



Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition



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Fields Slow to Dry Out

There were 3.7 **days suitable for fieldwork** for the week ending October 2, 2016, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Daytime highs were in the 60s and 70s this week with overnight lows in the upper 40s and low 50s. Reporters commented that late planted corn and soybeans have benefitted from this year's late frost. Average frost dates fall before October 3 for much of Wisconsin, excluding warmer zones near Lake Michigan, Illinois and Iowa. This week's weather conditions were a mixed bag of sunny and overcast, with high winds, light showers and heavy fogs and dews. Some fields were dry enough for harvest activities to resume late in the week, though reporters noted rutting and elevated grain moistures slowed or prevented work in some areas. The soybean harvest was gearing up and corn was being harvested for silage, grain and high moisture grain. Manure pits were being emptied as fields were cleared.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 63 percent adequate and 36 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 67 percent adequate and 32 percent surplus.

As of October 2, 98 percent of the state's **corn** acreage was dented. Eighty percent of corn was reported mature, 11 days ahead of the 5-year average. Corn harvested for grain was 6 percent complete, even with last year, but 4 days behind the average. Corn harvested for silage was 80 percent harvested, 1 day ahead of last year, and 7 days ahead of the average. There were some reports of mold on the ears. Corn condition was 87 percent good to excellent.

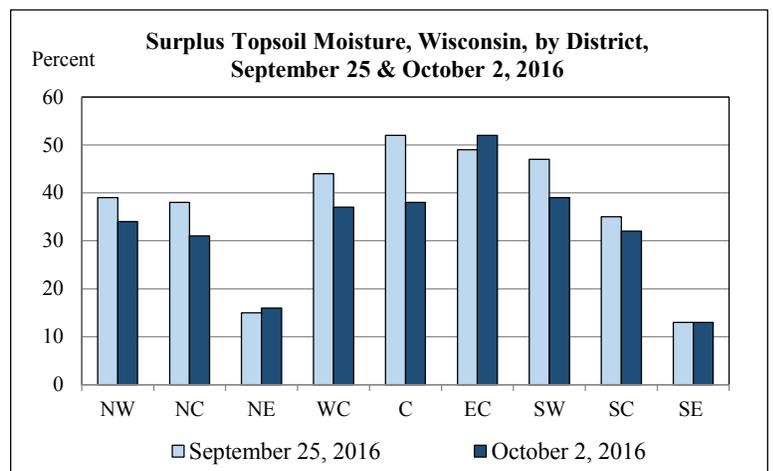
Eighty-eight percent of **soybeans** were dropping leaves, 2 days ahead of last year, and 7 days ahead of the average. Soybeans were 8 percent harvested, 3 days behind last year, and 5 days behind the average. Soybean condition was rated 84 percent good to excellent.

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

Thirty-four percent of **winter wheat** was planted, 4 days behind last year. Eighteen percent of winter wheat was emerged, 1 day ahead of last year.

The fourth cutting of **alfalfa** was 89 percent complete, 2 days ahead of last year, and 9 days ahead of the average.

Fall tillage was 10 percent complete. **Pasture** condition was rated 77 percent good to excellent.



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of October 2, 2016

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
Corn.....	1	2	10	45	42
Pasture & Range	2	4	17	51	26
Soybeans.....	1	3	12	46	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, Fourth Cutting.....	92	86	97	93	86	92	86	88	85	89	85	87	82
Corn Mature.....	68	79	60	82	85	74	83	90	81	80	66	59	59
Corn Harvested for Grain.....	5	10	3	5	4	3	8	6	8	6	2	6	9
Corn Harvested for Silage.....	86	74	92	73	76	78	80	89	81	80	64	77	69
Fall Tillage.....	13	21	10	8	17	11	6	6	10	10	7	17	13
Potatoes Harvested.....	57	97	97	84	67	n.a.	75	85	n.a.	74	58	85	n.a.
Soybeans Dropping Leaves.....	92	81	83	89	89	89	88	88	91	88	73	83	75
Soybeans Harvested.....	10	5	5	11	6	5	6	9	14	8	1	16	17
Winter Wheat Planted.....	65	34	57	41	49	27	30	37	18	34	22	46	n.a.
Winter Wheat Emerged.....	37	22	35	27	24	15	14	20	9	18	9	16	n.a.

n.a.=not available

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Conditions as of October 2, 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	4.7	4.0	3.1	4.3	4.3	3.1	3.7	3.2	3.4	3.7	2.7	6.0	
Topsoil Moisture	Percent									Percent			
	Very Short.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
	Short.....	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	9	
	Adequate.....	66	69	82	63	62	48	61	65	87	63	59	80
	Surplus.....	34	31	16	37	38	52	39	32	13	36	40	10
Subsoil Moisture	Very Short.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
	Short.....	3	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	1	1	11	
	Adequate.....	77	70	76	65	66	51	71	66	85	67	64	83
	Surplus.....	20	30	20	35	34	49	29	30	14	32	35	5

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.: Rain earlier in the week. Nice weather this weekend. No tillage work in the area due to wet fields. Corn silage harvest still progressing, despite the muddy conditions.

CHIPPEWA-T.P.: Wet soils kept field work to a minimum till late in the week. Corn silage is finishing up with some ruts made during harvest of wetter portions of fields. High moisture corn harvest is about half done. Moisture levels in corn are dropping quickly. Ear molds are beginning to develop. Soybean harvest has just started.

PRICE/TAYLOR-D.E.: Harvesting corn silage, soybeans and high moisture corn all going on at the same time. Not much for yield reports at this time.

SHAWANO-B.R.: We have soybeans that could have been taken off but damp weather just keeps them above the desired moisture. A fair amount of high moisture corn came off this week with yields averaging 150-180 bushels. Alfalfa still growing very good yet as are the pastures. Picking pumpkins and apples are in full swing with very good quality and quantity.

ST CROIX-D.K.: Soybean harvest went into full swing with dry weather late in the week. Yields are very good and moisture is ok. Some corn has been harvested - mostly for high moisture but some dryers are running also.

ADAMS/MARQUETTE/WAUSHARA-D.B.: Periodic light rains have kept grain harvest from going. There are soybeans and corn ready when the weather dries off.

PORTAGE-J.W.: Fields still very wet, impeding harvest. A few growers trying to harvest high moisture corn on high ground and also trying soybeans. Cranberry harvest continues with good yields and poor color. Some manure hauling accomplished. Fall color should hit peak this week

FOND DU LAC-B.B.: 7.35 inches rain in September and just one day in the field. That was just enough to wrap up the corn silage and see a start to fall tillage and manure applications. Still looking for a dry out.

VERNON-K.L.: A week of cloudy and cool weather mixed with a little drizzle. No real precipitation which was a good thing after the heavy rains the previous week. Farmers were harvesting corn for high moisture, silage and combining this week whenever and wherever possible. Talk of soybean harvest to begin in a couple of days. Could be some issue with the harvesting of soybeans due to tall bean plants leaning in one direction. Pastures still green but declining.

COLUMBIA-G.K.: Rivers and drainage ditches are going down. Very little standing water in fields on Sunday. With a couple of dry days, corn silage harvest should finish and manure applications should resume.

ROCK-C.O.: Corn diseases are starting to impact stands with corn going down and dropping ears. Soybean harvest hampered by light rains. Bean yields in fields not hit by disease are good. Corn for silage almost complete.

OZAUKEE/WASHINGTON-G.S.: It needs to stop raining so producers can get in the fields and harvest silage, corn and soybeans.

Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on October 2, 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 Oct. 1	Mar. 1 to Oct. 1 normal*	Last Week	Since Sep. 1	Sep. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	67	48	74	44	58	+3	2870	2434	0.31	7.82	+3.99	34.87	+7.84
Green Bay	66	53	77	49	60	+5	2737	2300	0.40	4.35	+1.18	25.97	+2.58
La Crosse	71	53	78	50	62	+3	3372	2750	0.14	10.47	+7.00	41.31	+14.31
Madison	67	53	79	48	60	+3	3052	2698	0.52	7.24	+4.10	39.62	+12.67
Milwaukee	66	57	75	50	61	+2	3128	n.a.	1.39	4.56	+1.19	25.21	-2.19

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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