



# Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition

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## Planting, Haying Progresses with Favorable Weather

There were 5.1 **days suitable for fieldwork** for the week ending June 4, 2017, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Clear weather and warmer temperatures allowed farmers across Wisconsin to make good progress with fieldwork this week. Though it was cool early in the week, temperatures climbed into the 80s and 90s over the weekend, improving crop conditions. Oats planting was wrapping up, while corn, soybean and vegetable planting surged ahead. Soil conditions improved, allowing farmers to fill in spots that were too wet to plant earlier in the season. Reporters noted that many producers, especially dairies, paused planting activities to cut the first crop of hay while conditions were favorable for baling.

**Topsoil moisture** supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 74 percent adequate and 24 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 75 percent adequate and 24 percent surplus.

As of June 4, **spring tillage** was 94 percent complete statewide, equal to the five-year average.

**Corn** planting was 91 percent complete, 2 days behind the average. Corn emerged was at 68 percent, 8 days behind last year, and 4 days behind the average. Corn condition was 68 percent good to excellent.

Seventy-three percent of the state's expected **soybean** acres have been planted, 11 days behind last year, and 4 days behind the average. Thirty-four percent of the state's soybeans have emerged, 9 days behind last year and 4 days behind the average.

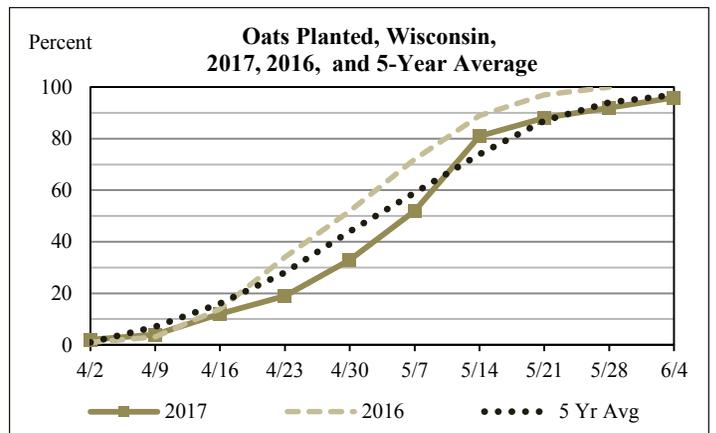
**Oats** planting was reported as 96 percent complete, 3 days behind the average. Oats emerged was at 87 percent, 10 days behind last year and 4 days behind average emergence. Oats condition was 75 percent good to excellent.

**Potato** condition was rated 72 good to excellent.

**Pasture** condition was 83 percent good to excellent.

**Winter wheat** was 29 percent headed, 5 days behind last year. Winter wheat was 71 percent in good to excellent condition statewide, 2 percentage points lower than last week.

The first cutting of **alfalfa** was reported as 54 percent complete. **All hay** condition was reported 75 percent good to excellent, 3 percentage points higher than last week.



## Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of June 4, 2017

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
All Hay.....	3	5	17	53	22
Corn.....	1	6	25	56	12
Oats.....	0	2	23	58	17
Pasture & Range.	0	1	16	58	25
Potatoes.....	0	2	26	61	11
Winter Wheat.....	2	6	21	51	20

## Wisconsin Crop Progress as of June 4, 2017

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, First Cutting.....	47	30	55	54	54	57	59	66	57	54	22	67	48
Corn Planted.....	94	86	89	93	85	85	94	94	89	91	77	100	92
Corn Emerged.....	71	64	61	74	65	58	74	71	63	68	47	88	75
Oats Planted.....	98	93	98	100	88	93	97	100	100	96	92	100	97
Oats Emerged.....	84	81	93	94	73	83	86	99	94	87	81	98	91
Soybeans Planted.....	77	66	74	79	71	66	67	78	71	73	45	94	80
Soybeans Emerged.....	37	38	34	42	31	32	24	39	26	34	12	71	53
Spring Tillage.....	92	92	95	97	91	92	99	94	96	94	89	100	94
Winter Wheat Headed.....	25	6	9	52	40	25	28	34	38	29	14	53	n.a.

n.a.=not available

## Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Conditions as of June 4, 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.....	5.2	3.9	4.9	5.1	5.1	5.2	5.7	4.9	4.7	5.1	3.0	4.0
	Percent									Percent		
Topsoil Moisture												
Very Short.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Short.....	1	0	4	1	7	0	6	0	0	2	0	8
Adequate.....	84	35	47	82	75	72	88	75	82	74	63	76
Surplus.....	15	65	49	17	18	28	6	25	18	24	37	15
Subsoil Moisture												
Very Short.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Short.....	2	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	9
Adequate.....	83	35	45	83	80	81	94	73	73	75	67	79
Surplus.....	15	65	55	16	20	19	4	27	27	24	33	11

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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.

**CHIPPEWA-T.P.:** Sunny conditions and less than an inch of rain this week allowed a lot of field work to be completed. Warm temperatures moved along crop progress, but also weed growth. Soybean planting is almost complete. Harvest of first crop alfalfa has progressed nicely.

**RUSK-S.V.:** Only had 1 inch of rain this week so everyone who can is busy in the fields trying to get things done.

**ASHLAND/IRON-C.B.:** Some nice weather towards the end of the week. Some field activity, as high temperatures with some wind dried some fields out enough to get out and continue tillage/planting activities.

**FLORENCE/FOREST-T.B.:** Most tillage completed except those areas with heavy soils. Early week rains and heat through the week has hay and pastures looking good.

**BUFFALO/PEPIN-S.M.:** Much-needed dryer, warmer weather has been welcome this week. Some spotty hail was received in isolated thunderstorms over weekend. Haying and planting is finally being completed.

**LA CROSSE-I.H.:** Mostly sunny this week, although a little cool until the end of the week. Farmers able to get to the fields and get hay made and more corn and beans planted. Drying topsoil on some of the fields may make it difficult for seed to break through the crust.

**WAUPACA/OUTAGAMIE-D.L.H.:** Spring planting has wound down with the favorable weather last week. Color of corn and soybeans has improved with the warmer weather. Good progress is being made with alfalfa harvest - the quantity is less than normal as result of the cool spring weather.

**CALUMET-K.P.:** More rain limited the amount of field work able to be completed - areas of standing water again. We did have a couple days of warmer temperatures and sunshine which has helped - could use a few more of these days.

**MANITOWOC-M.R.:** Finally had a string of about 5 days of nice weather to get back in the fields to keep working at planting and harvesting first crop hay. Still seems like a fair amount of crops that need to get planted yet.

**CRAWFORD-J.B.:** Nice weather over the past few days provided area farmers a chance to complete planting corn and go right into planting soybeans. If the weather holds out all planting should be wrapped up by the middle of next week. Many fields in the Kickapoo river bottom continue to have standing water and 2016 corn standing not harvested as a result of last year's flooding, some soybeans as well. Not sure what will happen to those fields. Many area farmers have been cutting first crop hay. If the wind ever dies down, area farmers and agri-businesses will have an opportunity to catch up on much-needed herbicide spraying.

**DODGE-M.P.:** We finally received a few warm, dry days. A lot of haylage was made and even some dry bales. Producers are scrambling to complete soybean planting before the next round of thunderstorms hit the area. Received another couple of inches of rain over the weekend which will slow things down again for next week.

**WALWORTH-N.W.:** Amazing what three days of sunshine and warm temperatures can do. A lot of planters were rolling the end of the week trying to make up for lost time. Corn that was planted early is still behind because of the cold and wet weather from earlier in May.

### Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on June 4, 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 Jun. 3	Mar. 1 to Jun. 3 normal*	Last Week	Since Jun. 1	Jun. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	75	49	90	43	62	+0	503	471	0.71	0.48	+0.07	14.99	+4.29
Green Bay	75	51	84	44	63	+2	464	405	0.91	0.49	+0.19	13.63	+3.76
La Crosse	79	54	97	45	67	+2	670	541	0.11	0.03	-0.30	13.47	+2.16
Madison	76	51	87	44	63	+1	543	536	0.44	0.01	-0.32	15.68	+3.90
Milwaukee	77	55	83	48	66	+5	501	n.a.	0.88	0.26	-0.03	17.06	+3.84

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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