



# Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition

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## Scattered Showers Further Delay Haying

There were 4.2 days suitable for fieldwork during the week ending June 21, 2015, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Scattered rains interrupted fieldwork this week, with isolated heavy downpours reported in some areas. It was yet another difficult week for making dry hay, with the first crop of alfalfa very mature and the second crop ready for cutting in some areas. However, warm and sunny weather between showers boosted crop growth. Corn and soybeans were beginning to canopy and several reporters noted that plants had improved in color. Spraying and nitrogen side-dressing proceeded wherever field conditions allowed.

Topsoil moistures held steady at 21 percent surplus, the same as the previous week. Subsoil moistures were rated 12 percent surplus compared to 14 percent last week. Wet soil conditions were reportedly still preventing access to some fields and causing machinery to leave ruts in others.

As of June 21, soybeans emerged was 97 percent, 11 days ahead of both last year and the five-year average. Soybean condition was at 85 percent good to excellent, down 1 percentage point from last week.

Oats headed was at 55 percent, 8 days ahead of last year and 4 days ahead of the five-year average. Oats condition was 82 percent good to excellent, down 3 percentage points from the previous week.

Potato condition was 93 percent good to excellent, compared to 95 percent from last week

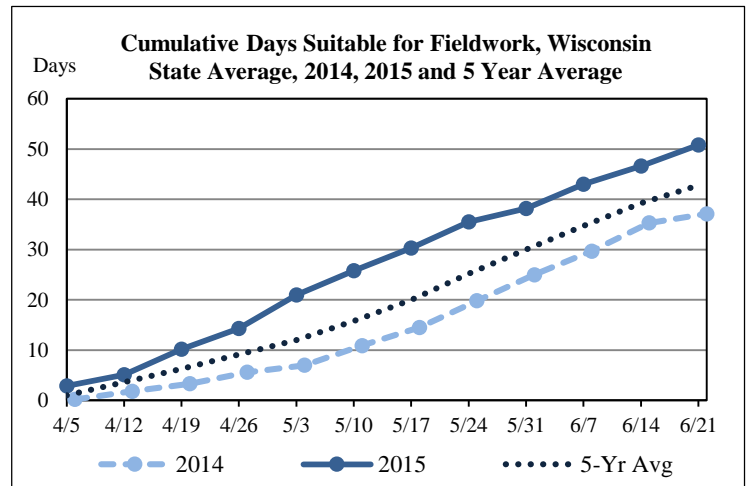
Winter wheat headed was at 89 percent, 6 days ahead of last year. Winter wheat was 76 percent in good to excellent condition.

Pasture condition was 83 percent rated good to excellent, up 4 percentage points last week.

The first cutting of alfalfa was 85 percent harvested, 4 days ahead of last year and 5 days ahead of the five-year average. The second cutting of alfalfa was 5 percent harvested, the second highest percent harvested by this date in more than 35 years.

All hay condition was 80 percent in good to excellent condition, compared to 79 percent last week.

A few reporters throughout the state reported slug and armyworm activity in fields.



## Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of June 21, 2015

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
Corn	0	2	14	61	23
Hay, All	1	4	15	53	27
Oats	0	2	16	62	20
Pasture & Range	0	2	15	56	27
Potatoes	0	0	7	71	22
Soybeans	0	2	13	62	23
Winter Wheat	1	3	20	51	25

## Wisconsin Crop Progress as of June 21, 2015

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
	Percent									Percent			
Alfalfa hay, first cutting	70	65	79	90	77	89	96	89	86	85	76	81	79
Alfalfa hay, second cutting	3	1	7	4	1	3	10	10	3	5	n.a.	0	7
Oats headed	48	30	38	57	58	47	72	81	55	55	28	30	45
Soybeans emerged	96	92	95	99	98	99	96	98	97	97	89	88	86
Winter wheat headed	85	80	63	88	91	89	88	98	91	89	77	78	n.a.
Winter wheat turning color	2	7	1	9	24	10	18	27	18	16	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

n.a.=not available

## Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Conditions as of June 21, 2015

Item	District average									State average		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last Year
	Days									Days		
Days Suitable	4.1	3.2	3.7	3.9	4.6	4.4	4.6	4.9	3.3	4.2	3.6	2.3
	Percent									Percent		
Topsoil Moisture												
Very Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Short	3	0	0	6	6	0	4	9	4	4	5	1
Adequate	85	74	63	79	73	74	70	76	69	75	74	63
Surplus	12	26	37	15	21	26	26	14	27	21	21	36
Subsoil Moisture												
Very Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Short	7	0	7	7	7	0	11	13	4	6	8	2
Adequate	84	80	69	81	75	84	88	79	74	82	78	73
Surplus	9	20	24	12	18	16	1	7	22	12	14	25

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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.

**BAYFIELD-C.B.:** Many of the dairy farmers are done with first crop haylage. Only a small amount of first crop dry baled hay is done in the area.

**RUSK-G.P.:** A mixed week with some nice days, but more rain. On days when it dries out enough to do something it hums with activity. Haying, spraying, fertilizing, planting and replanting are all going on at the same time. Scouting for armyworm and leafhopper, finding a few armyworms but nothing treated yet. No leafhoppers to speak of. Wet weather is keeping insects down. Crops are trying to look better, but it needs to dry out and warm up. We had a night in the 30s this week.

**CLARK-A.K.:** It rains every other day which makes it very hard to make hay. The fields are very wet. Corn on low ground is yellow or drowned out. The beans aren't much better. The early planted corn seems to be doing the best.

**LANGLADE-A.K.:** Continuous rain now having negative effect on crops – corn, soybeans and potatoes showing the effects. Abundance of over-mature hay and conditions that prevent getting in the fields are a disaster. Spraying also getting pushed back.

**BUFFALO-S.M.:** Challenge for harvesting dry hay because of every other day rain conditions. Most dry hay crops have been rained on at least once.

**LA CROSSE-I.H.:** Additional rain this week made harvesting difficult. Some farmers are spraying corn, others are trying to get more hay harvested. The hay is growing, but the quality is now lacking. A week of sunshine would make things better.

**JUNEAU-J.W.:** Crops are looking very good. There are a few pockets that have standing water in fields but overall the corn and soybeans look very good. Small grains are just about ready or have headed out but they do appear to be a little shorter than normal. The quantity of hay is there but if it's being baled it isn't drying very well. If it gets dry it is pretty good quality also. So far so good!

**KEWAUNEE-T.S.:** As the calendar moves along, the crops are progressing. They are growing every day, and for the most part are doing good. In spots, the corn and soybeans are not growing as well as the rest of the crop is. This is noted especially on lower

soils that have had more moisture to deal with. However, as long as adequate Nitrogen has been applied, the corn crop will eventually even out. Quite a bit of side dress Nitrogen was put on this past week, so the condition of the crop will only improve from here. The soybean crop is being plagued at the present time by weeds. Some herbicide application has taken place already, but most of it has not. The amount of the spraying will greatly increase in the coming few weeks, as long as the bean plants are tall enough so that a second application will not be needed later on. The winter wheat crop is looking good and is all headed out now. It has not started turning yet. The oat crop is doing alright too, but there are spots on the lower fields where the crop is somewhat a lighter color, due to the rain that has fallen. Some oats have been cut and harvested for forage at this time. Most of the first crop alfalfa has been harvested, but there are a few fields that have not been taken off yet. Second crop is coming back good, with the next cutting coming in the next two weeks.

**CRAWFORD-J.B.:** It has been a pretty good week. Area farmers are completing soybean planting, herbicide application, first cutting hay and some are beginning to cut second cutting hay. Warmer temperatures are really beginning to help corn and soybeans. Area strawberries are also being harvested.

**GRANT-T.E.:** The wind knocked down a lot of wheat and oats. There are some trees down from the thunderstorm that went through today.

**DODGE-R.J.:** It was a great growing week.

**GREEN-J.T.:** Second crop hay started this week, reaching 15 percent complete.

**WALWORTH-N.W.:** Wet conditions carried through most of the week. Some flooding out of crops in the low areas. Challenging to get spraying and side dressing done with the wet conditions. Some producers wanting to start second crop hay but don't want to rut up their fields.

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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. 20	Mar. 1 to Jun. 20 normal*	Last Week	Since Jun. 1	Jun. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	77	57	81	50	67	+0	886	750	0.25	2.81	-0.02	12.26	-0.92
Green Bay	77	55	82	47	66	+1	820	665	0.64	2.10	-0.08	9.06	-2.70
La Crosse	79	62	83	56	70	+0	1100	852	0.25	2.40	-0.10	15.00	+1.61
Madison	79	58	83	52	68	+1	970	840	0.17	2.56	-0.02	13.28	-0.69
Milwaukee	74	54	84	50	64	-2	692	n.a.	0.54	2.22	+0.00	12.44	-2.73

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>.

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