



# Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition



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## Cold Rain & Snow Slows Fieldwork

There were 3.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending November 5, 2017, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Fieldwork moved slowly this week due to cold, rainy, and overcast conditions. Temperatures were below normal statewide with lows dipping into the 20s. Northern Wisconsin received snow on multiple days ranging from light flurries to several inches of accumulation in some areas. Reporters noted that standing grain moistures were high in both the corn and soybeans. Many producers reported they were waiting for grain moistures to drop before combining, especially in the northern portions of the state.

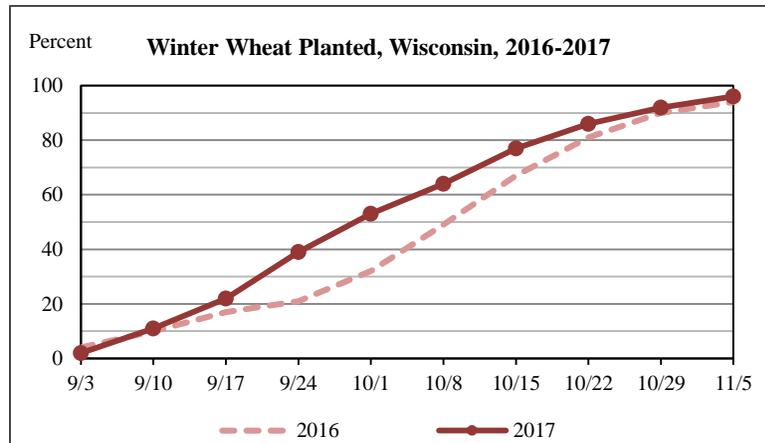
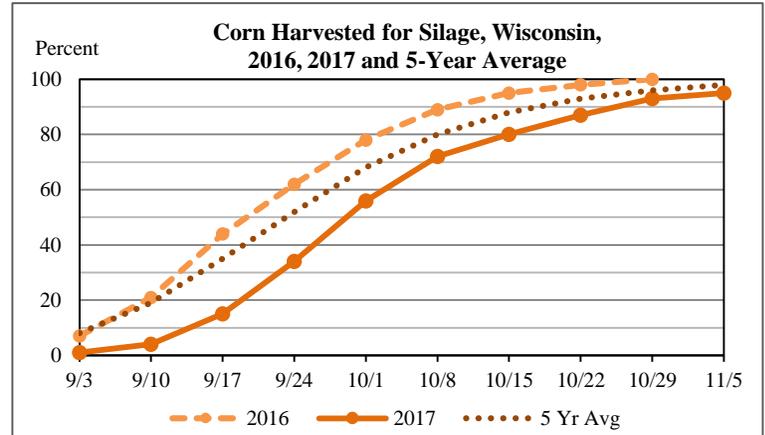
**Topsoil moisture** supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 7 percent short, 81 percent adequate and 11 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 9 percent short, 82 percent adequate and 7 percent surplus.

Ninety-four percent of Wisconsin's **corn** was reported mature. Corn harvested for grain was 37 percent complete, 14 days behind the average. The moisture content of corn harvested for grain was reported at 22 percent. Corn acres harvested for silage was reported at 95 percent complete, 4 days behind the average. Corn condition was 71 percent good to excellent, 1 percentage point below last week.

**Soybean** harvest was reported at 86 percent complete, 7 days behind last year, and 5 days behind the average.

Ninety-six percent of Wisconsin's **winter wheat** acres were planted, 2 days ahead of last year. Winter wheat emerged was reported at 84 percent complete, 3 days ahead of last year. Winter wheat condition was reported 87 percent good to excellent, 2 percentage points above last week.

**Fall tillage** was reported at 42 percent complete, 5 days behind last year, and 7 days behind the average.



## Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of November 5, 2017

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
Corn.....	2	7	20	47	24
Winter Wheat.....	0	1	12	62	25

## Wisconsin Crop Progress as of November 5, 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			
Corn Mature.....	92	75	73	97	97	96	93	99	96	94	90	100	97
Corn Harvested for Grain.....	24	21	21	29	32	31	44	53	45	37	25	66	63
Corn Harvested for Silage.....	94	83	92	99	98	98	91	98	98	95	93	100	98
Fall Tillage.....	44	53	47	34	55	54	28	37	41	42	35	49	51
Soybeans Harvested.....	84	76	70	82	87	88	84	92	91	86	80	92	91
Winter Wheat Planted.....	97	96	96	96	97	97	85	95	97	96	92	94	n.a.
Winter Wheat Emerged.....	92	88	81	70	85	91	77	77	81	84	77	81	n.a.

n.a.=not available

## Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Conditions as of November 5, 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.....	3.2	3.0	4.3	3.7	4.0	4.1	3.8	4.4	3.3	3.8	4.2	5.7
	Percent									Percent		
Topsoil Moisture												
Very Short.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	1	0	0
Short.....	0	32	18	6	2	1	7	5	2	7	6	2
Adequate.....	91	67	70	87	85	81	86	75	86	81	86	75
Surplus.....	9	1	12	7	13	18	5	16	12	11	8	23
Subsoil Moisture												
Very Short.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	4	0	2	1	0
Short.....	0	32	15	7	1	1	18	6	5	9	9	2
Adequate.....	94	68	66	88	95	84	76	82	87	82	85	77
Surplus.....	6	0	19	5	4	15	0	8	8	7	5	21

**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.:** Rain and or snow many days this past week. Growers struggling to harvest soybeans with grain moisture up to 18 percent for some. Some soybeans may be headed to grain dryers. Corn grain moisture reported anywhere from 19 to 30 percent and all is going through dryers. Many late planted cover crops are just beginning to germinate. Fall tillage is going slow as many growers emphasis is on finishing crop harvest.

**CHIPPEWA-T.P.:** Snow during the week slowed harvest progress of corn. Almost all soybeans are harvested with yields ranging from 30 to 60 bushels per acre, depending on soil moisture during the growing season. Manure applications are starting.

**ASHLAND/IRON-C.B.:** Most producers in the area are waiting for frozen ground to start combining corn. Most corn silage harvest is done, yield reports vary greatly.

**FLORENCE/FOREST-D.E.:** Got 4 inches of snow on Saturday.

**BUFFALO/PEPIN-S.M.:** Fields are still very wet in parts of county, making harvest difficult even after some days of frost. Rain or snow at least 4 days of week.

**TREMPEALEAU-L.N.:** Continual wet weather patterns are making it very difficult to finish harvesting the soybeans or make any progress on the corn. Corn moisture is high and with no dry or sunny weather in between rain storms it isn't changing. Farmers are generally satisfied with yields but moisture is a big problem.

**ADAMS/JUNEAU-J.W.:** The focus was on getting the soybeans off early in the week because of the wet forecast for the weekend. We didn't get heavy rains but there were light rains most of Friday and Saturday which slowed harvesting. Some soybeans that came off were really dry and the corn moisture varied. Early planted corn is doing much better than the late planted stuff but for the most part it is all running better than expected. Quite a bit of fall tillage got done last week as well.

**WOOD-M.L.:** Snow flurries were a big change from warm dry weather just one week ago.

**CALUMET-K.P.:** Soybean harvest has all but wrapped up. Corn harvest is going strong. Cooler and dry weather ahead should allow for good progress to be made.

**FOND DU LAC/WASHINGTON-B.B.:** Cloudy, cold and damp describes the past week. Everyone's still waiting on the corn to further dry down and spreading manure in the meantime.

**DODGE-M.P.:** Now that we finally had a killing frost, combining corn is in full swing. Moistures reported about 19 percent and yields are average or above. Still a few soybean field to be harvested. Producers are finishing with manure hauling and continue to complete their fall tillage in between the spotty showers.

**ROCK-C.O.:** Rain has made it difficult to finish beans harvest in this area, but corn harvest slugs along. Tillage is lagging due to wet weather.

**WALWORTH-N.W.:** Spotty rains have been holding up harvest.

**Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on November 5, 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 Nov. 4	Mar. 1 to Nov. 4 normal*	Last Week	Since Sep. 1	Sep. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	38	28	42	22	33	-8	2751	2582	0.30	5.97	-0.24	34.07	+4.70
Green Bay	43	32	47	25	38	-4	2771	2440	0.31	4.44	-1.11	29.93	+4.13
La Crosse	43	31	48	25	37	-7	3509	2931	0.25	7.19	+1.35	38.93	+9.66
Madison	44	33	50	27	38	-5	2974	2894	0.35	4.44	-1.11	38.20	+8.82
Milwaukee	47	38	50	35	42	-4	3186	n.a.	0.51	5.43	-0.67	34.75	+4.54

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>.

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