Excellent Week for Harvest

There were 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending November 6, 2016, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Sunny skies, above normal temperatures, and minimal rainfall this week allowed longer days in the fields. Rapid progress was made in harvesting corn and soybeans with good yields reported. Some reporters noted that high grain moisture in soybeans delayed harvest of some fields. Other reporters noted very dry pods leading to shatter loss during combining. Some farmers were still working around wet spots, while others reported good field conditions. Winter wheat planting and soybeans harvest were both nearing completion. Fall tillage, cover crop planting and manure spreading proceeded as fields were cleared.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 75 percent adequate and 23 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 77 percent adequate and 21 percent surplus.

As of November 6, 68 percent of the state’s corn for grain had been harvested, 2 days behind last year, but 1 day ahead of the 5 year average. The average moisture of corn harvested for grain this week was 18 percent, 1 percentage point lower than last week. Soybeans were 93 percent harvested, 7 days behind last year, but the same as the 5 year average.

Ninety-five percent of winter wheat was planted. Eighty-three percent of winter wheat was emerged, 3 days behind last year. Winter wheat was rated 78 percent good to excellent, 3 percent points below last week.

Fall tillage was 50 percent complete, 8 days behind last year, and 1 day behind the average.
BARRON-T.B.: Nice weather has allowed all field operations to proceed smoothly. Soybeans and corn crops are being harvested, but progress is slow. Lots of reported shatter loss when combining beans as pods are dry and brittle. Corn harvest is slow due to high grain volumes. Manure hauling operations proceeding, but lots of mud being dragged onto roads. Fall tillage going well.

SAWYER-K.S.: Ideal weather allowed farmers to stay out in the fields. Corn and soybeans harvest is nearly done and manure hauling and fall tillage is also happening. There are still some wet spots to contend with but all in all an excellent week for fall activities.

CLARK-R.H.: Another week when showers caused some harvest delays. Yesterday finally saw some soybeans coming off the combine as overcast damp weather was delaying soybean harvest. Corn is coming off the field and heading to the bin. Some fields are wet and there are ruts. Turning the calendar to November, the first snowfall will be the talk soon as farmers are busy wrapping their fall work.


ST CROIX-D.K.: Very mild weather. Lots of corn stalks being harvested. Some cattle still on green pasture.

JUNEAU-J.W.: We had an excellent end to the week which allowed most farmers to make excellent progress in the fields. Corn harvest really took off and soybeans were finishing up but there are still a few out in the field because they are high in moisture. Yields continue to run very good although a couple producers were disappointed in a few fields. Fall tillage is also moving forward very well. Things are really looking good.

FOND DU LAC-B.B.: A much needed stretch of fair weather allowed for the combines to return to the fields on Tuesday and put a big dent in the corn harvest subsequently this crop period. Some manure applications are occurring as well. Given the forecast, the coming week should allow for the tillage to catch up too.

VERNON-K.L.: Beautiful fall week with temperatures 10-20 degrees above normal. Farmers harvesting soybeans and corn all week. Corn stalks being chopped and baled. Yields running average to above average. Winter wheat has emerged and looks good. The county still has not encountered a killing frost. Grass and alfalfa still growing.

COLUMBIA-G.K.: Great week for grain harvest. Most farmers were able to run combines every day. Had to wait for fog and dew to burn off a couple of days. Most beans are harvested, still waiting for water to drain away on a small number of low lying fields. This week should wrap up harvest for many farmers.

OZAUKEE-M.B.: Very favorable harvest weather this past week.

WASHINGTON-K.R.: Rain and heavy dew have kept soybean moisture high.

### Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on November 6, 2016

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1/ Formula used: GDD = (daily maximum (86°)) + daily minimum (50°)) - 50°; where 86° is used if the maximum exceeds 86° and 50° is used if the minimum falls below 50°.
