



# Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition



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Wisconsin had 3.6 **days suitable for fieldwork** for the week ending June 30, 2019, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Farmers were grateful for above normal temperatures this week, except in northwest Wisconsin where temperatures were slightly lower. Fieldwork was hampered by storms and above normal precipitation. After several weeks of drying down, surplus topsoil moisture and subsoil moisture increased. Some crops were showing stress from excess moisture. Emerged crops remain well behind normal in development, however there was considerable variation in progress between locations. Many producers were still struggling with the first crop of alfalfa, as cutting is delayed and drying conditions were poor. Reporters commented that farmers are worrying about forage supply, with low inventory and high levels of alfalfa winterkill.

**Topsoil moisture** condition was rated 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 62 percent adequate and 37 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition was rated 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 62 percent adequate and 37 percent surplus.

**Corn** planting was 96 percent complete, 12 days behind last year. Corn emerged was reported at 87 percent, 20 days behind both last year and the 5-year average. Corn condition was 55 percent good to excellent, 3 percentage points above last week.

Ninety three percent of **soybeans** were planted, 18 days behind both last year and the average. Eighty percent of soybeans had emerged, 17 days behind both last year and the average. Soybean condition was 61 percent good to excellent, up 2 percentage points from last week.

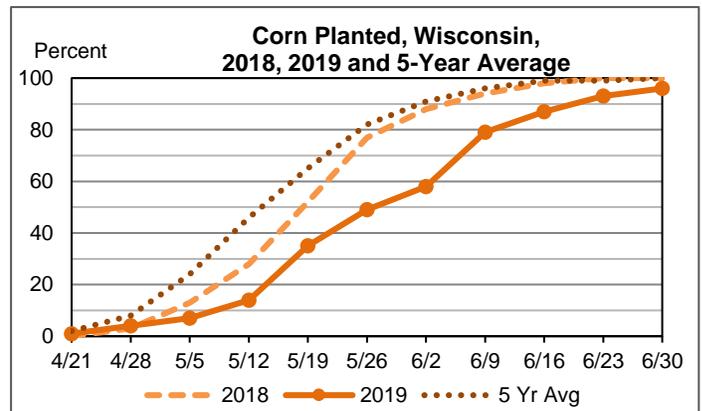
**Winter wheat** was 81 percent headed, 8 days behind last year, and 11 days behind the average. Eighteen percent of winter wheat acres were coloring, 6 days behind last year, and 9 days behind the average. Winter wheat condition was 54 percent good to excellent, up 5 percentage points from last week.

**Oats** emerged was 94 percent complete, 11 days behind last year. Thirty six percent of oats had headed, 12 days behind both last year and the average. Oat condition was 71 percent good to excellent, unchanged from last week.

**Potato** condition was 87 percent good to excellent, 5 percentage points ahead of last week.

The first cutting of **alfalfa** was reported as 86 percent complete, 12 days behind last year and 11 days behind the average. The second cutting was reported as 5 percent complete, 13 days later than last year and 11 days later than the average. **All hay** condition was reported 42 percent in good to excellent condition, 1 percentage point better than last week.

**Pasture** condition was rated 62 percent in good to excellent condition, up 1 percentage point from last week.



### Crop Condition as of June 30, 2019

	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Corn .....	3	10	32	42	13
Hay (all) .....	10	20	28	33	9
Oats .....	2	6	21	53	18
Pasture & range...	3	8	27	45	17
Potatoes .....	0	1	12	65	22
Soybeans .....	1	7	31	47	14
Winter wheat.....	3	10	33	39	15

### Crop Progress as of June 30, 2019

Item	Districts									State			
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)												
Alfalfa hay, first cutting.....	81	57	88	93	77	93	92	88	81	86	77	95	95
Alfalfa hay, second cutting	9	0	8	3	1	2	5	14	15	5	0	32	29
Corn planted.....	91	91	98	94	95	96	99	97	97	96	93	100	100
Corn emerged.....	81	69	82	90	87	88	96	94	70	87	81	100	99
Oats emerged.....	92	76	99	97	95	96	98	97	92	94	91	100	100
Oats headed.....	5	3	5	28	38	27	74	62	56	36	19	65	70
Soybeans planted.....	89	83	97	93	93	94	98	93	95	93	88	100	99
Soybeans emerged.....	80	54	64	89	78	77	89	87	68	80	68	97	97
Winter wheat headed.....	67	58	83	71	73	81	68	83	96	81	69	92	95
Winter wheat coloring.....	3	7	4	9	4	16	16	29	27	18	4	45	49

### Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of June 30, 2019

Item	Districts									State		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year
	(days)											
Days suitable.....	4.0	4.7	3.9	4.1	4.3	2.8	3.7	3.0	2.9	3.6	5.1	5.3
	(percent)											
Topsoil moisture												
Very short.....	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Short.....	6	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	3	7
Adequate.....	53	59	55	66	51	63	88	53	57	62	73	84
Surplus.....	40	39	45	33	48	37	11	47	43	37	24	9
Subsoil moisture												
Very short.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Short.....	1	0	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	1	2	5
Adequate.....	66	61	45	67	50	59	86	52	55	62	71	86
Surplus.....	33	39	55	31	48	41	12	48	45	37	27	9

Selected Quotes from Farm Reporters and County Ag Agents

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

**BARRON-L.H.:** Some much needed heat this week helped the crops grow.

**RUSK-G.P.:** More rain this week has put a halt to most field activities. All crops are showing signs of too much water, with yellow spots in the field where saturated conditions have persisted for too long. First crop continues, much later than usual. Quality and quantity are both less than normal, and there is some concern that forage inventories will not be sufficient to get through the winter. Producers are beginning to cull cows in anticipation of these reduced forage inventories.

**ASHLAND/IRON-K.R.:** Heavy scattered thunderstorms are limiting the possibility of dry hay. First crop hay silage is progressing nicely. Corn and beans are behind based on the calendar but are healthy and growing.

**CLARK-R.H.:** Things were getting better and then another inch of rain overnight stops everything. A lot of questions on cover crops and prevent plant acres. Overall many farmers are still planting corn and soybeans, some may be prevent plant cover crops and farmers are planting other options with the harvest date for forage on September 1. There is still a number of acres needed to be planted in the county as we approach July 1.

**SHAWANO-B.R.:** It is amazing how many farmers have continued to plant this past week for regular grain production. Some have started cover crop planting for prevent plant acres. Overall crops are looking fairly good if we were only a month earlier on the calendar. It will be a nail biter this summer as we wait to see how many acres actually will mature on time for fall harvest. Strawberry season has just begun late this week-it is normally coming to an end by now.

**ST CROIX-J.L.:** Lots of first crop hay cut this week. Many wash out spots in quite a few fields.

**PORTAGE/WOOD-L.K.:** Another 3.25 inches of rainfall in parts of Portage County making it difficult to get in good hay. Seeing potatoes that are flowering and rows beginning to fill in. Some corn will make knee high by the 4th of July.

**WAUPACA-D.H.:** Heavy rain today (Sunday) has ponding in low spots - extended forecast is rain most every day this week.

**SHEBOYGAN-T.S.:** Same story-different week. Rain, rain, and more rain. At this point, if it isn't planted, it most likely won't be. Cover crops going in when and where able to. However, lots of standing water is putting a hold on that as well.

**KEWAUNEE-T.S.:** Unfortunately, not much field work was accomplished this past week due to more rain. This has been the story all year. In this area, at least two inches of rain fell, making the soil quite wet again. It really is something to look around in certain fields and see water standing. Normally at this time of year, conditions are such that rain is needed. Not this year. It is also amazing to drive around and see fields that are still not planted. Most fields have been tilled, but several still are sitting idle. At this point, the options to get these fields into production are starting to get limited. Some sorghum sudangrass, alfalfa or winter wheat are possible crops that could be planted yet. And there are several fields of first crop alfalfa that have yet to be cut. The hay in these fields is lodging, making getting the crop off more of a challenge. But even with the more damp weather, a few producers were able to get some dry hay made. As has been the case in the last few years, the window to make dry hay is small and you have to be ready to go at a moment's notice. With the wetter conditions, the crops that are in the ground are doing pretty good. Temperatures have been warmer the past week, and coupled with the rain, the crops are growing quite rapidly. This is good since they are behind where they would normally be at this time due to the late planting dates. Those producers who have already harvested first crop are noticing the second crop is coming back to the point that second crop could be taken off in the next couple of weeks. And the winter wheat and oat crops are doing very good too. The oats are just about to head out, while the winter wheat is all headed out and just starting to turn color.

**CRAWFORD/GRANT-M.D.:** Crops this year are very spread out as some producers were wrapping up planting corn this past weekend with other corn being above waist high. Some producers also still have 1st crop standing while others have completed 2nd crop. Hay yields have been light for the most part with producers cutting more oats for forage than usual to obtain tonnage, even though crop is being cut later in growing cycle due to weather delays. Very little dry hay able to be made this year, with most crop being cut before a rain shower and picked up after rain passes as it's hard to string a few good days together to make quality feed. More rain predicted this week.

**SAUK-C.N.:** As usual this season, more rain this week than we need.

**DODGE-R.J.:** It was another wet week, but at least temperatures were at or above normal.

**ROCK-C.O.:** Wet conditions have delayed hay harvest. Very difficult to make dry hay as the ground is wet and it will not dry.

**WASHINGTON-B.B.:** A rainy, stormy week with around three inches rain and winds high enough to peel some shingles, break some branches and lodge some wheat. But finally some heat and warm overnight temps. In between all that, weed control was the focus for the week. We're still running a good two weeks behind on degree days.

Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on June 30, 2019

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 Jun. 29	Mar. 1 to Jun. 29 normal*	Last Week	Since Jun. 1	Jun. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire.....	80	58	90	50	69	0	800	911	0.17	0.44	-3.56	18.81	+4.46
Green Bay .....	82	63	89	60	72	+5	771	819	2.33	4.62	1.42	20.55	+7.79
La Crosse .....	83	64	93	60	74	+2	1038	1033	2.54	4.88	1.13	21.79	+7.07
Madison.....	83	63	90	58	73	+4	940	1015	2.07	4.12	0.31	21.83	+6.57
Milwaukee.....	81	64	85	60	72	+3	777	NA	1.36	4.19	0.87	22.00	+5.71

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. NA=not available. T=trace Source: NCEP/NOAA Climate Prediction Center <https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>.

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