



Wisconsin Crop Progress

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Continued Rain Left Some Fields With Standing Water

Fields were wet across much of the state after the past week saw more rainfall. With fields unable to dry out many growers were not able to wrap up first cutting hay, start second cutting hay, or spray herbicides on fields. Some of the growers that did make it into the fields last week reported rutting. Many reported standing water in fields, especially in low-lying areas. Flooding was reported in Rusk and Crawford Counties and tornados were reported in northern Crawford County and southwest Waukesha County. Hail over the weekend was reported as harming soybean, corn, and oat fields in Pierce County.

Across the reporting stations, average temperatures last week ranged from 3 to 6 degrees above normal. Average high temperatures ranged from 79 to 84 degrees, while average low temperatures ranged from 59 to 65 degrees. Precipitation totals ranged from 1.12 inches in Eau Claire to 4.21 inches in La Crosse. There were 3.1 days suitable for fieldwork. If you are interested in further 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/>

The warm, and humid weather last week really allowed **corn** to take off, resulting in corn well above knee high in many fields. The average height of corn throughout the state was reported at 31 inches high, 13 inches above last week and 4 inches above the five-year average. Overall, corn was reported as looking good, but excessive rains leached some of the nitrogen out of the soil. Some reported that herbicide and additional nitrogen applications are needed.

Soybeans emerged was at 99 percent complete. Soybean fields were reported as looking extremely weedy since many growers have been unable to make herbicide applications between the many rainfalls. A few reports stated that soybeans were yellowing due to excess moisture.

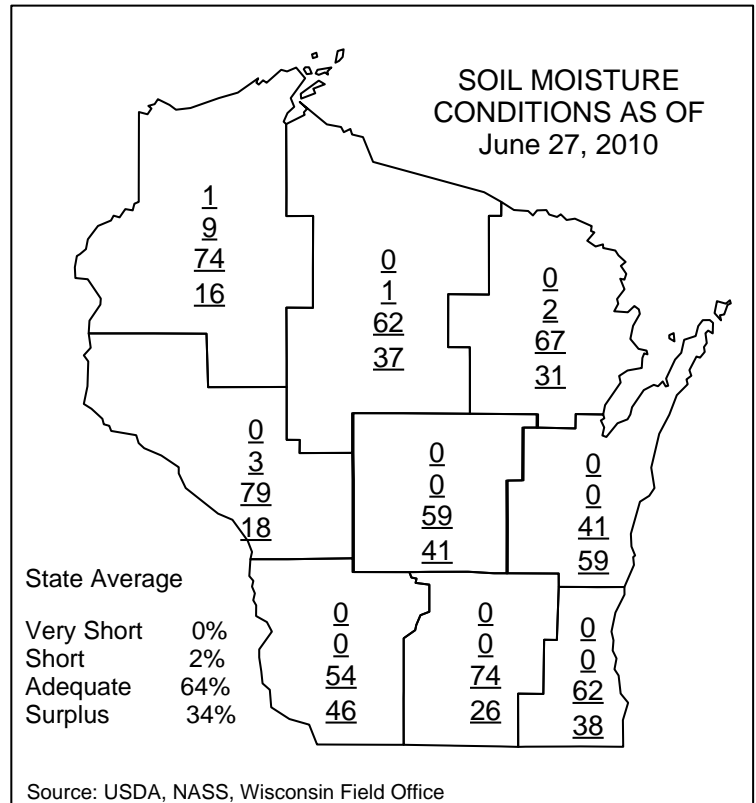
Oats headed was reported at 82 percent complete throughout the state, 14 percentage points above the five-year average and 20 percentage points above the ten-year average. Multiple reports stated that heavy rains and wind caused lodging in some oat fields.

Lodging was also reported in **winter wheat** fields. Armyworms were reported in wheat fields in Washington County, southern Brown County, and northern Calumet County.

First cutting **hay** was reported at 84 percent complete. While this season began with first cutting hay above the five-year average, it fell to 8 percentage points below the five-year average last week. Some growers were able to complete first cutting hay between rainstorms, while second cutting started for those that took an early first cutting. A reporter from Monroe County reported some growers are chopping hay back on the ground.

Cranberries were in full bloom and continue to be ahead of schedule.

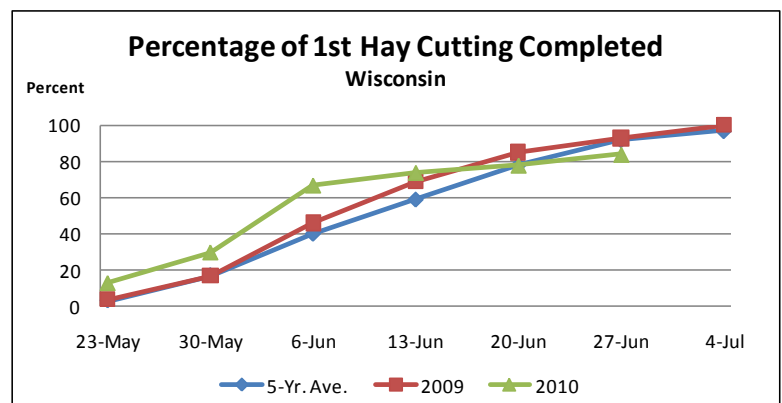
Potatoes were reported as blooming.



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of June 27, 2010

Item	V.-poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
Corn	1	3	12	53	31
Soybean	1	2	17	57	23
Winter Wheat	0	1	10	54	35
Oat	1	3	9	62	25
Pasture	0	1	14	62	23

Source: USDA, NASS, Wisconsin Field Office.



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Crop and percent of acreage	District average									State average			
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
Average corn height	22	22	26	32	26	20	38	38	37	31	18	22	27
Oats headed	68	78	77	89	93	77	80	93	94	82	69	66	68
First cutting hay	83	69	86	88	82	86	88	85	90	84	78	93	92

Source: USDA, NASS, Wisconsin Field Office.

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-D.B.: This past week was drier, but still not dry enough to harvest much hay. Corn and soybeans look excellent. Some first cutting hay left to harvest, poor quality though, and second cutting is being made by some with excellent quality and yield. Co-ops are busy spraying corn and soybeans, trying to catch up from recent wet weather.

CHIPPEWA-G.L.: Rains are just enough. No surplus. No crops affected yet by lack of rain.

ASHLAND-C.B.: Hay harvest behind normal due to continued wet weather.

CLARK-A.K.: Crops generally good but the corn that was not sprayed is full of weeds. Soybeans need to be sprayed, but the fields are too soft to support the equipment. First crop hay that is still out is getting very mature. Rain every other day makes it hard to dry hay.

FOREST-L.O.: Producers worried oats will start lodging. Not enough dry days to get the hay crop in. First crop hay is short. Alfalfa already flowered.

OCONTO-J.M.: Some second crop was taken off this week in between showers with excellent yields. Corn is really taking off.

DUNN-J.R.: Crops look good. Second crop started this week, while some tried finishing up first crop. Ground moisture is good with some starting to get concerned that we have too much moisture.

LA CROSSE-I.H.: Fields are extremely wet. The records of rainfall this month has totaled almost ten inches on this farm. Fields are very wet and one can find pools of water in fields in low-lying areas. The rain that came was not just large amounts, but large amounts in short periods of time. This makes checking crops difficult as the mud is deep when walking into the fields. The corn is taller than average, almost 40 inches now. The hot, wet weather contributed to this condition. Any ditch that was started earlier, has continually gotten deeper and more area has washed out. If grass ways are not present, this can be seen from a distance.

MARQUETTE-D.B.: A lot of rain last week. Crops in low areas are looking poorly.

WAUSHARA-K.W.: The extended wet weather has started to take a toll on grain crops. East side of the county has yellow corn on clay soils, and the west side of the county has yellow corn on sand soils. Even with added nitrogen I don't believe some of this corn will recover. Soybeans in some fields are also showing water damage, yellow bottom leaves and stunted growth.

SHEBOYGAN-E.P.: Pretty wet across the county with

round bales of hay laying in fields which are saturated. Some corn got sprayed and is good in fields where sprayers were able to travel. Oats benefitted from the moisture and is growing tall while heading out.

RICHLAND-C.L.: Every one of the crops are doing very well. I was in a corn field this morning that was 80 inches tall. The storm Wednesday morning flattened some oat fields. It also flooded some pastures. About 2.5 inches of rain.

SAUK-J.P.: We have not made any progress on first crop hay. No cutting since Memorial Day. Strawberries are done and raspberries are here at least three weeks early. Oats and wheat starting to turn. Weeds are getting very tall, some ragweed head high in soybeans. Even with two or three days without rain, it will still be too wet to spray some ground.

COLUMBIA-B.K.: Soil moisture is very good, a little too much in some depressed areas of corn and soybean fields. These areas are poor colored, either fertilizer has not been applied or if it was the rains have leached it out. Most of the nitrogen has been applied or nearly all. Very hard for those trying to bale hay. Second crop is being harvested. Some wheat and oats fields are showing some lodging following localized heavy rains.

DODGE-S.B.: The rainy conditions are hindering the harvest of first and second crop hay. Sweet corn not planted will be difficult to get in. Winter wheat fields have some lodging due to the heavy rains. Corn looks excellent considering it's only June.

KENOSHA-J.H.: Great growing conditions, however, we are getting too much rain out of these frequent storms. However, all things considered, it beats not having enough rain.

WALWORTH-E.R.: Rain every day. Heavy rain and wind Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. No hay making or cutting. Approximately 1.5 to 3.0 inches of rain.

WASHINGTON-G.S.: Everything looks great. There are reports of armyworms mowing down wheat, corn, etc.



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Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on June 27, 2010

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 June 26	Mar. 1 to June 26 normal*	Last Week	Since June 1	June 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	83	59	88	54	71	3	1130	851	1.12	4.86	1.18	11.13	-2.78
Green Bay	79	61	84	57	70	3	1000	761	1.46	5.94	3.08	13.58	1.13
La Crosse	84	63	88	58	74	3	1273	966	4.21	7.47	4.15	15.98	1.72
Madison	83	63	86	60	73	5	1173	951	3.45	7.48	4.07	17.53	2.68
Milwaukee	82	65	88	62	74	6	1068	n.a.	3.23	6.32	3.37	15.33	-0.63

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. Source: USDA, NASS, Wisconsin Field Office.