



# Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition



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## Harvest Progresses Despite Wet Conditions

There were 4.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending November 4, 2018, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Temperatures were close to average this week with a mix of rainy and sunny conditions. Parts of the state received scattered showers midweek and heavier, widespread rains interrupted fieldwork over the weekend. There was some weekend snow reported in northern Wisconsin, but what stuck melted quickly. Farmers were working hard to bring in their soybeans and corn, but still struggling with wet soil conditions. Soil compaction and rutting were widely reported, as well as some ponding in winter wheat plantings. Reporters commented that some fields will not be harvestable until the ground freezes. Manure spreading and fall tillage continued as conditions allowed.

**Topsoil moisture** supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 76 percent adequate and 24 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 77 percent adequate and 22 percent surplus.

**Corn** harvested for grain was 59 percent complete, 10 days ahead of last year and 4 days ahead of the 5-year average. The moisture content of corn harvested for grain was reported at 20 percent.

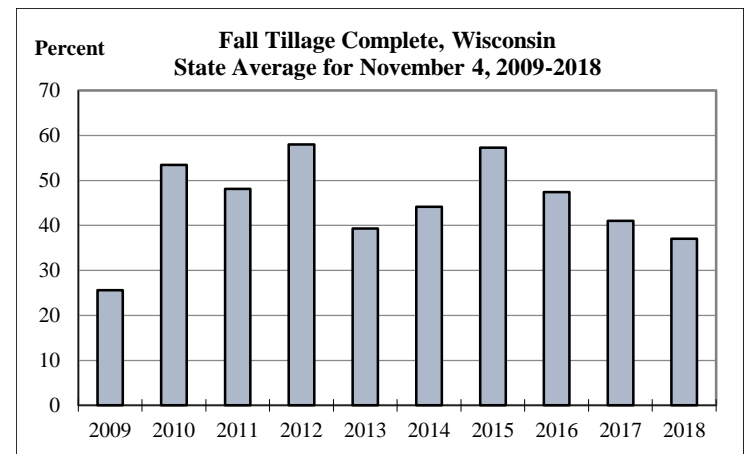
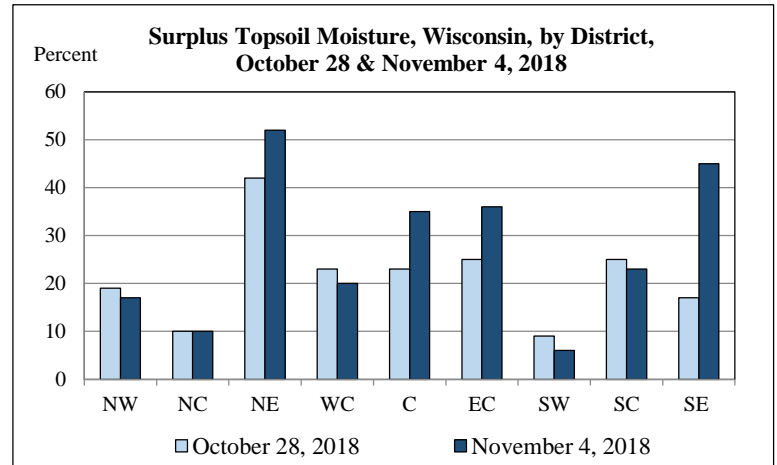
**Soybean** harvest was 78 percent complete, 7 days behind last year and 7 days behind the average.

**Potato** harvest was reported as 98 percent complete.

Ninety-two percent of **winter wheat** was planted, 6 days behind last year. Seventy-four percent of the winter wheat crop has emerged, 5 days behind last year. Winter wheat condition was 78 percent good to excellent.

The fourth cutting of **alfalfa** was 98 percent complete.

**Fall tillage** was reported at 37 percent complete, 4 days behind last year, and 7 days behind the average.



## Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of November 4, 2018

Item	Very Poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Winter Wheat .....	0	4	18	55	23

## Wisconsin Fieldwork and Crop Progress as of November 4, 2018

Item	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...	62	59	49	53	46	39	71	70	60	59	46	35	51
Fall Tillage.....	50	32	46	24	42	48	36	30	43	37	30	41	46
Soybeans Harvested .....	87	74	60	79	77	66	82	82	87	78	61	85	87
Winter Wheat Planted .....	99	98	90	85	92	92	90	88	96	92	86	95	n.a.
Winter Wheat Emerged.....	97	88	87	75	86	76	66	59	71	74	66	83	n.a.

n.a.=not available

## Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Supplies as of November 4, 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	4.3	3.5	6.2	5.0	5.0	5.1	5.2	4.3	3.1	4.7	5.4	3.8
Topsoil Moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Short.....	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	7
Adequate .....	83	90	48	79	65	64	94	76	55	76	79	81
Surplus .....	17	10	52	20	35	36	6	23	45	24	21	11
Subsoil Moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Short.....	0	0	6	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	9
Adequate .....	86	95	52	87	71	64	87	78	50	77	77	82
Surplus .....	14	5	42	10	29	36	13	21	50	22	22	7

# Wisconsin Crop Progress

## 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.:** Lots of harvesting of corn and soybeans. Soybeans getting closer to done but still lots of corn yet to harvest.

**RUSK-G.P.:** A pretty good week for harvest this week. A lot of soybeans came off and some corn. Still a fair amount of corn in the field. Week was topped off with about 3 inches of snow, but it was melted off by the next day.

**ASHLAND/IRON-C.B.:** Light rain on and off most of the week. Still some soybean harvest going on. Most lower lying fields are severely rutted up from the harvest.

**SHAWANO-B.R.:** Two days of just fair weather allowed many in the area to push the combines in the soybean fields and take off a lot of 14-16 percent moisture beans. Mud is everywhere and now we get another inch or more of rain at the end of the week. Corn yields are above average and moisture is now running a nice 18-22 percent. Tillage is being done but most of it is in muddy conditions.

**LA CROSSE-I.H.:** Back into the rain cycle. Saturday afternoon it started again. A few good days for getting beans off but there are some beans that will never get harvested because of mud and dirt after the flooding this summer. Corn is coming off, but there are fields that are muddy and tractors are creating ruts getting into and out of the fields. Cooler weather helps in drying the corn and beans.

**MARQUETTE/WAUSHARA-D.B.:** Harvest went well early in the week and progress was made. Rain over the weekend halted everything. Standing water again.

**CALUMET-K.P.:** Soybean harvest has nearly wrapped up. Some areas are still too wet to get to and Sunday's rains only made that bad situation worse. Fields are rutted up from harvesting. Corn harvest is going well, other than the wet soil. More rain and cooler temperatures in the forecast. Producers are looking for a freeze without snow to finish up with their harvest.

**SAUK-C.N.:** It was nice to see combines rolling all week until the rains hit Saturday evening. Soybean yields are a little disappointing in some areas.

**COLUMBIA/JEFFERSON-L.A.:** We gave up on the remaining acres of potatoes. Approximately 180 acres too wet to harvest.

**DANE-F.P.:** Corn fields which have not been harvested--many have wet spots and there are ruts. Manure and field tillage is moving along well.

**DODGE-M.P.:** It was a good week of harvest until Saturday night when the rain came back. Fields are still plenty wet and some may not get harvested at all due to the standing water. Some late winter wheat is still being planted. Manure is spread where possible.

**OZAUKEE/SHEBOYGAN-G.S.:** A lot of progress had been made with regard to harvest, however the significant amount of rain we received Sunday will put a halt to that for a few days.

Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on November 4, 2018

City	Temperature (degrees F)						Growing degree days (modified base 50) <sup>1</sup>		Precipitation (inches)				
	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg. dep. from normal*	Mar. 1 to Nov. 3	Mar. 1 to Nov. 3 normal*	Last Week	Since Sep. 1	Sep. 1 dep. from normal*	Year to date	Year dep. from normal*
Eau Claire	49	31	52	25	40	-1	2896	2580	0.13	8.74	+2.55	35.57	+6.18
Green Bay	50	36	58	31	43	+1	2853	2439	0.32	9.78	+4.29	36.87	+11.09
La Crosse	54	38	57	30	46	+2	3467	2929	0.35	9.13	+3.39	38.28	+9.06
Madison	51	36	58	28	44	+0	3077	2891	0.63	13.53	+8.06	52.51	+23.34
Milwaukee	53	42	62	32	47	+1	3127	n.a.	0.43	12.36	+6.34	43.17	+12.99

<sup>1</sup> 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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