



Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition



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Harvest Progresses with Sunny Days

There were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending November 26, 2017, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Temperatures were above normal this week, with very little precipitation. Dry, sunny days and frozen soils helped farmers work toward the end of this year's harvest. The corn for grain and soybean harvests progressed statewide. Some reporters noted that corn yields were close to or higher than last year. Other reporters commented that grain moistures were still high and some standing corn would be left in fields over the winter. Fall tillage was progressing as well, with frozen ground starting to hamper tillage in northern Wisconsin. Reporters commented that sandy soils were short on moisture going into the winter season. Winter wheat was reportedly in excellent condition heading into the dormant season.

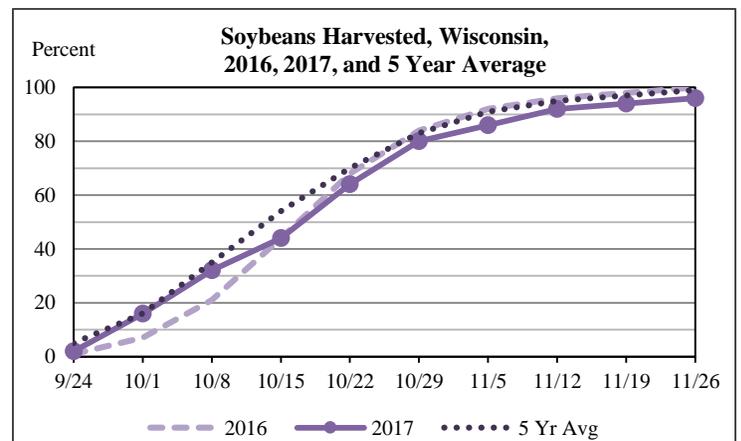
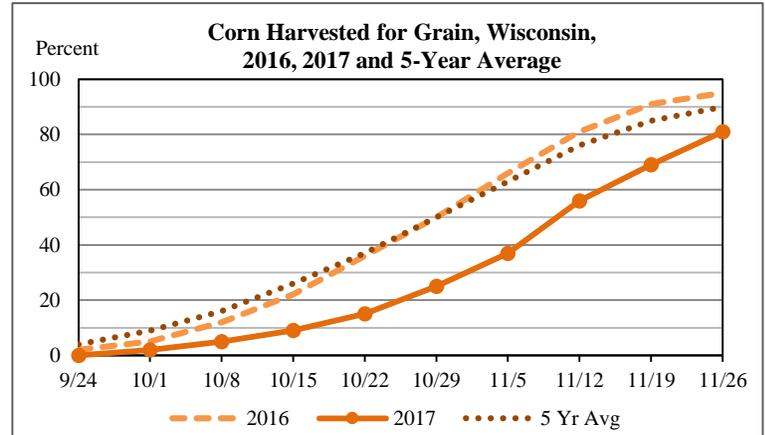
Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 4 percent short, 89 percent adequate and 6 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 5 percent short, 88 percent adequate and 5 percent surplus.

Corn harvested for grain was 81 percent complete, 11 days behind the average. The moisture content of corn harvested for grain averaged 20 percent.

Soybean harvest was reported at 96 percent complete, 10 days behind the average.

Winter wheat emerged was reported at 98 percent complete. Winter wheat condition was reported 83 percent good to excellent, same as last week.

Fall tillage was reported at 68 percent complete, 11 days behind last year.



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of November 26, 2017

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat.....	0	2	15	60	23

Wisconsin Crop Progress as of November 26, 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
Corn Harvested for Grain.....	66	67	65	77	76	77	86	91	91	81	69	95	90
Fall Tillage.....	67	70	74	50	79	80	62	64	80	68	58	85	n.a.
Soybeans Harvested.....	96	95	90	94	98	96	96	97	97	96	94	100	99

n.a.=not available

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Conditions as of November 26, 2017

Item	District average									State average		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last Year
Days Suitable.....	5.1	4.5	5.2	5.1	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.7	5.5	5.8	4.5	4.8
Topsoil Moisture	Percent									Percent		
Very Short.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	5	1	0	0
Short.....	2	0	2	6	6	2	7	5	5	4	4	3
Adequate.....	89	99	78	87	87	93	86	87	81	89	86	81
Surplus.....	9	1	20	7	7	5	5	5	9	6	10	16
Subsoil Moisture	Percent									Percent		
Very Short.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	3	5	2	1	0
Short.....	2	0	0	8	3	1	12	7	6	5	5	2
Adequate.....	92	100	76	86	95	91	82	84	84	88	87	83
Surplus.....	6	0	24	6	2	8	0	6	5	5	7	15

This is the last weekly *Wisconsin Crop Progress* for the 2017 season. The USDA's National Agriculture Statistics Service wishes to thank the many farmers, county agents, and others that provided the information which has allowed you to have an accurate picture of Wisconsin agriculture each week. The first report of next year's *Crop Progress* season will be issued on April 2, 2018.

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.: Nice week for weather, temperatures above normal for this time of the year. Most fieldwork is done, except for some corn combining.

CHIPPEWA/T.P.: Corn harvest is still going on. Yields are close to or better than last year.

BARRON-T.B.: Corn and soybean grain harvesting continues. Soybean harvest should wrap up soon, but some grain dryers being used for soybean drying. Corn yields have been coming in much better than expected with monitors jumping to almost 300 bushels per acre, but average field yields being in the 220 bushel range. Small grain fall seeding fields looking like excellent stands are present. Back and forth temperatures above and below average have hopes for more tillage. Manure injection and soil sampling also ebbing and flowing.

CLARK-R.H.: Frozen ground aided soybean harvest this week as many are trying to get the soybeans off the field before winter weather. Bad news is most soybeans are high in moisture, which may require some heat to provide a stable crop in the bin. Corn harvest is moving along as well, again moisture is higher than most farmers would like to see. With frozen ground it is tough to make tillage passes in the field, but some manure pits are being emptied.

SHAWANO-B.R.: There was opportunity to take those late soybeans off this week and several did just that with moisture at 15-16 percent. A lot of corn came off with moisture in the 18-23 percent range. Most of both crops have now been harvested. Overall, soybean yields were average to a little below and corn yield was average to excellent depending mostly on what the conditions were when it was planted. We really are thankful for an overall very good year for most of us farmers. We just need the commodity prices to come up considerably to put us in better profitability.

TREMPEALEAU-L.N.: Finally able to string together 4 days without rain! This is helping with the soybean and corn harvest. Moisture levels are still high. Able to make some cornstalk or bean stubble bedding this week also.

ADAMS/JUNEAU-J.W.: Unseasonably warm weather didn't help dry down the corn very much. The corn that remains in the field is still at 20 percent moisture or higher and isn't drying down very fast. Fall tillage did progress fairly well and I even heard one producer took a final cutting of some clover for feed.

COLUMBIA-G.K.: Still not much frost in the ground. Top half inch of soil is a little crunchy early in the morning, but then thaws quickly.

GRANT-G.M.: Corn in the field now is called field storage.

KENOSHA-R.R.: Corn yields are average to above, but moisture content has not dropped over the past weeks.

WASHINGTON-B.B.: Very cold week with the lowest low of 12 degrees yet that produced a high temp of 64 degrees on the 24th. It did stay dry to the benefit of the shell corn. Most field operations are caught up to the standing corn.

Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on November 26, 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. 25	Mar. 1 to Nov. 25 normal*	Last Week	Since Sep. 1	Sep. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	41	18	59	9	30	+0	2756	2599	0.08	6.97	-0.60	35.07	+4.31
Green Bay	44	27	62	23	35	+3	2777	2456	0.07	5.26	-1.94	30.75	+3.30
La Crosse	47	26	65	15	36	+3	3519	2953	0.01	7.31	+0.00	39.05	+8.31
Madison	46	25	64	15	35	+2	2982	2926	0.00	4.79	-2.35	38.55	+7.71
Milwaukee	47	29	65	21	38	+2	3199	n.a.	0.00	6.29	-1.67	35.61	+3.53

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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