



# Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition

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## Heavy Rain Halts Fieldwork Yet Again

There were 2.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending September 25, 2016, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. A slow-moving storm system dumped heavy rain across Wisconsin on Tuesday and Wednesday with additional scattered showers in some parts of the state every day this week. Total rainfall reportedly exceeded 10 inches in some pockets, though rain totals were highly variable. There were some reports of flash flooding, erosion damage and large hail. Reporters commented that silage and some high moisture corn was harvested early in the week, but this mid-week dousing left fields far too wet to support machinery. Reporters noted that many areas will need several days of dry weather before fieldwork can resume.

**Topsoil moisture** supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 59 percent adequate and 40 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 64 percent adequate and 35 percent surplus.

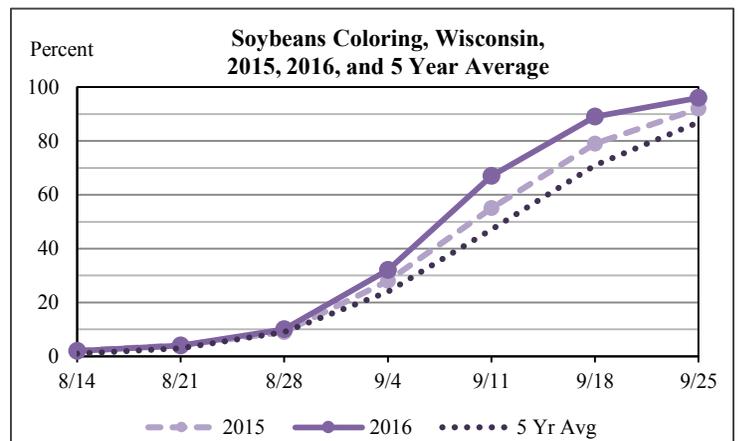
As of September 25, 95 percent of the state's corn acreage was dented. Sixty-six percent of corn was reported mature, 11 days ahead of the 5-year average. Corn harvested for grain was 2 percent complete. Corn harvested for silage was 64 percent harvested, 3 days ahead of last year, and 5 days ahead of the average. There were some reports of mold on the ears. Corn condition was 87 percent good to excellent.

**Soybeans** were turning color on 96 percent of the state's acreage. Seventy-three percent of soybeans were dropping leaves, 4 days ahead of last year, and 6 days ahead of the average. Soybean harvest was just beginning. Soybean condition was rated 84 percent good to excellent.

Fifty-eight percent of **potatoes** had been harvested statewide, 6 days behind last year.

Twenty-two percent of **winter wheat** was planted, 3 days behind last year. There were several reports of weather delays in winter wheat planting. Nine percent of winter wheat was emerged. The fourth cutting of **alfalfa** was 85 percent complete, 4 days ahead of last year, and 11 days ahead of the average.

**Fall tillage** was at 7 percent complete. **Pasture** condition was rated 79 percent good to excellent.



## Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of September 25, 2016

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
Corn.....	1	2	10	44	43
Pasture & Range	1	4	16	53	26
Soybeans.....	1	3	12	46	38

## Wisconsin Crop Progress as of September 25, 2016

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, Fourth Cutting.....	88	82	90	88	80	91	81	85	82	85	80	79	73
Corn Dented.....	98	93	91	92	99	93	97	99	92	95	90	89	86
Corn Mature.....	50	67	40	62	75	55	66	83	72	66	49	39	41
Corn Harvested for Silage.....	70	40	74	49	64	66	68	84	65	64	48	54	53
Fall Tillage.....	8	13	7	5	11	7	4	3	7	7	4	10	8
Potatoes Harvested.....	47	97	94	73	46	n.a.	74	84	n.a.	58	49	72	n.a.
Soybeans Coloring.....	99	93	90	97	93	99	96	97	95	96	89	92	87
Soybeans Dropping Leaves.....	80	67	53	75	83	76	66	71	76	73	50	60	55
Winter Wheat Planted.....	54	26	43	28	29	19	22	21	11	22	18	28	n.a.
Winter Wheat Emerged.....	20	10	23	16	16	9	6	5	5	9	4	5	n.a.

n.a.=not available

## Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Conditions as of September 25, 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	3.0	3.4	4.0	2.5	2.5	3.3	1.3	2.6	2.5	2.7	4.7	6.2
	Percent									Percent		
Topsoil Moisture												
Very Short.....	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Short.....	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	1	9
Adequate.....	61	62	78	56	48	51	53	62	86	59	78	77
Surplus.....	39	38	15	44	52	49	47	35	13	40	21	13
Subsoil Moisture												
Very Short.....	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Short.....	3	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	2	1	3	11
Adequate.....	74	62	77	59	58	66	62	57	89	64	80	82
Surplus.....	23	38	18	41	42	34	38	39	9	35	17	6

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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-T.B.:** Heavy rain halted crop harvesting progress. Quality corn silage harvesting is being threatened by the weather delays. Soybean harvest has begun but it's been slow. Soybean grain moisture has been slow to drop to optimum levels. Winter small grain seeding has begun but most cover crops are being flown onto fields. Fall manure spreading is slowly progressing.

**BURNETT/WASHBURN-P.H.:** Corn maturing fast. Too dry to chop now. High moisture corn could start soon. Soybean leaves mostly gone. Need a few dry days to be able to combine both for soybean moisture and soil moisture. Fields are very wet.

**CLARK-A.K.:** 6.3 inches of rain on Tuesday night and Wednesday caused flooding and stopped all field work.

**SHAWANO-B.R.:** Silage harvest continues with the rainy weather causing some issues in the fields. There are some ruts left after the equipment gets through. Alfalfa and lawns still growing very aggressively. Soybean harvest will begin as soon as the weather turns dry. High moisture corn will also start on the early fields next week.

**MONROE-B.H.:** Excessive rainfall last week brought fieldwork to a halt until things dry out. Some areas have standing water in fields, however, not as bad as nearby counties

**TREMPEALEAU-D.D.:** Remarkable rain fall has all but halted harvest progress and has caused the significant loss in quality of a really good crop.

**JUNEAU-J.W.:** Heavy rains on Wednesday caused significant problems for everyone. The ground is completely saturated and it is difficult to impossible to harvest silage. The corn is either still too wet or the fields are too soft. I have not heard of any significant crop damage from the flood/high water, however there have been comments about ears starting to sprout and some mold forming on the ears. Some soybeans have been knocked down and could be difficult to harvest. The next week is supposed to be dry so hopefully things will dry out enough that farmers can get into the fields. The storms mainly resulted in some road closures but no significant damage to the roads or bridges. Low laying areas were flooded but the water seems to be receding fairly quickly.

**WAUSHARA-K.W.:** Sep 21 - 2.9 inches rain, Sep 22 - 3 inches rain.

**WOOD-M.L.:** So wet today that there will be very little progress for the next week even without any additional rain. Much corn silage will be harvested after its most desirable maturity.

**SHEBOYGAN/OZAUKEE-M.B.:** Wet weather has pretty much stalled corn silage harvest and is preventing winter wheat from being planted.

**CRAWFORD-J.B.:** Flooding did a lot of damage.

**RICHLAND-J.C.:** Flooding with the rains last week has kept producers out of the fields. Hail caused soybean and corn damage.

**DODGE-R.H.:** Need dry weather for harvest.

**GREEN-M.M.:** Field work came to a standstill with frequent and heavy rains hitting the area after the beginning of the week. Some farmers started high moisture grain harvest and others are trying to finish up corn silage harvest. Seeing some corn fields with mold developing on the ears due to wet weather. We have potential for good crops, but quality and stand-ability could be a challenge if we don't get dry weather for harvest.

Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on September 25, 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 Sep. 24	Mar. 1 to Sep. 24 normal*	Last Week	Since Sep. 1	Sep. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	74	55	80	45	65	+7	2808	2391	5.72	7.51	+4.33	34.57	+8.19
Green Bay	74	55	82	51	65	+8	2668	2257	1.54	3.95	+1.36	25.57	+2.74
La Crosse	78	62	84	54	70	+9	3285	2694	4.70	10.32	+7.47	41.16	+14.78
Madison	76	59	84	53	68	+9	2978	2645	3.56	6.72	+4.10	39.09	+12.68
Milwaukee	77	62	87	58	69	+7	3047	n.a.	1.38	3.16	+0.42	23.81	-2.94

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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