



Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition

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Favorable Weather Sees Planting Surge

There were 5.7 **days suitable for fieldwork** for the week ending May 8, 2016, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Spring planting surged ahead this week thanks to excellent weather. Showers and thunderstorms interrupted fieldwork midweek, and some frosty nights were reported in Northern Wisconsin. But a warm, clear weekend improved field conditions for much of the state. Though reporters on the Lake Michigan shoreline continue to report cool and wet conditions, many other areas of the state could use additional rains. Reporters commented that fieldwork was progressing at a fever pace. Manure hauling was reportedly winding down while planting charged ahead for corn, soybeans, oats, potatoes and vegetables. Fruit trees were in bloom and reporters noted that hay fields were nearly ready to harvest.

Topsoil moisture was rated with 1 percent very short, 10 percent short, 79 percent adequate and 10 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 7 percent short, 85 percent adequate and 8 percent surplus.

Corn planted was at 56 percent complete, one day behind last year, but 10 days ahead of the five-year average. Corn emerged was at 6 percent, the same as last year, and 4 days ahead of the five-year average.

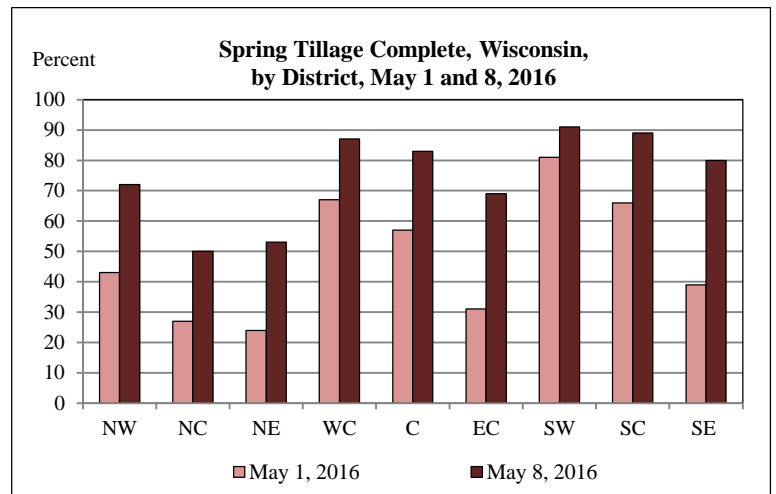
Eighteen percent of the state's expected **soybean** acres have been planted, slightly behind last year, but a week ahead of the five-year average.

Seventy-two percent of the **potato** crop was planted, 6 days behind last year.

Oats planting was reported as 75 percent complete, 6 days behind 2015, but 10 days ahead of the five-year average. Oats emerged was at 39 percent, 2 days behind 2015, but 5 days ahead of the five-year average.

Winter wheat was rated 85 percent in good to excellent condition statewide, 1 percentage point above the previous week.

All Hay condition was reported 86 percent good to excellent, up 6 percentage points from the previous week.



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of May 8, 2016

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
All Hay.....	0	2	12	64	22
Pasture & Range	0	5	24	56	15
Winter Wheat.....	0	1	14	57	28

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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.....	51	33	27	61	61	40	70	66	63	56	22	61	28
Corn Emerged.....	1	1	0	12	3	1	13	5	3	6	1	6	2
Oats Planted.....	80	38	50	89	88	63	91	88	78	75	54	89	53
Oats Emerged.....	34	10	14	54	48	18	59	63	38	39	18	48	26
Potatoes Planted.....	47	5	12	93	88	n.a.	77	82	n.a.	72	55	86	n.a.
Soybeans Planted.....	13	8	2	15	10	30	20	20	24	18	2	19	6
Spring Tillage.....	72	50	53	87	83	69	91	89	80	78	53	77	44

n.a.=not available

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Conditions as of May 8, 2016

Item	District average									State average			
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last Year	
	Days									Days			
Days Suitable	6.1	5.0	5.6	5.9	6.2	5.8	5.3	5.5	5.3	5.7	4.0	4.8	
Topsoil Moisture	Percent									Percent			
	Very Short.....	1	0	4	0	3	0	3	1	0	1	0	3
	Short.....	7	0	7	14	20	1	20	10	2	10	5	24
	Adequate.....	75	86	63	79	73	92	73	79	83	79	77	70
	Surplus.....	17	14	26	7	4	7	4	10	15	10	18	3
Subsoil Moisture	Very Short.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	3
	Short.....	2	0	2	8	9	1	18	9	0	7	4	28
	Adequate.....	91	96	72	83	87	90	76	81	92	85	84	68
	Surplus.....	7	4	26	9	4	9	4	10	8	8	12	1

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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.

BAYFIELD/DOUGLAS-C.B.: Very nice weather most of the week. Lots of field activity. Most of the sandy and well drained fields are planted.

SAWYER-K.S.: It was a great week to get the last of the manure hauled, and prepare and plant fields. Lots of corn went in the ground as did spring wheat and oats. Fields too wet to plant earlier are now dry enough to work. While some rain fell in the region not much fell in Sawyer County. It will be nice to get a shot of rain this week to keep the fire danger down and keep soil moistures up.

CLARK-R.H.: Great amount of activity this week as most farmers have turned a wheel in the field. Observations from the field: topsoil has adequate moisture, soil water is adequate, and some farmers are complaining of wet spots in fields. Overall the hay crop is looking good. I've been in a couple of fields with spots that lack alfalfa plants which may be related to past environmental conditions or possibly some winter kill. Soil temperature this morning in untilled soil is 48 degrees. Be safe in the field and on the road.

MARINETTE/OCONTO-N.S.: Tillage and planting activity increased this week as temperatures warmed and rain held off. Low land still has adequate moisture. Some areas, especially to the north could use some rain in the near future.

DUNN/PEPIN-S.C.: A lot of progress has been made this week planting. A few spotty showers but overall good weather for fieldwork.

TREMPEALEAU-D.D.: Early peas are emerged, emerged corn has good green color and most oats looks good.

WAUSHARA-K.W.: Frost 4 mornings last week.

WOOD-M.L.: Great progress this week, just what we needed. It is probably a little too dry for optimum first crop growth.

DOOR-T.S.: We need heat and wind to dry up fields.

MANITOWOC-M.R.: Nice week of weather allowed for all kinds of spring field work activities to begin such as manure hauling, spraying, tillage and planting.

CRAWFORD-J.B.: Most corn is planted, soybeans are being planted. Oats seeded this spring look good, winter wheat and alfalfa hay look good. Orchards are in bloom, early spring vegetables are being planted. So far it's been a good spring, warmer days and a good spring rain would be nice.

DANE-F.P.: The cold weather has slowed growth of crops. There is a need for more rain on some fields.

GREEN-M.M.: Majority of the corn is planted with a few early planted fields emerging last week. Some winter rye has been harvested for forage at the end of the week. Alfalfa is growing well with RFQ values ranging from 205-235 in several fields at the end of the week.

KENOSHA-R.R.: The fruit trees are in full bloom and cabbage is being planted. Digging holes for fence posts, water filled the hole 8 inches from the bottom.

Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on May 8, 2016

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 7	Mar. 1 to May 7 normal*	Last Week	Since Mar. 1	Mar. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	71	39	90	30	55	+2	279	188	0.26	7.48	+1.98	8.86	+1.54
Green Bay	67	40	86	33	53	+1	176	154	0.28	5.62	+0.47	8.10	+0.74
La Crosse	71	43	91	36	57	+1	336	230	0.19	6.48	+0.37	8.65	+0.34
Madison	67	40	86	34	54	+1	261	226	0.09	8.56	+2.22	10.79	+1.95
Milwaukee	63	41	85	39	52	+1	189	n.a.	0.13	7.27	+0.15	9.58	-1.06

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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