



Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition



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Cold Snap Brings Widespread Snow

There were 3.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending November 11, 2018, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. More heavy rain started off this week before a cold snap settled over the state, turning all precipitation to snow. Temperatures fell well below normal, with daytime highs in the 20s and 30s. Up to two inches of snow fell across the state early on Friday morning. Flurries and snow showers continued through the weekend, keeping fieldwork progress slow. High winds and sun soon cleared the ground in southern Wisconsin, and freezing temperatures started to firm the soil. However, lingering snow cover in northern Wisconsin only worsened poor field conditions, insulating the mud and sticking to standing crops. Fieldwork progress was mixed, depending on snow cover and soil moisture. Reporters commented that while well-frozen fields would be helpful for harvesting the remaining corn and soybeans, they would prevent fall tillage. Several reporters noted that dairies and livestock producers were anxious to empty their manure pits before winter sets in.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 72 percent adequate and 28 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 74 percent adequate and 25 percent surplus.

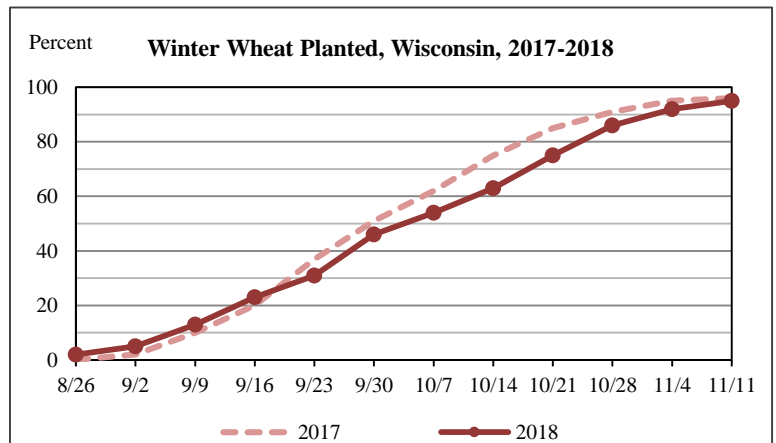
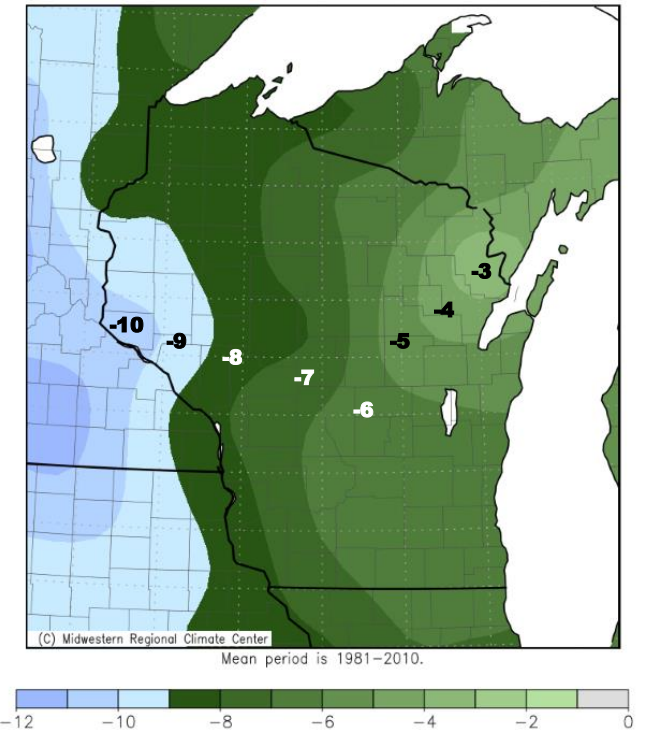
Corn harvested for grain was 69 percent complete, 8 days ahead of last year and 1 day ahead of the 5-year average. The moisture content of corn harvested for grain was reported at 19 percent.

Soybeans harvest was 85 percent complete, 7 days behind last year and 9 days behind the average.

Ninety-five percent of **winter wheat** was planted. Eighty percent of the winter wheat crop has emerged, 10 days behind last year. Winter wheat condition was 72 percent good to excellent.

Fall tillage was reported at 44 percent complete, 4 days behind last year, and 8 days behind the average.

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from Mean November 5, 2018 to November 11, 2018



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of November 11, 2018

Item	Very Poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Winter Wheat	2	6	20	54	18

Wisconsin Fieldwork and Crop Progress as of November 11, 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...	72	66	55	65	56	51	81	77	70	69	59	53	66
Fall Tillage.....	61	38	50	32	46	52	46	34	52	44	37	50	56
Soybeans Harvested.....	92	77	64	87	83	71	90	89	90	85	78	91	93
Winter Wheat Planted.....	100	99	91	91	95	94	95	94	98	95	92	96	n.a.
Winter Wheat Emerged.....	99	91	89	83	90	78	74	72	82	80	74	91	n.a.

n.a.=not available

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Supplies as of November 11, 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	2.9	2.1	3.8	3.9	4.0	2.5	4.2	3.2	2.7	3.3	4.7	5.0
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	0
Short.....	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Adequate.....	81	80	52	79	64	55	95	70	53	72	76	85
Surplus.....	19	20	48	20	36	45	5	30	47	28	24	8
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	1
Short.....	3	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	7
Adequate.....	82	90	54	86	69	56	87	71	48	74	77	86
Surplus.....	15	10	44	11	31	44	13	29	52	25	22	6

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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-T.P.: Between the rain, snow and cold temperatures; not much field work was completed. Most soybeans are harvested but there are some corn fields remaining.

SAWYER-K.S.: As ground freezes, harvest of remaining standing corn and beans will continue.

CLARK-R.H.: Rain on Sunday stopped all field work. A lot of corn and some soybeans yet in field and we may have to wait until it freezes to get crops harvested. Very little activity in the field this week.

SHAWANO-B.R.: Not much field work done this week as more rain fell, making fields very difficult to maneuver in. Still some soybeans out there but have gone back up in moisture. A hard freeze firmed the ground up but significant snowfalls took the frost out again. The snow also stayed on the corn so that we could not combine it at these temperatures.

EAU CLAIRE-J.C.: Wet, snowy weather continued and delayed corn harvest. Some soybeans remain in the field. Manure application occurring and many storage units are nearing max capacity.

ST CROIX-D.K.: Snow and cold have halted fieldwork. Lots of corn fodder for bedding has been harvested. Warmup is predicted for next week

PORTAGE-J.W.: Wet conditions slowed harvest as well as a few small snowfalls. Manure hauling and fall tillage continued as weather permitted

OUTAGAMIE/WAUPACA-D.L.H.: Fall harvest and tillage are picking up where soil conditions allow equipment to operate.

DOOR/KEWAUNEE-A.B.: Due to timing of corn silage harvest and the very wet fall, many farmers had to abandon the idea of fourth crop hay. Some of them had to make the call and harvest it during the last two weeks to help with inventories. We'll see how the winter treats those fields, but they're expecting to take hay out in the spring if they need to. Corn and soybean harvest continues very slowly with rainfall nearly every day.

VERNON-K.L.: A combination of all types of weather this week, i.e., rain the beginning of the week and cold with snow flurries at the end of the week. Harvest slowed due to the weather. Some soybeans still in the field, as well as standing corn. Producers still trying to plant some cover crops.

GREEN-J.T.: Progress was slow this week. Some corn has been harvested, but soil conditions are wet. There are still some considerable acres of soybeans waiting for harvest.

FOND DU LAC/WASHINGTON-B.B.: Field work ground to a halt with 1.70 inches rain between the 4th and 6th days of November. The inch or two of snow that fell on the 9th hasn't really complicated things more. The significant corn and bean acreage still in need of harvest will have to wait until the ground freezes deep enough to let the equipment pass over. With high temps running 15 degrees below normal this might be sooner rather than later.

Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on November 11, 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 Nov. 10	Mar. 1 to Nov. 10 normal*	Last Week	Since Sep. 1	Sep. 1 dep. from normal*	Year to date	Year dep. from normal*
Eau Claire	33	24	45	6	29	-8	2896	2589	0.41	9.15	+2.52	35.98	+6.25
Green Bay	40	32	50	21	36	-3	2853	2447	0.99	10.77	+4.72	37.86	+11.57
La Crosse	38	30	48	15	34	-7	3467	2939	1.23	10.36	+4.09	39.51	+9.81
Madison	40	29	51	17	34	-6	3078	2905	1.27	14.80	+8.79	53.78	+24.07
Milwaukee	43	34	53	21	38	-5	3131	n.a.	1.52	13.88	+7.24	44.69	+13.87

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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