



Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition



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Frequent Rains Continue

There were 4.3 **days suitable for fieldwork** for the week ending August 28th, 2016, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Wisconsin once again experienced near-normal temperatures, muggy conditions and scattered showers this week. Reporters noted continued difficulty making dry hay. Some were concerned that muddy fields and high plant moistures might delay fall harvest activities. Some reporters noted that wet conditions seemed to contribute to late-season mold and diseases in soybeans. Corn silage was being chopped in some areas and winter wheat seeding was just beginning. Dry weather will be needed in many areas to facilitate fall fieldwork, though southeastern Wisconsin remains in need of rain.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 4 percent short, 81 percent adequate and 14 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 4 percent short, 83 percent adequate and 12 percent surplus.

As of August 28th, 85 percent of the state's **corn** acreage was in or beyond the dough stage, 3 days ahead of last year, and 9 days ahead of the five-year average. Fifty percent of corn was dented, 7 days ahead of last year, and 9 days ahead of the five-year average. Three percent of corn was reported mature. Corn for silage was 3 percent harvested. Corn condition was 87 percent good to excellent.

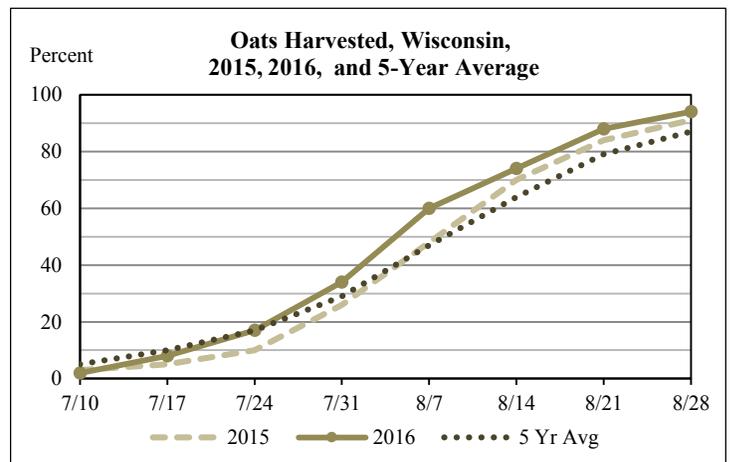
Ninety-eight percent of the state's **soybean** acreage was setting pods or beyond. Leaves were turning color on 10 percent of soybeans, one day ahead of the five-year average. Two percent of soybeans were dropping leaves. Soybean condition was rated 86 percent good to excellent.

Sixteen percent of **potatoes** had been harvested statewide, 23 days behind last year. Potato condition was rated 88 percent good to excellent.

Oats for grain were 94 percent harvested, 5 days ahead of last year, and 9 days ahead of the average.

The third cutting of **alfalfa** was 91 percent complete. The fourth cutting was 40 percent complete. **All Hay** condition was rated 90 percent good to excellent.

Pasture condition was rated 81 percent good to excellent, up 4 percentage points from last week.



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of August 28, 2016

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
All Hay.....	0	2	8	51	39
Corn.....	1	2	10	43	44
Pasture & Range	0	3	16	55	26
Potatoes.....	1	2	9	55	33
Soybeans.....	1	2	11	48	38

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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.....	84	76	93	90	89	97	97	93	96	91	85	91	85	
Alfalfa Hay, Fourth Cutting.....	42	39	41	44	22	56	38	33	40	40	29	26	22	
Corn Dough.....	84	55	46	81	86	91	95	92	92	85	72	81	71	
Corn Dented.....	26	28	20	38	55	55	57	67	72	50	25	34	27	
Oats Harvested.....	90	87	86	98	97	96	98	99	100	94	88	91	87	
Potatoes Harvested.....	12	2	28	10	16	n.a.	5	24	n.a.	16	14	38	n.a.	
Soybeans Setting Pods.....	99	96	91	98	96	98	99	98	96	98	94	94	92	
Soybeans Coloring.....	8	10	6	11	15	8	10	9	14	10	4	9	9	

n.a.=not available

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Conditions as of August 28, 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	4.5	4.2	4.8	4.5	4.4	4.9	3.9	3.6	4.9	4.3	4.1	5.0		
	Percent										Percent			
	Topsoil Moisture													
	Very Short.....	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	3	1	0	4	
	Short.....	2	0	7	1	0	12	0	6	12	4	5	17	
	Adequate.....	81	72	84	87	81	81	91	75	78	81	82	70	
Surplus.....	17	28	8	12	19	4	9	19	7	14	13	9		
Subsoil Moisture														
Very Short.....	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	6	1	1	5		
Short.....	4	0	7	1	2	4	1	8	20	4	6	21		
Adequate.....	87	70	79	87	81	88	91	77	68	83	82	71		
Surplus.....	9	30	13	12	17	5	8	15	6	12	11	3		

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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.

BURNETT/WASHBURN-P.H.: Very difficult to make any dry hay with frequent rains. Some white mold causing early death in soybeans. Corn starting to dent and silage harvest will start soon.

RUSK-G.P.: Crops continue looking very good. Rain continues and decent temps continue to push maturities along. Corn is denting and some soybean fields are turning. Third crop is done and fourth is starting. Best growers will get five crops this year.

PRICE/TAYLOR-D.E.: Soybeans are starting to turn color, some white mold also reported on beans. Corn looks excellent and cobs are filled out nicely. Putting in dry hay is a challenge with rain every few days and fields are still soft in some spots. Some fall tillage started with winter wheat planted in some locations.

MARINETTE/OCONTO-N.S.: Some rain every third day.

LA CROSSE-I.H.: Most corn and beans look good. As more rain arrives, the hay is getting harder to make. Ground is getting mushy and there is some standing water.

PORTAGE-D.Z.: Most small grain now off, still a couple of wheat fields to go. A lot of potato vine killing started, getting ready for the late harvest. Fair amount of white mold showing up in soybean fields, especially in drilled situations. Should be some fourth cutting hay coming up shortly.

WAUPACA-D.L.H.: It could stop raining around here. Muggy weather conditions with too much rain might lead to fungus problems and the upcoming fall harvest. Hay harvest has slowed with the unfavorable weather conditions.

DOOR-T.S.: Excellent hay yields this year. Corn silage harvest might start the first week of September.

CRAWFORD-J.B.: Extremely heavy rains received in the northern two-thirds of the county earlier in the week caused flash flooding in smaller tributaries and flooding in the Kickapoo River valley. Crops planted along those tributaries received extensive damage, especially soybeans. Pastures and hay fields located in those areas received damage as well. While those areas reflect a small percentage of the county, producers in those areas did receive losses. Most crops in the county look very good. Some chopping of corn for silage has started. Corn and soybeans throughout the county remain very green. We just hope nice weather continues and allows crops to reach full maturity.

DANE-F.P.: The crops look very good. Rain this week has slowed hay harvest. I saw a couple of trees starting to change color.

ROCK-C.O.: Late season disease issues showing up in corn and soybeans. Rain has halted all field work and heavy morning dew has caused hay making to stop. Corn for silage harvest has not begun as whole plant moisture is in the 80 percent range.

WALWORTH-N.W.: Some corn fields are completely harvested for corn silage. Seems to be two weeks early. Some harvested throughout the summer due to the dry weather.

Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on August 28, 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 27	Mar. 1 to Aug 27 normal*	Last Week	Since Jun. 1	Jun. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	77	57	84	51	67	-1	2355	2056	0.26	14.58	+2.43	27.00	+4.50
Green Bay	75	58	81	50	66	+0	2197	1919	1.26	10.44	+0.41	21.62	+1.97
La Crosse	80	62	85	56	71	+1	2725	2303	0.04	17.32	+5.38	29.92	+7.09
Madison	78	59	84	51	69	+1	2466	2240	1.46	18.32	+6.66	32.24	+9.22
Milwaukee	81	64	87	56	73	+4	2465	n.a.	0.62	6.75	-3.79	18.56	-4.93

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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