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Hard Frost and Above Average Temperatures

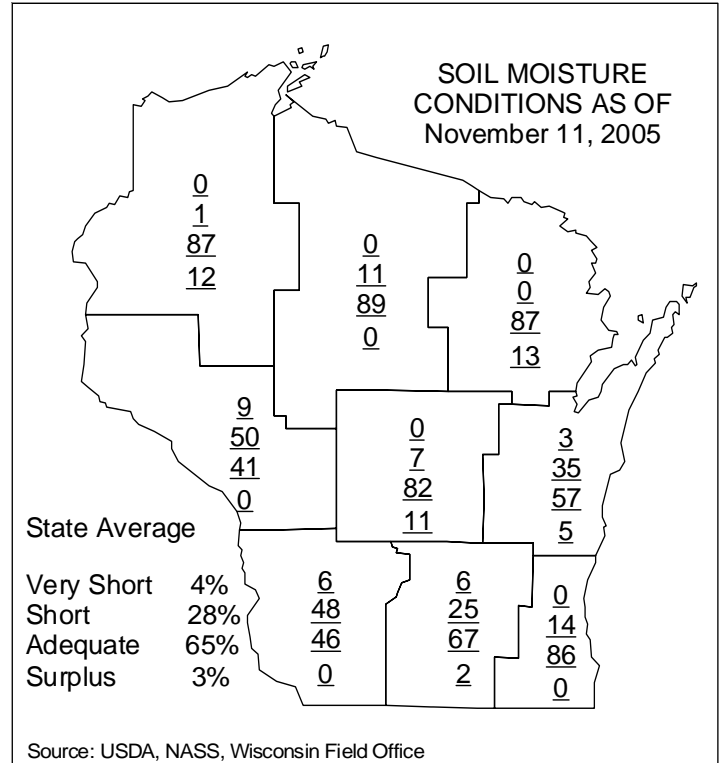
Temperatures were once again above average, but a hard frost hit the state during the week. Average temperatures were 7 to 11 degrees above normal. Low temperatures were in the 20s, while highs were in the 60s in most locations. Temperatures dipped to 26 degrees in Eau Claire, La Crosse, and Madison. Rainfall totals last week ranged from 0.05 in La Crosse to 0.70 inches in Milwaukee. Soil moisture conditions were reported as 4 percent very short, 28 percent short, 65 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. There was an average of 5.4 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Corn harvested for grain was at 84 percent, above last year's 62 percent and the 5-year average of 76 percent. Wet fields have slowed harvest in the northwestern part of the state. Recent high winds have caused lodging in some of the remaining corn. Storage capacity is still a concern for growers. Yield reports varied across the state and within counties, but most have said yields are better than expected.

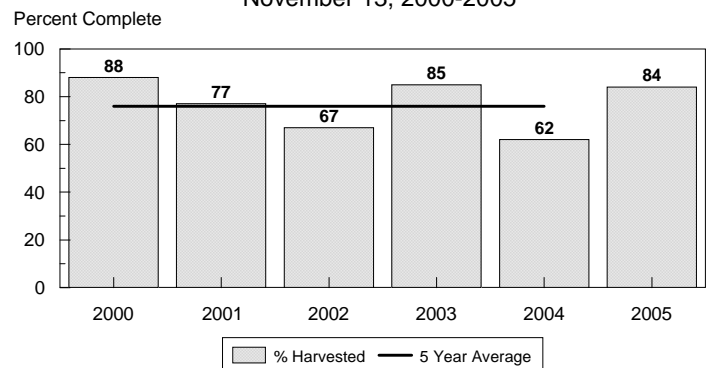
Soybean harvest was reported at 97 percent, higher than last year's 87 percent and the 5-year average of 95 percent. Most soybeans in the state have been harvested. Wet fields have impeded the harvest of remaining fields in northern counties. Yields have been reported as average in many locations.

Fall tillage was reported at 56 percent complete, above last year's 45 percent and the 5-year average of 49 percent. Recent rains slowed tillage progress in many counties.

Winter wheat is in good shape with the rain and warm temperatures. The fall weather has been good for baling corn stocks for bedding. Many farmers were busy with fall fertilizer applications.



Corn Harvested
Yearly Averages for Wisconsin
November 13, 2000-2005



Crop and percent of acreage	District average									State average		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This year	Last year	5-year average
Corn harvested for grain	63	83	82	82	77	90	88	86	93	84	62	76
Soybeans harvested	92	99	96	98	89	95	98	99	99	97	87	95
Fall Tillage	50	69	67	44	75	82	48	44	60	56	45	49

Quotes from Farm Reporters and County Ag Agents

BAYFIELD-S.S.: Difficult to get at the remaining corn because the fields are still too wet. Not much fieldwork over the past week.

RUSK-G.P.: Corn continues to surprise farmers with high yields. Moistures are running at 14-18 percent out of the fields with good test weights. Soybean harvest is virtually done, with yields not as good as corn. Fall tillage continues, but nobody seems to be excited about it. Continued nice weather this fall seems to have farmers thinking that winter is still distant, and maybe it is.

CLARK-N.S.: Fall tillage conditions have been excellent with many fields completed. Hard frost came later than usual this year.

MARATHON-M.K.: Big yields on the corn: 150-190 bushels per acre.

SHAWANO-B.R.: Many farmers are finishing up the last of the fieldwork for the season. Still some fields in the eastern part of the county that are very wet and causing harvesting and tillage problems. There are a few soybeans left to harvest in those areas. Most other areas have been in excellent condition for fall tillage. Moisture of corn did not change much this week and is still 17-20 percent.

DUNN-S.S.: It has been a great week for all types of fieldwork and harvesting of corn. Look for some corn to remain in the fields for lack of storage. Everybody saying yields on corn and soybeans were better than expected. Lots of corn and soybean straw being put up in round bales.

LA CROSSE-S.H.: Soybean yields were good as now most of the crop is off. Corn continues to be harvested and seems to be yielding very well in most areas. Some frost already with some chances of harder frost forecasted for this week.

WAUPACA-D.L.H.: It has been a good fall for farm work. Corn and soybean yields are better than expected.

WAUSHARA-J.J.: Corn and soybean harvest is about done. Corn yields were better than expected with low moisture readings. Western part of the county had a few fields that got hit by the big wind. Most of the area was protected with cover crops, but a few of the late harvested fields the cover was not well established or non-existent.

FOND DU LAC-R.P.: Excellent fall for harvesting and getting tillage done. Winter wheat looks very good-even very late plantings. We had 2.0 inches of rain on Saturday-more in one day than in many monthly totals for the year. On heavy, poorly-drained soils, yields were very high; soybeans were 50-70 bushels per acre and corn 180-240 bushels per acre.

IOWA-K.V.: Soybean harvest is finished. Corn is almost done. Fall application of fertilizer is in high gear. Most winter wheat is up and looks good. Has been an excellent fall for baling and stacking corn stalks.

DODGE-G.R.: A wet weekend put a halt to all fieldwork. Much-appreciated moisture has left topsoil softer and continues to soak through in some areas. Reports of excellent corn yields abound, while storage woes continue. Soybeans appear to be all harvested in our immediate area. Germinated winter wheat looks good. Some fall tillage completed.

KENOSHA-J.H.: Wheat looks good. Corn is poor. Soybeans are poor, but better than expected.

WASHINGTON-R.B.: Last hay being harvested. Soybeans are done. Bedding being made into round bales. Tillage - a lot being done. A lot of corn is done. Smaller farmers are done. Corn yields are very good for most farmers.

WAUKESHA-D.W.: Some reports of 225 bushel per acre yields, but most fit in a range of 120-180 bushels per acre. The dry weather seemed to hurt soybeans more than corn. Soybean yields were from 25-45 bushels per acre. Fall tillage is just getting started.



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Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on November 13, 2005

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 Oct. 29	Mar. 1 to Oct. 29 normal *	Last week	Since Sept. 1	Sept. 1 dep. from normal*	Year to date
Eau Claire	58	33	63	26	46	11	3134	2584	0.51	5.64	-1.15	24.07
Green Bay	54	34	60	30	44	7	2920	2441	0.53	5.86	-0.37	23.25
La Crosse	59	37	62	26	48	9	3476	2928	0.05	7.54	1.16	27.75
Madison	58	36	64	26	47	9	3272	2889	0.34	4.19	-1.97	21.81
Milwaukee	57	39	63	32	48	7	3198	n.a.	0.70	6.87	0.07	22.84

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