



Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition

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Weather Uneventful For a Change

There were 5.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending August 13, 2017, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Rain interrupted fieldwork midweek, with Northern Wisconsin receiving most of the precipitation. Temperatures were slightly below normal, with daytime highs in the 70s most of the week. Reporters commented that crops were maturing well but late-planted fields needed more heat to catch up. Post-flood cleanup was still underway in some areas. There were a few reports that lodging was hampering the small grain harvest. Hay and straw were being baled between rains with variable yields reported.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 7 percent short, 83 percent adequate and 10 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 86 percent adequate and 12 percent surplus.

Ninety-one percent of Wisconsin's **corn** has reached the silking stage or beyond, 10 days behind last year. Thirty-four percent of the corn has reached dough stage, 1 week behind last year. There were a few reports of corn reaching the dent stage. Corn condition was 70 percent good to excellent, unchanged from last week.

Ninety-two percent of the state's **soybeans** were blooming, 1 day ahead of average. Seventy-seven percent were setting pods, 2 days ahead of average. Soybean condition rated 75 percent good to excellent, unchanged from last week.

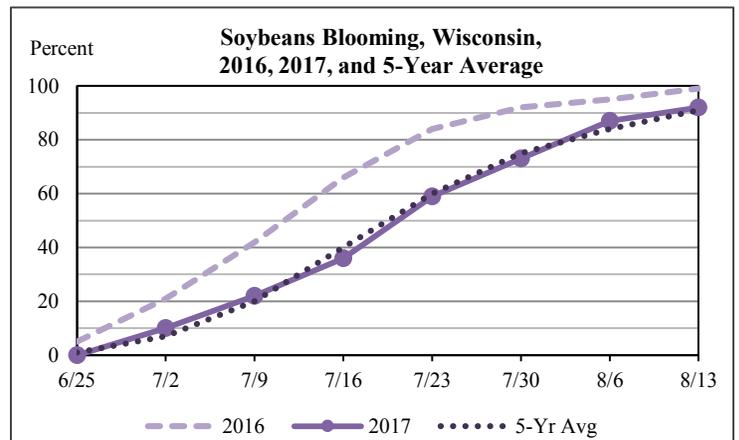
Oats turning color was reported at 95 percent, 10 days behind last year. Harvesting of oats for grain was reported at 43 percent complete, 10 days behind last year, and 8 days behind the average. Oats condition was 79 percent good to excellent, 1 percentage point below last week.

Potato harvest was ahead of last year at 19 percent complete, Potato condition was rated 80 good to excellent, unchanged from last week.

Pasture condition was 76 percent good to excellent, 2 percentage point below last week.

Winter wheat harvested was reported 91 percent complete, 4 days behind last year.

The second cutting of **alfalfa** has reached 97 percent complete. The third cutting was reported at 69 percent complete, 5 days behind last year, but three days ahead of average. The fourth cutting was reported at 7 percent, three days behind last year, but 1 day ahead of average. **All hay** condition was reported 82 percent good to excellent, 1 percentage point above last week.



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of August 13, 2017

| | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| | Percent | | | | |
| All Hay..... | 1 | 2 | 15 | 58 | 24 |
| Corn..... | 2 | 7 | 21 | 47 | 23 |
| Oats..... | 0 | 5 | 16 | 58 | 21 |
| Pasture & Range. | 1 | 3 | 20 | 54 | 22 |
| Potatoes..... | 0 | 5 | 15 | 57 | 23 |
| Soybeans..... | 2 | 6 | 17 | 53 | 22 |

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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 | | | |
| Alfalfa Hay, Third Cutting..... | 72 | 62 | 79 | 70 | 67 | 79 | 59 | 74 | 75 | 69 | 53 | 77 | 63 |
| Alfalfa Hay, Fourth Cutting..... | 8 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 11 | 23 | 8 | 7 | 1 | 11 | 6 |
| Corn Silking..... | 90 | 78 | 87 | 94 | 87 | 89 | 92 | 96 | 95 | 91 | 80 | 97 | 91 |
| Corn Dough..... | 35 | 7 | 11 | 33 | 38 | 33 | 51 | 33 | 37 | 34 | 17 | 49 | 36 |
| Oats Coloring..... | 95 | 90 | 97 | 96 | 92 | 96 | 95 | 99 | 100 | 95 | 90 | 100 | n.a. |
| Oats Harvested..... | 44 | 10 | 8 | 74 | 50 | 28 | 69 | 65 | 48 | 43 | 28 | 72 | 64 |
| Potatoes Harvested..... | 30 | 40 | 40 | 37 | 11 | n.a. | 20 | 10 | n.a. | 19 | 15 | 11 | n.a. |
| Soybeans Blooming..... | 96 | 97 | 96 | 96 | 92 | 82 | 88 | 96 | 93 | 92 | 87 | 99 | 91 |
| Soybeans Setting Pods..... | 77 | 91 | 73 | 83 | 76 | 59 | 74 | 85 | 74 | 77 | 61 | 89 | 73 |
| Winter Wheat Harvested..... | 79 | 35 | 76 | 92 | 85 | 91 | 92 | 98 | 96 | 91 | 74 | 94 | n.a. |

n.a.=not available

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Conditions as of August 13, 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..... | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 5.1 | 6.0 | 4.4 | 6.3 | 5.0 | 5.9 | 5.2 | 4.8 | 4.9 |
| | Percent | | | | | | | | | Percent | | |
| Topsoil Moisture | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Very Short..... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Short..... | 10 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 19 | 2 | 12 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 7 |
| Adequate..... | 88 | 95 | 64 | 89 | 73 | 84 | 83 | 77 | 84 | 83 | 81 | 82 |
| Surplus..... | 2 | 5 | 36 | 5 | 4 | 14 | 5 | 18 | 10 | 10 | 15 | 10 |
| Subsoil Moisture | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Very Short..... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Short..... | 7 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 8 |
| Adequate..... | 90 | 95 | 65 | 91 | 89 | 84 | 97 | 77 | 76 | 86 | 84 | 84 |
| Surplus..... | 3 | 5 | 35 | 5 | 10 | 14 | 2 | 21 | 24 | 12 | 15 | 7 |

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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-C.B.: Rain part of the week. Second crop chopping progressing well. A small amount of oats harvested.

CHIPPEWA-T.P.: Some rain during the past week helped to replenish dry soils. Irrigation still occurring on some sandy soils. Crops are progressing, but will need a later than normal frost for late planted crops to make maturity. Insect and disease levels remain low.

LINCOLN/MARATHON-D.E.: Crop conditions holding steady for now. Ginseng disease is a tremendous problem with the wet conditions and some gardens will be harvested early in an attempt to save some of the crop. Ginseng seed yields will be impacted.

SHAWANO-B.R.: Oats will start to come off this week. Some of it is quite weedy as there was very little opportunity to spray it. Third cutting alfalfa is coming off between the rain drops that just don't stop this year.

LA CROSSE-I.H.: Crops are looking better now that it is not raining every day. More field work getting accomplished. Work still being done repairing roads and bridges so people can get to the fields. Some people are still trying to get rocks and trees out of their fields. Sunny days are helping get this extra work done.

ADAMS/JUNEAU-J.W.: An uneventful week allowed crops to mature nicely. Farmers were also able to make hay, harvest oats and wheat without worrying too much about rain. Yields for wheat and oats were OK. Nothing to get excited about. The rain in the forecast would be nice as long as it's in moderation.

FOND DU LAC/WASHINGTON-B.B.: An incredible thunderstorm passed over our Washington County nursery on Thursday afternoon. Two inches of rain in under 20 minutes along with hail, marble and golfball sized, plus in the form of two inch squares and four inch icicles. Bizarre. A mile to our east, soybeans were shredded.

SHEBOYGAN/OZAUKEE-G.S.: Winter wheat harvest winding down. A lot of oats lying flat in the fields which will make harvest more difficult. For the most part, both the corn and soybean crops look good.

VERNON-K.L.: Extremely nice week with low humidity and sunshine. Small grain harvest continuing. Corn pollinating and soybeans setting pods. Farmers enjoying catching up in the nice weather.

COLUMBIA-G.K.: Soybeans on sandy fields and sandy knolls are drying up and dying due to dry weather last week. Overall, crops look great in Columbia County.

ROCK-C.O.: Tale of two counties as the east side is much further ahead than the west side of the county for corn and bean maturity. Mint harvest is underway with good oil yields.

Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on August 13, 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 Aug. 12 | Mar. 1 to Aug. 12 normal* | Last Week | Since Jun. 1 | Jun. 1 dep. from normal * | Year to date | Year dep. from normal * |
| Eau Claire | 78 | 53 | 81 | 47 | 65 | -6 | 1821 | 1767 | 0.97 | 11.03 | +1.19 | 25.51 | +5.43 |
| Green Bay | 78 | 56 | 82 | 53 | 67 | -2 | 1802 | 1639 | 0.58 | 10.24 | +2.05 | 23.34 | +5.53 |
| La Crosse | 83 | 60 | 87 | 52 | 71 | -2 | 2300 | 1977 | 0.10 | 13.37 | +3.54 | 31.05 | +10.22 |
| Madison | 78 | 57 | 82 | 51 | 67 | -4 | 1942 | 1922 | 1.04 | 14.75 | +5.18 | 31.41 | +10.47 |
| Milwaukee | 79 | 64 | 84 | 59 | 71 | -1 | 1996 | n.a. | 0.28 | 10.35 | +1.80 | 28.14 | +6.66 |

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/>