



Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition

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May brings drier weather, but not warmer temperatures.

There were 3.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending May 7, 2017, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. After a rainy April, drier weather allowed a surge of fieldwork, particularly on well-drained areas. Corn producers would prefer warmer soil temperatures for planting. Fruit trees are starting to bloom, making the cold weather a concern.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 72 percent adequate and 28 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 74 percent adequate and 25 percent surplus.

As of May 7th, spring tillage was 37 percent complete statewide, 13 days behind last year and 6 days behind the five-year average.

Corn planting was 15 percent complete, 10 days behind last year, and 6 days behind the five-year average.

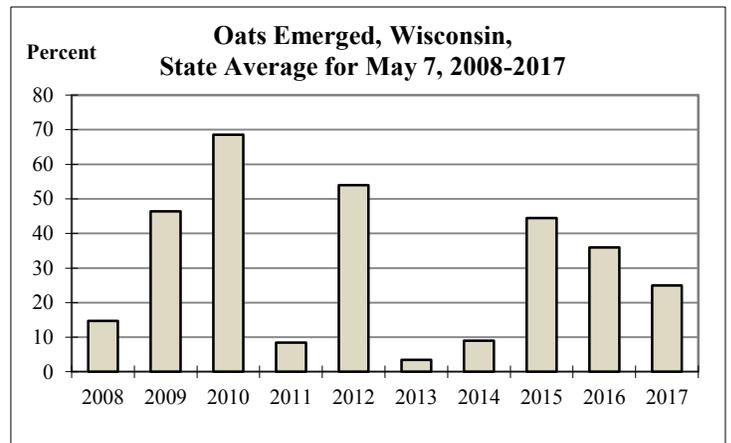
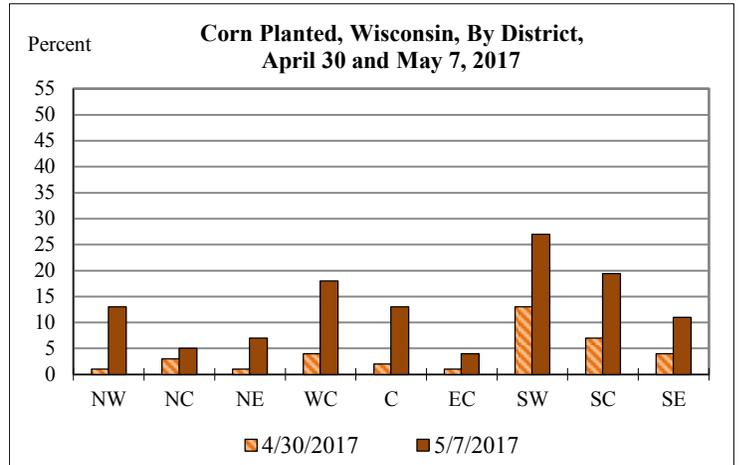
Two percent of the state's expected soybean acres have been planted.

Oats planting was reported as 52 percent complete, 7 days behind last year, and 4 days behind the 5 year average. Oats emerged was at 25 percent, 4 days behind last year and 2 days behind the 5 year average.

Potatoes planting is reported as 49 percent complete, 9 days behind last year.

Pasture condition was rated 72 percent good to excellent, compared to 68 percent in good to excellent last week.

Winter wheat was 70 percent in good to excellent condition statewide, compared to 64 percent good to excellent last week.



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of May 7, 2017

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
All Hay.....	2	5	20	58	15
Oats	4	7	27	52	10
Pasture & Range	0	3	25	55	17
Winter Wheat.....	3	6	21	51	19

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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			
Corn Planted.....	13	5	7	18	13	4	27	19	11	15	5	51	32
Oats Planted.....	65	30	38	55	53	33	74	69	49	52	33	72	59
Oats Emerged.....	10	5	12	22	32	6	54	51	28	25	17	36	29
Potatoes Planted.....	39	10	32	54	53	n.a.	68	91	n.a.	49	27	70	n.a.
Spring Tillage.....	42	10	15	53	45	20	50	41	34	37	21	74	51

n.a.=not available

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Conditions as of May 7, 2017

Item	District average									State average		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last Year
	Days									Days		
Days Suitable.....	4.0	2.5	3.0	3.9	4.3	3.2	4.2	3.5	2.9	3.6	2.6	5.7
	Percent									Percent		
Topsoil Moisture												
Very Short.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Short.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	10
Adequate.....	86	82	54	84	62	62	86	64	52	72	52	79
Surplus.....	12	18	46	16	38	38	14	35	48	28	48	10
Subsoil Moisture												
Very Short.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Short.....	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	7
Adequate.....	82	81	38	86	58	65	98	71	64	74	59	85
Surplus.....	14	18	62	14	42	35	2	28	36	25	41	8

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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.

BAYFIELD/DOUGLAS/ASHLAND/IRON - C.B.: No fieldwork yet. Forecast is for continued dry weather, so we should be starting soon.

BURNETT/WASHBURN - P.H.: Spring wheat is up and looks good. End of week dried out enough to go in the field full speed. Started corn planting. Asparagus is up but not big enough to pick yet.

BARRON - P.T.: Fields are drying out and a lot of seed going in the ground. Alfalfa hay growing fast. Soil is still not too warm, but with the sunny days it is warming up.

CLARK - A.K.: The weather has finally quit raining for a little while. Lots of manure hauled, some tillage done, a little oats planted. Most everybody wants to start corn, but the Sunday ground temp at 8:00 was 42 degrees. We need some warm temps.

FLORENCE/FOREST - T.B.: Wet start to the week and colder than normal. The rest of the week dry and windy but having freezing temperatures in the morning and below normal days yet. Trees just starting to bud and hay starting to show some green. Expect to see fields hit hard this week and small grains getting planted.

TREMPEALEAU - D.D.: No or very little rain since Wednesday made a lot of field work possible.

MARQUETTE/WAUSHARA - D.B.: Corn planters started running Wednesday.

PORTAGE - D.Z.: Not much getting done with rains and frosty nights; will try to start planting corn this week-end, weather permitting.

DOOR - J.J.: The wet spring has delayed planting and manure applications.

SHEBOYGAN/OZAUKEE/WASHINGTON - G.S.: Another wet week. Turned to drier conditions, but has been on the cooler side of temperatures so fields are taking a little longer to dry out.

KEWAUNEE - T.S.: Even though not much rain fell in the past week in this area, field work was still slow to take place. The well drained, higher soils are showing much more promise and are being tilled and planted. The first corn of 2017 was planted in this area last week. It has been colder than normal over the past couple of weeks, and this is forecast to continue for at least the next week. Warmer temperatures will be needed to increase the growth of any crop. As for the alfalfa, winter kill is starting to show up in this area. The one issue with the wheat at the present time is the light green color. In some cases, the fields have been too wet to have any fertilizer applied, which the plants need.

IOWA - L.M.: Some winter kill of hay apparent.

VERNON - K.L.: The start to the week was another cold rainy one. The area experienced light patchy frost on Tuesday. No reports of crop damage to date. By the weekend farmers were finally able to hit the fields and start planting corn. Also lots of manure hauling and fertilizer spreading. Still cool but nice sunshine.

DODGE - M.P.: The week started out wet and cold which halted most field activity. The rain stopped mid week and by Friday the manure hauling resumed. Farmers are testing the fields to see if its go time for tillage and planting. Hopefully the second week in May will result in some significant acres being planted. Most damage to the wheat and alfalfa is from drowning out.

DANE - F.P.: There are a lot of wet fields. Corn planting is moving along very fast with long days. Fruit trees are in bloom but we had several nights of frost.

WASHINGTON/FOND DU LAC - B.B.: 1.20 inches rain to start the week followed by very heavy frost on the 3rd with more on the 4th and 5th made for a slow dry out leaving lighter and higher soils only this past weekend suitable for fieldwork. If the forecast holds, a good deal of tillage and planting will occur in the coming week. Alfalfa is poised to rocket if we could catch a little warmth.

Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on May 7, 2017

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 May 6	Mar. 1 to May 6 normal*	Last Week	Since Mar. 1	Mar. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	60	37	72	30	48	-4	201	173	1.11	6.66	+1.29	10.73	+3.53
Green Bay	57	38	67	33	48	-3	188	140	0.97	7.47	+2.39	10.82	+3.51
La Crosse	61	39	73	34	50	-5	298	211	1.41	7.40	+1.39	11.25	+3.04
Madison	57	37	67	32	47	-5	241	208	1.08	8.71	+2.49	13.41	+4.65
Milwaukee	53	40	59	33	46	-5	222	n.a.	1.19	10.05	+3.03	14.06	+3.57

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/>