



# Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition

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## 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 moistures 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.

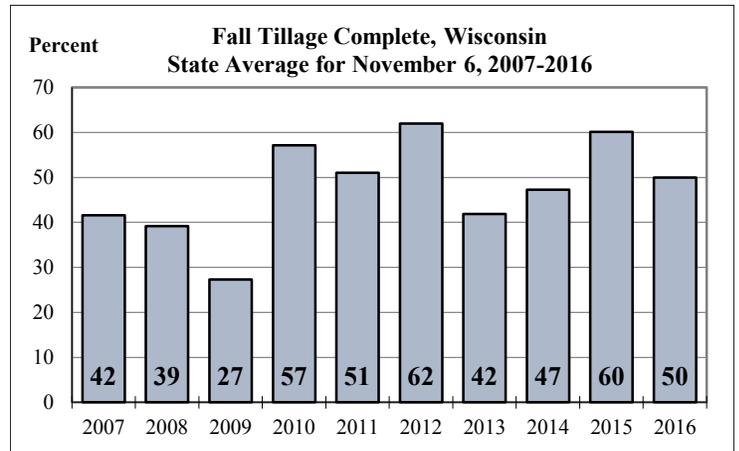
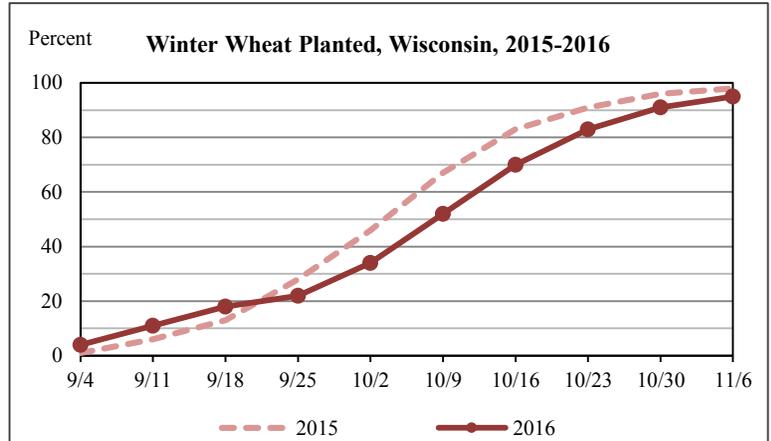
**Topsoil moisture** supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 75 percent adequate and 23 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 77 percent adequate and 21 percent surplus.

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 percentage points below last week.

Fall **tillage** was 50 percent complete, 8 days behind last year, and 1 day behind the average.



## Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of November 6, 2016

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat.....	1	2	19	48	30

## Wisconsin Crop Progress as of November 6, 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
Corn Harvested for Grain.....	75	66	44	66	52	69	84	69	63	68	52	72	66
Fall Tillage.....	54	54	35	34	64	52	57	49	55	50	41	60	52
Soybeans Harvested.....	95	93	77	94	90	93	94	92	94	93	86	96	93
Winter Wheat Planted.....	97	80	88	100	94	94	95	96	97	95	91	98	n.a.
Winter Wheat Emerged.....	94	46	75	97	84	82	79	89	81	83	72	87	n.a.

n.a.=not available

## Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Conditions as of November 6, 2016

Item	District average									State average		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last Year
Days Suitable	Days									Days		
	6.1	6.0	5.6	6.0	5.8	6.0	5.9	4.9	4.7	5.7	4.2	4.9
Topsoil Moisture	Percent									Percent		
Very Short.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Short.....	0	0	1	1	2	2	3	5	0	2	1	9
Adequate.....	76	76	82	86	77	66	82	62	73	75	71	77
Surplus.....	24	24	17	13	21	32	15	33	27	23	28	13
Subsoil Moisture	Percent									Percent		
Very Short.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Short.....	3	0	0	1	1	0	2	5	0	2	1	12
Adequate.....	80	86	77	85	80	71	81	63	87	77	72	81
Surplus.....	17	14	23	14	19	29	17	32	13	21	27	5

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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.:** 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.

**FLORENCE/FOREST-T.B.:** Very warm weather for first week of November. Some silage being harvested yet. Manure spreading and tillage work in progress.

**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

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 Nov. 5	Mar. 1 to Nov. 5 normal*	Last Week	Since Sep. 1	Sep. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	62	37	72	30	50	+10	3100	2584	0.00	10.92	+4.61	37.98	+8.54
Green Bay	61	n.a.	70	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	2977	2443	0.00	6.95	+1.30	28.57	+2.60
La Crosse	66	42	73	39	54	+11	3688	2933	0.00	12.69	+6.79	43.53	+14.12
Madison	63	40	73	36	51	+9	3327	2897	0.26	13.66	+8.04	46.04	+16.72
Milwaukee	64	46	77	38	55	+10	3438	n.a.	0.53	8.38	+2.18	29.02	-1.20

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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