



# Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition



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## Very Cold Weather Slows Drydown

There were 5.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending November 12, 2017, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Temperatures were well below normal this week, with overnight lows falling into the low teens and single digits. Precipitation was light and fell mostly as snow in northern Wisconsin. In spite of the dry weather, overcast skies, cold temperatures and local snow cover kept grain moisture high. The ground was reportedly beginning to freeze in some areas, allowing access to soft fields but hampering tillage and manure incorporation. Reporters commented that corn yields were better than expected.

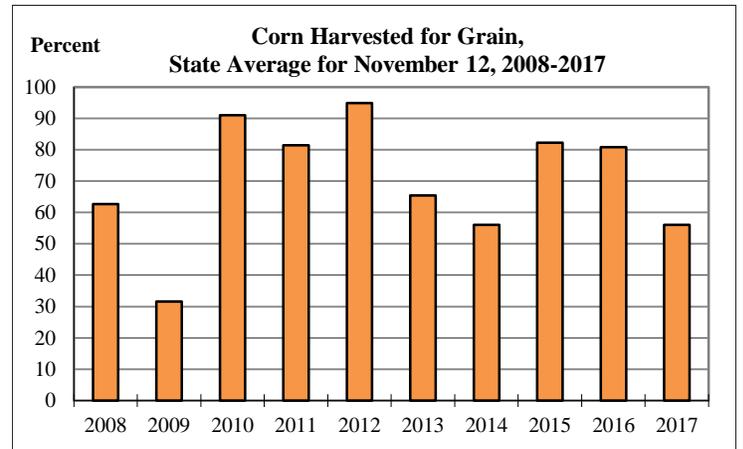
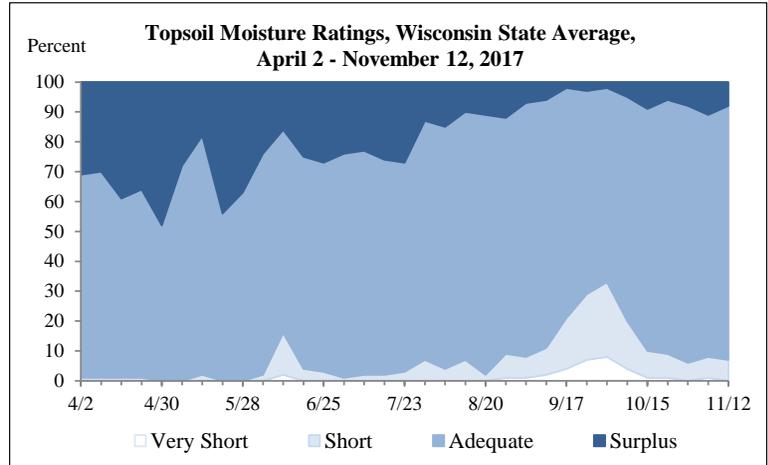
**Topsoil moisture** supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 7 percent short, 85 percent adequate and 8 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 7 percent short, 86 percent adequate and 6 percent surplus.

**Corn** harvested for grain was 56 percent complete, 11 days behind the average. The moisture content of corn harvested for grain averaged 21 percent. Corn condition was 71 percent good to excellent, equal to last week.

**Soybean** harvest was reported at 92 percent complete, 7 days behind last year, and 5 days behind the average.

**Winter wheat** emerged was reported at 92 percent complete, 4 days ahead of last year. Winter wheat condition was reported 85 percent good to excellent, 2 percentage points below last week.

**Fall tillage** was reported at 51 percent complete, 7 days behind the average.



## Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of November 12, 2017

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
Corn.....	2	8	19	49	22
Winter Wheat.....	0	1	14	60	25

## Wisconsin Crop Progress as of November 12, 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 Harvested for Grain.....	39	32	35	49	50	44	62	75	65	56	37	81	76
Fall Tillage.....	54	58	54	41	66	62	36	46	55	51	42	63	62
Soybeans Harvested.....	91	81	80	90	93	93	93	95	93	92	86	96	95
Winter Wheat Emerged.....	96	90	91	72	93	94	90	93	89	92	84	89	n.a.

n.a.=not available

## Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Conditions as of November 12, 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.....	3.8	4.0	4.4	5.4	5.2	5.5	5.4	5.4	4.4	5.0	3.8	6.5
	Percent									Percent		
Topsoil Moisture												
Very Short.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0
Short.....	1	34	12	2	2	2	9	4	2	7	7	3
Adequate.....	90	66	70	90	86	91	83	89	90	85	81	77
Surplus.....	9	0	18	8	12	7	6	7	8	8	11	20
Subsoil Moisture												
Very Short.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	1	2	0
Short.....	1	34	10	3	1	1	15	4	5	7	9	2
Adequate.....	92	66	67	91	95	94	78	88	88	86	82	79
Surplus.....	7	0	23	6	4	5	0	8	7	6	7	19

**Selected Quotes from Farm Reporters and County Ag Agents**

All comments are used in creating this report, but only a few are published below.

**BURNETT/WASHBURN-P.H.:** Below freezing temperatures and even a night below zero last week prevented crops from drying much. There are still some soybeans in the field. However, the soybeans are wet (19-20 percent) from the last rain/winter mix during freeze up. Thus, farmers are having to dry soybeans just to get them harvested. Corn moisture varies from 17 to 30+ percent. With cold temps it takes lots of time and fuel to dry. Corn harvest is going very slow because of the high moistures and low temperatures.

**CLARK-R.H.:** Two degrees this morning at sunrise, I believe that is a record. A lot of questions this week on what to do with high-moisture soybeans, as last week's weather increased moisture. Best advice is to try to get them off the field and work with your elevator. Corn harvest has been going steady all week, with many harvesting high moisture corn and driers are running also. Overall corn is higher in moisture than an average year, but at this time some farmers will have to decide to spend money on LP or take a chance with our winter weather. Give your corn stalks a lean test to determine stalk strength before deciding to leave it in the field.

**SHAWANO-B.R.:** We had two days that were marginally fit to combine soybeans this week. Many fields were taken off but there still remains a few to be done. Moisture of the soybeans were in the 15-17 percent range. A fair amount of dry corn was combined and those ranged in moisture from 19-28 percent. Yields varied considerably from a little below average to excellent. Winter wheat looks very good except for the late plantings.

**EAU CLAIRE-M.H.:** Continuing to get beans off. On and off again precipitation is complicating the process. Corn harvest is progressing with moisture levels all over the place. Very cold this AM (3 degrees) brrrrrr.

**ST CROIX-D.K.:** The end of the week was very cold, possibly ending any tillage. Next week is predicted warmer. Lots of corn still in the field. Many are experiencing storage problems. Yields were better than expected.

**PORTAGE-D.Z.:** Temperature at 2 degrees Friday morning; corn moistures running from low to high 20s; still a lot of soybeans to harvest, moistures in the mid-teens.

**WAUPACA/OUTAGAMIE-D.L.H.:** Very cold weather froze ground allowing harvest on soils previously too wet to carry machinery. The last of the cabbage crop was harvested before the ground froze. About 2 inches of snow fell Saturday, but most melted with warmer temperatures on Sunday.

**KEWAUNEE-T.S.:** Nearly all the soybeans and corn have been harvested now, so the mills are starting to quiet down. A lot of manure was applied to fields in the past week, and more will go on this week. More tillage is taking place but it was a tough time toward the end of the week. With low temperatures between 10 and 15 and a stiff wind, there was 3 to 4 inches of frost for plows to have to go through. The snow on top of the ground made for slippery conditions too. But it is still early, and by this past weekend, the frost had come out of the soil, the snow melted and tillage became easier once again. Some fields may not be tilled this fall due to efforts to reduce soil erosion. This is becoming more commonplace in this area. The way the fall field work is progressing, it should nearly be done by Thanksgiving.

**VERNON-K.L.:** Corn and soybean harvest going strong. Good progress this past week on harvesting soybeans. Trucks are rolling to the grain bins. Fall tillage is lagging. Winter wheat is looking good. Moisture levels in corn and soybeans still higher than most would like. Soybean yields are average and corn yields are average to above.

**DODGE-M.P.:** Harvest is full swing. Bins and dryers are starting to fill up, slowing down the harvest progress. Yields are looking good. Field condition are excellent for tillage and making round bales.

**GREEN-M.M.:** Hard frost ended the growing season this week. Majority of soybeans are harvested with overall yields being slightly above the 5 year average. Corn harvest is approximately 2/3 complete with yields better than expected in upland fields. Some have been delaying harvest waiting for lower moisture levels, but moisture content has not dropped much over the past few weeks.

**WALWORTH-N.W.:** Some late planted soybeans are still out. Corn harvest is coming to a close. Corn is better than expected with flooding and a drought in the same growing year. Hopefully everybody can be done by Thanksgiving.

**Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on November 12, 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. 11	Mar. 1 to Nov. 11 normal*	Last Week	Since Sep. 1	Sep. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	35	17	42	3	26	-11	2751	2590	0.05	6.02	-0.66	34.12	+4.20
Green Bay	38	24	49	11	31	-7	2771	2448	0.09	4.53	-1.59	30.02	+3.69
La Crosse	40	24	47	12	32	-8	3509	2941	0.00	7.19	+0.89	38.93	+9.22
Madison	40	22	52	9	31	-9	2975	2907	0.00	4.44	-1.64	38.20	+8.36
Milwaukee	43	27	53	16	35	-8	3188	n.a.	0.02	5.45	-1.27	34.77	+4.01

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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