



Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition



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Pattern of Spotty Precipitation Continues

There were 5.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending August 5, 2018, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Temperatures were below normal in much of state this week and precipitation continued to be spotty and inconsistent. Farmers were harvesting hay, straw and small grains, though scattered showers interrupted fieldwork in some areas. Most reporters noted dry soil conditions but crop stress varied widely, even within the same county. Several reporters noted issues with weed control, and there were isolated reports of bear and insect damage.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 19 percent short, 77 percent adequate and 2 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 3 percent very short, 18 percent short, 76 percent adequate and 3 percent surplus.

Eighty-seven percent of the state's **corn** acreage has reached the silking stage, 5 days ahead of both last year and the 5-year average. Twenty-eight percent of the corn has reached the dough stage, 6 days ahead of both last year and the average. Corn condition was 81 percent good to excellent.

Eighty-eight percent of **soybeans** have bloomed, 2 days ahead of last year and 5 days ahead of the average. Sixty-four percent were setting pods, 2 days ahead of last year and 4 days ahead of the average. Soybean condition was 80 percent good to excellent.

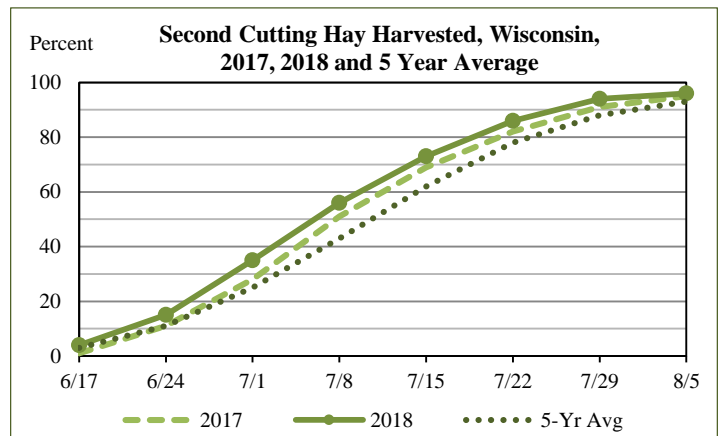
Oats turning color was reported at 93 percent, 5 days ahead of last year. Oats harvested for grain was reported as 36 percent complete, 5 days ahead of last year and 1 day ahead of the average. Oat condition was 84 percent good to excellent.

Potato harvest was reported as 9 percent complete, 8 days behind last year. Potato condition was 86 percent good to excellent.

Winter wheat harvest was reported as 82 percent complete, 4 days ahead of last year.

The second cutting of **alfalfa** was 96 percent complete, 3 days ahead of last year and 5 days ahead of the average. The third cutting was 52 percent complete, 1 day ahead of last year and 4 days ahead of the average. The fourth cutting had just begun. **All hay** condition was reported 81 percent in good to excellent condition.

Pasture condition was rated 71 percent in good to excellent condition, compared with 73 percent in good to excellent condition last week.



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of August 5, 2018

Item	Very Poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Corn	1	4	14	47	34
Hay, All	1	3	15	56	25
Oats	0	2	14	59	25
Pasture & Range ..	1	6	22	50	21
Potatoes	2	2	10	59	27
Soybeans	1	4	15	50	30

Wisconsin Fieldwork and Crop Progress as of August 5, 2018

Item	District average									State average			
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
Alfalfa Hay, Second Cutting	93	96	97	91	98	98	99	99	99	96	94	95	93
Alfalfa Hay, Third Cutting	46	27	48	54	40	60	58	54	54	52	30	50	41
Corn Silking	85	65	78	89	86	83	95	94	84	87	76	77	79
Corn Dough	19	11	11	24	36	17	47	34	23	28	8	15	15
Oats Coloring	90	89	95	83	93	95	100	100	98	93	87	89	n.a.
Oats Harvested for Grain ...	16	6	9	42	35	28	82	66	46	36	19	26	34
Potatoes Harvested	17	3	3	3	10	n.a.	17	4	n.a.	9	6	14	n.a.
Soybeans Blooming	94	63	76	90	91	77	98	93	86	88	79	85	83
Soybeans Setting Pods	79	51	51	63	63	46	78	69	58	64	45	58	54
Winter Wheat Harvested	41	39	61	43	70	83	85	93	86	82	60	69	n.a.

n.a.=not available

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Supplies as of August 5, 2018

Item	District average									State average		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last Year
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	4.7	5.1	5.0	5.7	5.4	5.3	5.9	5.8	4.8	5.4	5.9	4.8
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil Moisture												
Very Short	3	0	2	7	5	0	1	1	0	2	2	0
Short	22	15	7	27	16	13	10	30	18	19	21	4
Adequate	74	85	84	66	79	84	89	64	77	77	75	81
Surplus	1	0	7	0	0	3	0	5	5	2	2	15
Subsoil Moisture												
Very Short	6	0	2	5	6	2	1	1	0	3	1	0
Short	16	15	12	30	16	14	12	19	16	18	16	1
Adequate	77	85	76	65	78	78	87	76	74	76	80	84
Surplus	1	0	10	0	0	6	0	4	10	3	3	15

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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/EAU CLAIRE-J.C.: Well needed rain arrived this week but it was too late to help some corn fields on light soils. Third crop hay was harvested with excellent quality.

RUSK/SAWYER-S.V.: Received about 1.5 inches of rain over the last week. Crops needed it badly.

ASHLAND/IRON-C.B.: Another dry week. Some small rainfall in the area, but not enough to alleviate the dry conditions.

SHAWANO-B.R.: Crops moving along just fine but so are the weeds. This past week numerous fields that looked clean now have some palmer amaranth and waterhemp showing their ugly heads. Farmers and agronomists trying to figure out ways to keep these under control. Farmers in states to the south of us have been dealing with these resistant weeds for a couple of years already. Third crop alfalfa harvest is well under way.

MONROE-B.H.: Rainfall has been very inconsistent in the county. Some areas are in bad need of decent rainfall amounts and the crops are showing severe drought symptoms. Other areas are looking really nice at this time.

PORTAGE-J.W.: Hay making continues, good quality, low yields. Snap bean and sweet corn harvest continues. Potato harvest continues at a slow pace. Manure hauling as needed. Need a good soaking rain.

CALUMET-K.P.: Crops are looking good except in areas that were affected by hail, shredding the corn and soybeans. Fortunately, the wheat had been harvested. Third crop hay harvest is complete.

FOND DU LAC/WASHINGTON-B.B.: Hit and miss thunder showers kicked off this crop period which saw some improvements during the week despite marginally adequate soil moisture. Hopefully everyone will see a good rain on the 6th-it would really help with the corn and beans as they begin to set kernels and pods. Weed and insect pressures are, by and by, low.

VERNON-K.L.: The county received 0.5-0.75 inches of rain. All crops were in need of precipitation. Lots of small grains being harvested. Pasture ground showing signs of stress and declining due to lack of rain. Overall, crops still look good and no storm damage activity to report to date.

GREEN-J.T.: Water hemp is showing up in fields across the county and palmer has been confirmed this week. Otherwise, crops look great.

ROCK-C.O.: Dryness starting to show, but widespread rain Sunday night (August 5th) will help fill pods and kernels.

Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on August 5, 2018

City	Temperature (degrees F)						Growing degree days (modified base 50) ¹		Precipitation (inches)				
	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg. dep. from normal*	Mar. 1 to Aug. 4	Mar. 1 to Aug. 4 normal*	Last Week	Since Jun. 1	Jun. 1 dep. from normal*	Year to date	Year dep. from normal*
Eau Claire	80	54	86	47	67	-5	1855	1615	1.05	7.48	-1.21	20.60	+1.53
Green Bay	81	57	87	54	69	-1	1767	1490	0.88	8.93	+1.62	21.66	+4.74
La Crosse	84	61	89	55	73	-1	2217	1808	0.35	6.15	-2.63	21.29	+1.58
Madison	81	59	87	52	70	-2	1921	1759	0.41	10.19	+1.70	28.78	+8.94
Milwaukee	81	64	94	60	73	+1	1806	n.a.	0.20	8.65	+1.07	24.33	+3.89

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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