the rain would have fallen as snow. The warm temperatures have helped the growth of the winter wheat, which is looking good nearly all over. Some of the rain that has fallen is causing some standing water to form in the wheat fields. This could cause some areas to drown out, depending on how long the water sits there. A lot of the manure has been taken care of as well, so the fields are quieting down and equipment is being cleaned up and put away.

VERNON-K.L.: Harvest is nearing the end and just in time since the weather is predicted to change this week. This past week was very windy and the county received 1-2 inches of rain, along with a little hail. Lots of corn stalk bedding and fall tillage completed this week. Cattle coming off pasture before deer hunting.

DANE-F.P.: All of the corn and soybeans in this area have been harvested.

OZAUKEE-G.S.: Harvest is winding down and, overall, producers are very happy with the corn and soybean yields.

Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on November 15, 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. 14	Mar. 1 to Nov. 14 normal*	Last Week	Since Sep. 1	Sep. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	54	32	61	23	43	+8	2960	2593	1.54	9.97	+3.05	37.53	+7.51
Green Bay	51	31	58	24	41	+4	2918	2450	0.23	9.09	+2.74	25.30	-1.33
La Crosse	54	35	59	28	45	+6	3552	2945	0.26	5.34	-1.17	28.06	-1.79
Madison	53	30	60	24	41	+3	3211	2913	0.44	9.73	+3.42	32.71	+2.71
Milwaukee	53	33	58	28	43	+2	2931	n.a.	0.48	7.06	+0.07	24.83	-6.20

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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