



# Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition



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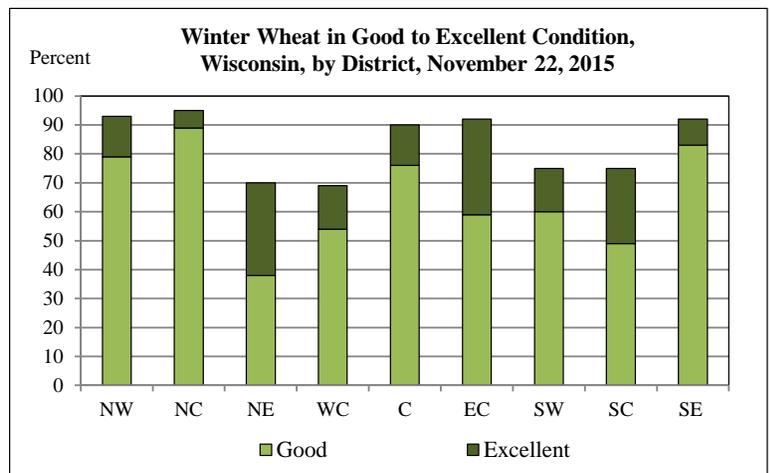
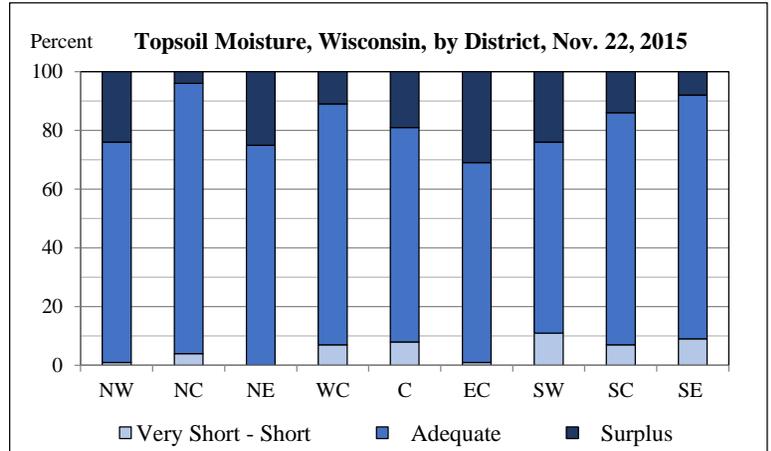
## Rain, Snow and Plunging Temps

There were 3.7 days suitable for fieldwork during the week ending November 22, 2015, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Daytime highs were in the upper 50s for most of Wisconsin at the beginning of this week, with heavy rain keeping farmers out of fields. A strong cold front moved through the state on Friday, bringing high winds and plunging temperatures as well as a band of snow across the southern half of the state. Snow totals ranged from a dusting to over 18 inches, with the highest totals near the Illinois border. Daytime highs were below freezing statewide on Saturday and Sunday, and overnight lows fell into the teens and single digits. Reporters in northern Wisconsin noted that bare ground was beginning to freeze, helping combines get to the last of the standing corn. However, the combination of snow cover and frozen soil put the brakes on tillage activities for much of the state.

**Topsoil moisture** levels rose from the previous week, with 18 percent surplus, 76 percent adequate and 6 percent short to very short. **Subsoil moisture** levels also increased, with 9 percent surplus, 81 percent adequate and 10 percent short to very short.

As of November 22, **corn** harvested for grain had reached 92 percent complete, 1 week ahead of the five-year average. Winter wheat condition was rated 85 percent good to excellent, 2 percentage points lower than last week. **Fall tillage** was at 80 percent complete.

A reporter in Chippewa County noted that the apple crop was down this year due to early summer hail damage.



## Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of November 22, 2015

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat.....	0	2	13	61	24

## Wisconsin Crop Progress as of November 22, 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.....	90	89	87	87	92	89	96	97	93	92	87	72	88
Fall Tillage.....	64	84	81	67	83	86	96	78	87	80	74	63	n.a.

n.a.=not available

## Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Conditions as of November 22, 2015

Item	District average									State average		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last Year
Days Suitable	2.2	3.5	4.7	3.6	3.7	3.9	4.0	3.8	4.3	3.7	4.6	3.7
Topsoil Moisture	Percent									Percent		
Very Short.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	1	1	0
Short.....	1	4	0	7	8	1	8	6	9	5	7	3
Adequate.....	75	92	75	82	73	68	65	79	83	76	79	79
Surplus.....	24	4	25	11	19	31	24	14	8	18	13	18
Subsoil Moisture	Percent									Percent		
Very Short.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	1	1	0
Short.....	2	2	7	8	5	12	11	13	10	9	10	5
Adequate.....	79	96	82	85	89	70	82	76	89	81	83	81
Surplus.....	19	2	11	7	6	18	2	10	1	9	6	14

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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.

**RUSK-G.P.:** Rain slowed field activities this week, but freezing temps have firmed things up for continued corn harvest. Crops are almost all off with just a little corn left in the field to finish drying. Not much snow here yet.

**SAWYER-K.S.:** Still some corn left standing, mainly due to storage issues. Freezing temps, frozen soil and little snow cover will aid in late season harvest and manure hauling where allowed.

**PRICE-D.E.:** There are still a few fields of corn left to harvest but otherwise all is off. This was a very good autumn for harvest and getting manure pits emptied for winter.

**SHAWANO-J.N.:** For the most part, corn harvest is winding down with moisture test at 17-18 percent. Winter wheat looks good. Some manure still being hauled.

**PIERCE-G.A.:** Couple days of rainfall. Ground froze towards the end of the week.

**ST CROIX-D.K.:** A very wet week with 4-5 inches of rain. No snow other than a few flurries. The ground is now frozen enough that corn combining and manure hauling are beginning again.

**WAUPACA-D.L.H.:** Harvesting and any work on land has come to a halt with more heavy rain and high winds from the past week. Producers will need to wait for frozen ground to continue any remaining harvest activity.

**FOND DU LAC-B.B.:** Just enough time to complete the corn harvest before the next round of rain - 0.80 inches and the season's first measurable snowfall at one inch.

**CRAWFORD-J.B.:** With a few unharvested corn fields remaining throughout the county, the snow fall has pretty well put a halt on completing harvest and any further fall tillage. Overall, it has been a good fall with great weather. Corn yields were pretty average, soybeans seemed below average.

**RICHLAND-J.C.:** Pretty slow last week due to the weather.

**COLUMBIA-G.K.:** Received 3 inches of snow Friday night into Saturday. Most soil is still not frozen and the snow cover will keep it thawed for now. Most farmers have all their grain and forage harvested and are getting ready for winter.

**ROCK-C.O.:** 12+ inches of snow Friday night will halt tillage. Very little corn left to be harvested; however, fields that remain have wet heavy snow which has caused some to lodge.

**WALWORTH-N.W.:** Very few producers have corn left in the field. It was a great fall for getting field work done.

Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on November 22, 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. 21	Mar. 1 to Nov. 21 normal*	Last Week	Since Sep. 1	Sep. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	47	33	62	10	40	+8	2977	2599	0.52	10.49	+3.11	38.05	+7.61
Green Bay	49	36	59	20	43	+9	2934	2456	0.71	9.80	+2.90	26.01	-1.08
La Crosse	51	38	63	18	44	+9	3575	2953	0.61	5.95	-1.05	28.67	-1.83
Madison	50	37	61	13	43	+8	3230	2924	1.77	11.50	+4.62	34.48	+3.97
Milwaukee	51	40	63	20	46	+8	2951	n.a.	1.83	8.89	+1.30	26.66	-5.07

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/>