



Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition

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Excellent Harvest Season Wraps Up

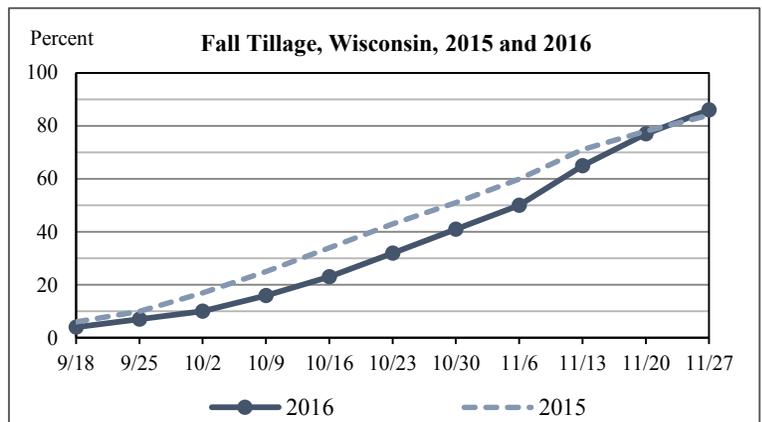
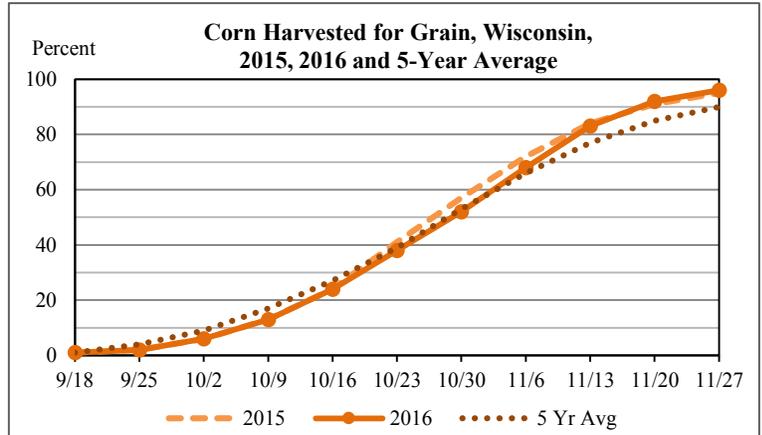
There were 4.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending November 27, 2016, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Temperatures warmed back up this week, as last weekend's cold front left the state. Widespread rain and light snow midweek, plus above-freezing nights left fields thawed and muddy in some areas. Fall fieldwork was winding down with combining, manure spreading and tillage work mostly complete. Reporters commented that the small amount of corn still standing was unharvested due to either a lack of grain storage space or wet field conditions. Corn yields were reportedly very good for much of Wisconsin, with the large harvest contributing to storage issues. Winter wheat was in excellent condition going into the winter months, thanks to an unusually warm November.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 81 percent adequate and 16 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 83 percent adequate and 15 percent surplus.

As of November 27, 96 percent of the state's corn for grain had been harvested, 2 days ahead of last year. The average moisture of corn harvested for grain this week was 17 percent, unchanged from last week.

Ninety-nine percent of winter wheat had emerged. Winter wheat was rated 85 percent good to excellent.

Fall tillage was 86 percent complete, 2 days ahead of last year.



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of November 27, 2016

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat.....	0	1	14	56	29

Wisconsin Crop Progress as of November 27, 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.....	94	94	89	97	95	95	99	97	95	96	92	95	90
Fall Tillage.....	82	91	75	73	87	90	94	87	88	86	77	84	n.a.

n.a.=not available

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Conditions as of November 27, 2016

Item	District average									State average		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last Year
Days Suitable	4.5	2.0	3.8	4.8	5.7	5.2	4.9	5.6	5.6	4.8	6.4	3.4
Topsoil Moisture	Percent									Percent		
Very Short.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Short.....	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	8	0	3	3	4
Adequate.....	76	96	83	89	76	76	83	75	87	81	81	70
Surplus.....	24	4	17	9	21	24	12	17	13	16	16	25
Subsoil Moisture	Percent									Percent		
Very Short.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Short.....	3	0	0	1	2	0	3	6	0	2	2	6
Adequate.....	79	96	77	87	78	74	85	80	89	83	83	79
Surplus.....	18	4	23	12	20	26	12	14	11	15	15	14

This is the last weekly *Wisconsin Crop Progress* for the season. The USDA's National Agriculture Statistics Service wishes to thank the many farmers, county agents, and others that provided the information which has allowed you to have an accurate picture of Wisconsin agriculture each week. The new season of *Wisconsin Crop Progress* is scheduled to start April 3, 2017.

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.J.: The only corn remaining unharvested is because there is no available bin space to store it. It has been a great growing season...one for the record books!

RUSK-G.P.: A quiet week for field activity with some rain and a holiday in the middle. Last of the corn is slow to come off with storage still full. Some tillage going on but that is pretty slow too. Very little snow and temps still running above normal. Winter is slow to set in this year.

SAWYER-K.S.: A wintery mix of weather arrived this week, with several nights of hard freeze. However, a warm up at week's end thawed any frozen ground. Some standing corn still waiting for the ground to freeze. Lack of snow is allowing fall grazing to continue on stock piled grass pastures and corn stubble.

ASHLAND/IRON-C.B.: Continued light snowfall on and off all week throughout the area. Areas close to Lake Superior are getting mostly light drizzle on and off.

PRICE/TAYLOR-D.E.: Wet conditions create a challenge to fall tillage and emptying manure pits, but it is getting done. Crop yields are reported above average for all crops. Grain elevators are looking for room for grain. Low crop prices are an incentive for farmers to store the grain they have rather than sell it below cost.

FLORENCE/FOREST-T.B.: First snow of the year midweek. Anywhere from half an inch to 2-3 inches throughout the county.

ST CROIX-D.K.: Crops are mostly all harvested and machinery put away. Very good crop year

JUNEAU-J.W.: Good weather for deer hunting, finishing up harvest, and getting some fall tillage and nitrogen applied. We have finally gotten some cold temperatures but the forecast is for mild temps once again in the 40s. Despite the slow start the soybeans and corn held up pretty well and it looks like a very successful harvest. Yields were very good.

WAUPACA-D.L.H.: Most corn is now out of the fields. Some producers are reporting yields of near 200 bushels per acre. Manure hauling and tillage are going full tilt before the predicted heavy rainfall for early in the next work week. Winter wheat looks great going into the colder weather.

KEWAUNEE-T.S.: For the most part, nearly every producer is done with the 2016 harvest and tillage season. The weather has been favorable for getting some last minute tillage done, although even most of that is complete. A few scattered producers are still getting their manure applied, while others have been cleaning their equipment and putting it away for another year. There was some frozen ground early this past week when low temperatures dropped into the low 20s, but it quickly thawed when the lows warmed into the 30s. Any type of fieldwork being done now is not having to contend with tilling frozen soil. This has caused much less wear and tear on the tillage equipment. The winter wheat has benefited from the warm fall, even that wheat planted late in October and early November. The majority of the crop has emerged and is looking good.

CRAWFORD-J.B.: It has been a good fall. Some corn remains in the field and not harvested primarily because of storage issues.

DANE-F.P.: Crops have been harvested and most of the tillage has been completed. There has been a few flakes of snow on the ground.

WALWORTH-N.W.: It was a great fall to get the crops in and do fall tillage.

Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on November 27, 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. 26	Mar. 1 to Nov. 26 normal*	Last Week	Since Sep. 1	Sep. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	37	27	46	16	32	+4	3162	2598	0.48	11.44	+3.82	38.50	+7.70
Green Bay	40	29	43	21	35	+4	3048	2456	0.39	7.51	+0.29	29.13	+1.65
La Crosse	42	31	53	19	36	+4	3777	2952	0.30	13.02	+5.67	43.86	+12.98
Madison	39	29	47	18	34	+2	3395	2925	0.23	13.90	+6.67	46.28	+15.22
Milwaukee	42	32	48	24	37	+1	3513	n.a.	0.19	8.57	+0.49	29.21	-2.88

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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