



Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition

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More Showers, Above Normal Temps

There were 4.8 **days suitable for fieldwork** for the week ending October 16, 2016, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Showers, wet fields and high grain moistures slowed fieldwork this week, but soybeans, corn and hay harvest did continue as conditions permitted. Cooler temperatures midweek gave way to humid days in the upper 60s and low 70s by the weekend. Reporters in southern Wisconsin commented that there had not been a killing frost yet, and that colder weather would help crops to dry down. Soybeans were reportedly yielding very well in many areas. There were scattered reports of mold affecting crops.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 72 percent adequate and 27 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 73 percent adequate and 26 percent surplus.

As of October 16, 96 percent of the state's **corn** acreage was mature. Corn harvested for grain was 24 percent complete, the same as last year, but 3 days behind the 5 year average. The average moisture of corn harvested for grain this week was 21 percent, 3 percentage points lower than last week. Corn for silage was 96 percent harvested. Corn condition was 85 percent good to excellent.

Soybeans were 47 percent harvested, 5 days behind the average. Soybean condition was rated 85 percent good to excellent.

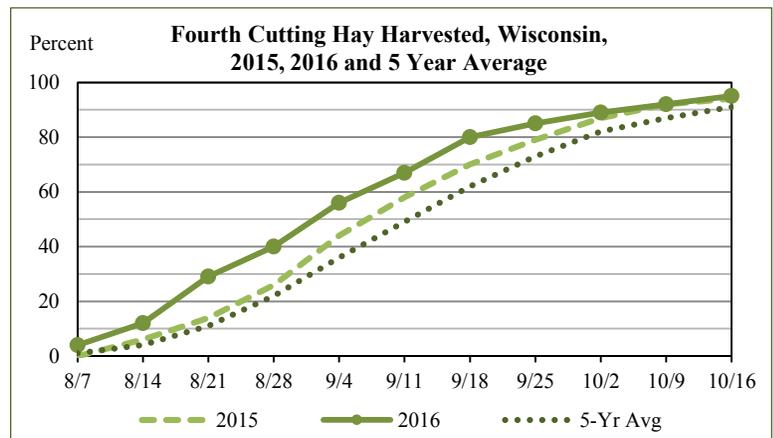
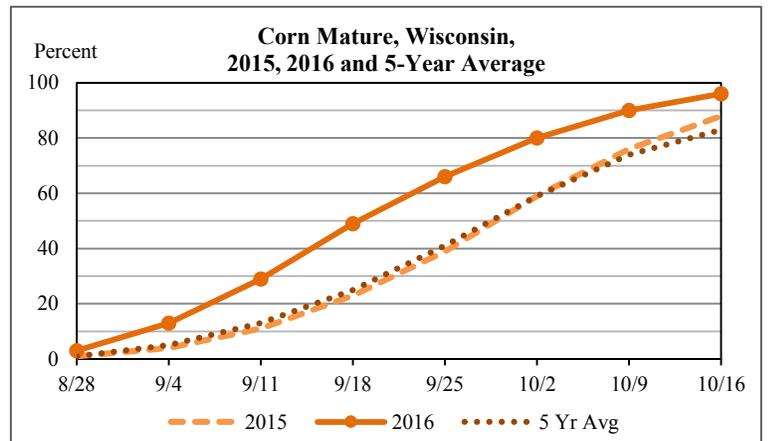
Ninety-two percent of **potatoes** had been harvested statewide, 7 days behind last year.

Seventy percent of **winter wheat** was planted, 7 days behind last year. Forty-three percent of winter wheat was emerged, 3 days behind last year.

The fourth cutting of **alfalfa** was 95 percent complete.

Fall **tillage** was 23 percent complete, up 7 percentage points from last week.

Pasture condition was rated 73 percent good to excellent. This is the most in the good to excellent condition categories on October 16th in the past 20 years.



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of October 16, 2016

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
Corn.....	1	3	11	42	43
Pasture & Range	2	5	20	47	26
Soybeans.....	1	3	11	44	41

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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.....	98	91	99	96	92	95	96	91	92	95	92	94	91
Corn Mature.....	94	96	90	95	97	94	99	99	97	96	90	88	83
Corn Harvested for Grain.....	19	32	14	19	17	30	29	25	28	24	13	24	27
Corn Harvested for Silage.....	96	95	98	96	97	97	94	97	96	96	91	97	88
Fall Tillage.....	27	35	17	20	30	26	20	16	23	23	16	34	26
Potatoes Harvested.....	77	100	99	99	90	n.a.	96	97	n.a.	92	82	96	n.a.
Soybeans Harvested.....	67	44	38	54	48	32	46	48	45	47	23	65	59
Winter Wheat Planted.....	96	42	77	93	83	65	72	71	65	70	52	83	n.a.
Winter Wheat Emerged.....	80	30	49	48	57	39	38	49	27	43	27	49	n.a.

n.a.=not available

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Conditions as of October 16, 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	5.8	3.8	4.3	5.5	5.4	4.0	5.1	4.5	4.4	4.8	4.5	6.4
	Percent									Percent		
Topsoil Moisture												
Very Short.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Short.....	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	4	0	1	1	15
Adequate.....	70	73	79	79	79	55	74	69	83	72	71	75
Surplus.....	30	27	20	20	20	44	25	27	17	27	28	8
Subsoil Moisture												
Very Short.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Short.....	3	0	2	1	0	1	0	3	1	1	1	15
Adequate.....	80	73	74	81	80	55	77	67	82	73	71	80
Surplus.....	17	27	24	18	20	44	23	30	17	26	28	3

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.: Frost and freeze has ended growing season. Some soybean fields that had green pods and stems last week have finally began drying down after the frost and harvesting is proceeding. Grain moisture has been reported at 13 percent for soybeans and 18 percent for corn. Yields have been phenomenal exceeding 70 bushels per acre soybeans and 220 bushels per acre corn. Tillage is slowly progressing and manure hauling is going full speed ahead.

ASHLAND/IRON-C.B.: Some corn for grain harvested. So far all harvest is for high moisture corn to be ensiled. Soybean harvest also under way. Nice weather towards the end of the week.

MARINETTE/CONTO-N.S.: Need more full sun days. A number of fields have standing water. Have heard of reports of guys putting cat tracks on combines in order to harvest soybeans. More rain is expected today, could be heavy in places. Hope not.

EAU CLAIRE-J.C.: Soybean harvest is well underway with above average yields being reported. Manure application, cover crop planting, and some tillage being completed.

JUNEAU-J.W.: A couple of showers came through last week but there was good progress made in the soybean and corn harvest as well as the final cutting of hay. Soybean yields appear to be running very good. Corn stalks are continuing to deteriorate and some ears are starting fall off so a good dry week will be very important to some producers.

PORTAGE/WOOD-J.B.: Never thought I'd say it needs to get cold but it does! We haven't had the killing frost yet for the most part and many crops need it to either dry down or gain color and mature. Cranberries should be mostly harvested and due to lack of cold weather they won't ripen and turn color. Hopefully it doesn't go from summer right to winter and cause harvest problems.

FOND DU LAC-B.B.: First killing frost on October 13. Degree Days accumulated April 1 through October 13 were 2,950. Not bad. Still waiting for things to dry out and set to combine beans and shell corn. The high moisture corn harvest is complete. Pastures are in great shape for this time of year.

VERNON-K.L.: Soybean harvest well underway this week. Beans reported running 60-80 bushels per acre. Test weight is average to below average though. The majority of the county experienced some frost this week, but there has not been an overall killing frost to date. Corn silage and high moisture corn harvest continuing. No heavy rains this week, allowing producers to continue cleanup from the flooding of September 22nd.

GREEN-M.M.: Farmers worked on soybean and corn harvest as weather allowed last week. Yields are very good with most soybean fields running in the 70 bushels per acre range and many corn fields averaging over 200 bushels per acre.

ROCK-C.O.: Rain every other day has slowed bean harvest as it's been difficult to get the desired moisture. Corn harvest is progressing, but moisture is still higher than most would like.

OZAUKEE/WASHINGTON-G.S.: The weather is making it difficult to harvest. Some talk about mold affecting crops is surfacing.

Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on October 16, 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. 15	Mar. 1 to Oct. 15 normal*	Last Week	Since Sep. 1	Sep. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	63	42	73	29	53	+3	2985	2528	0.10	8.92	+4.05	35.98	+7.88
Green Bay	62	40	73	32	51	+1	2857	2389	1.03	5.65	+1.50	27.27	+2.93
La Crosse	67	47	77	37	57	+4	3528	2861	0.23	10.85	+6.39	41.69	+13.72
Madison	64	43	74	33	54	+3	3181	2817	1.93	10.83	+6.73	43.20	+15.33
Milwaukee	66	47	73	39	56	+3	3270	n.a.	0.08	4.88	+0.41	25.52	-3.15

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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