



Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition

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Clear Weather Advances Harvest

There were 5.4 **days suitable for fieldwork** for the week ending August 7th, 2016, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Wisconsin farmers made quick progress harvesting hay, small grains, potatoes and vegetables this week. Good yields were reported. Temperatures were in the upper 80s and low 90s with high humidity, though conditions were slightly cooler than in previous weeks. Several reporters noted that recent hot, muggy conditions have stressed livestock and encouraged the growth of weeds and biting insects. However, the abundant heat and moisture were beneficial to corn and soybeans as ears and pods developed.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 8 percent short, 86 percent adequate and 6 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 8 percent short, 85 percent adequate and 6 percent surplus.

As of August 7th, 96 percent of the state's **corn** acreage was in or beyond the silking stage, 7 days ahead of last year, and 13 days ahead of the five-year average. Thirty-four percent of corn had reached the dough stage, 4 days ahead of last year, and 7 days ahead of the average. Three percent of corn was dented. Corn condition was 88 percent good to excellent.

Ninety-seven percent of the state's **soybean** acreage was at or beyond the blooming stage. Eighty-two percent of soybeans were setting pods, 9 days ahead of last year, and 12 days ahead of the average. Soybean condition was 88 percent good to excellent.

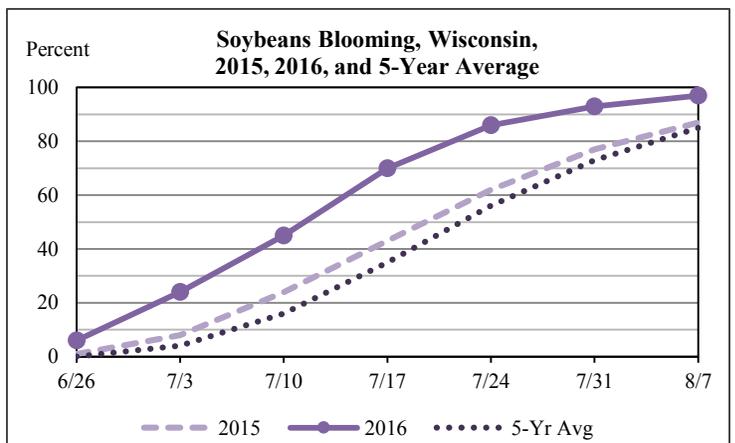
Ten percent of **potatoes** had been harvested statewide, 6 days behind last year. Potato condition was rated 91 percent good to excellent.

Oats were 97 percent coloring or beyond, 2 days ahead of last year. Oats for grain were 60 percent harvested, 4 days ahead of last year, and 5 days ahead of the average. Eighty-eight percent of oats were in good to excellent condition.

Eighty-nine percent of **winter wheat** had been harvested, 6 days ahead of last year.

The third cutting of **alfalfa** was 68 percent complete. The fourth cutting was 4 percent complete. **All Hay** condition was rated 90 percent good to excellent.

Pasture condition was rated 77 percent good to excellent.



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of August 7, 2016

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
All Hay.....	0	1	9	51	39
Corn.....	0	2	10	46	42
Oats.....	0	1	11	55	33
Pasture & Range	1	3	19	53	24
Potatoes.....	0	1	8	59	32
Soybeans.....	0	2	10	49	39

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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			
Alfalfa Hay, Third Cutting.....	71	46	69	58	49	79	73	83	82	68	48	56	45	
Corn Silking.....	95	96	95	95	89	98	98	99	92	96	88	89	84	
Corn Dough.....	24	26	14	31	46	31	38	40	44	34	10	21	18	
Oats Coloring.....	97	99	97	99	97	92	99	98	97	97	93	96	n.a.	
Oats Harvested.....	49	56	38	77	65	45	70	78	64	60	34	48	47	
Potatoes Harvested.....	0	0	25	2	8	n.a.	1	10	n.a.	10	8	18	n.a.	
Soybeans Blooming.....	99	96	94	98	98	97	98	96	93	97	93	87	85	
Soybeans Setting Pods.....	77	87	77	77	72	78	89	92	72	82	69	65	55	
Winter Wheat Harvested.....	72	59	75	80	92	90	85	96	91	89	70	78	n.a.	

n.a.=not available

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Conditions as of August 7, 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	5.3	4.7	5.6	5.4	5.7	5.9	4.9	5.3	5.5	5.4	4.6	5.7	
	Percent										Percent		
Topsoil Moisture													
Very Short.....	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	6	
Short.....	6	0	12	8	3	14	2	12	10	8	6	26	
Adequate.....	82	94	80	86	87	80	94	84	82	86	85	61	
Surplus.....	11	6	7	6	10	6	4	4	6	6	9	7	
Subsoil Moisture													
Very Short.....	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	2	1	1	4	
Short.....	8	0	6	9	3	4	6	15	23	8	8	24	
Adequate.....	88	94	79	85	89	88	90	80	70	85	84	70	
Surplus.....	3	6	15	6	8	6	4	4	5	6	7	2	

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.: A nice week with rain and heat. Crops are looking really good and moving along in a timely manner. Third crop nearly done and some growers will be starting on fourth crop fairly soon.

PRICE/TAYLOR-D.E.: Crops to date are looking phenomenal at this point, but nothing is sure until it is harvested. Small grain yields are above average and straw quantities are also above average. Hay yields continue to be above average.

SHAWANO-B.R.: Rainfall varied significantly throughout the county with amounts of a tenth to 2.5 inches. Winter wheat being combined with yields running anywhere from 75-125 bushels per acre. Vomitoxin was a problem in about 10 percent of the loads. Third crop alfalfa being cut with high quality and quantity.

TREMPEALEAU-D.D.: Our growing conditions continue to be excellent and the year continues to be on the early side of normal.

WAUPACA-D.L.H.: All crops appear to be ahead of normal maturity for early August.

KEWAUNEE-T.S.: The past week saw a good amount of rain fall in this area, and yet the ground is not overly saturated. The crops continue to flourish with the moisture and warm temperatures. The yields of the fall crops of corn and soybeans should be very good. They both are doing very well, with the height of the soybeans more than knee high in many instances, and the corn stalks forming in some cases more than one cob. There are a few fields of soybeans that are seeing volunteer corn appear. Whether this will be a problem that will need to be dealt with by spraying is a decision the producer will have to make. Most will choose not to run down the bean plants so as not to lose bushels. The winter wheat harvest is starting to wind down, and yields in this area have been impressive, ranging from around 60 bushels per acre to over 100. These high numbers have also led to a glut of winter wheat straw. Quite a few producers have chosen to chop the straw back on the field since there is not much of market for it now. Others have chosen to store it away (if they can find room), in the hopes of selling it later when the price will be higher. Whether the current situation will cause fewer

acres to be planted for next year remains to be seen. The oat harvest is just beginning, and while some fields are clean, there are a number of others being plagued by weeds, which are getting worse as time goes on. Moisture content of the oats taken off so far have ranged from around 14% to 17%. Some producers will choose to take off the crop sooner rather than later to avoid more weed pressure while knowing the moisture will be higher. The third crop alfalfa harvest is continuing, and in some cases, fourth crop has started. Yields of these two crops should be good because of the moisture in the ground. And the apple harvest is just around the corner. Some early varieties are already available. Those with trees have been noticing most are really loaded with apples this year.

VERNON-K.L.: Another 1-3 inches of rain in the county this week, but no storm damage to report. The weather has been hot and humid again. Crops looking excellent. Small grain harvest underway and some corn silage harvest to begin in another week. Crops are well ahead of schedule. Perfect growing season this year.

DODGE-R.J.: We keep getting ample heat and satisfactory moisture to keep crops growing nicely.

ROCK-C.O.: Rain and heat have made for great growing conditions for mosquitos.

KENOSHA-R.R.: Need rain. Cracks are showing up in the ground.

Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on August 7, 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 Aug 6	Mar. 1 to Aug 6 normal*	Last Week	Since Jun. 1	Jun. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	84	62	92	56	73	+1	1923	1673	0.34	10.14	+1.09	22.56	+3.28
Green Bay	84	60	89	55	72	+2	1771	1548	0.00	7.66	+0.16	18.84	+1.72
La Crosse	87	66	92	60	77	+3	2232	1872	1.34	13.22	+4.17	25.82	+5.81
Madison	84	64	89	56	74	+3	2006	1821	1.61	12.19	+3.43	26.11	+5.87
Milwaukee	84	69	92	66	77	+5	1931	n.a.	0.14	5.39	-2.42	17.20	-3.52

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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