



Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition

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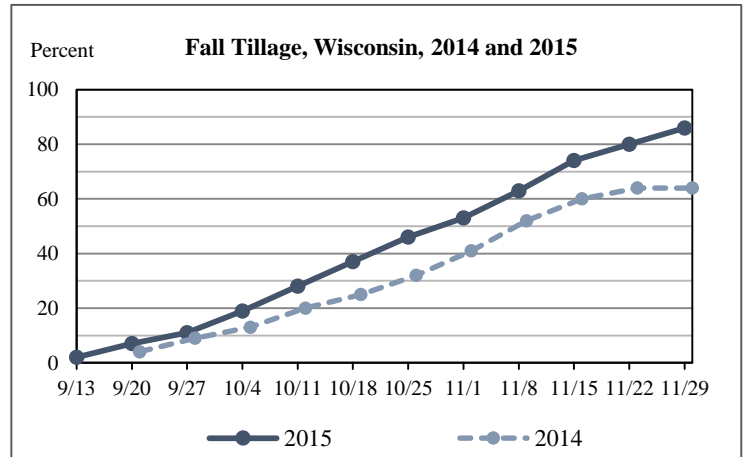
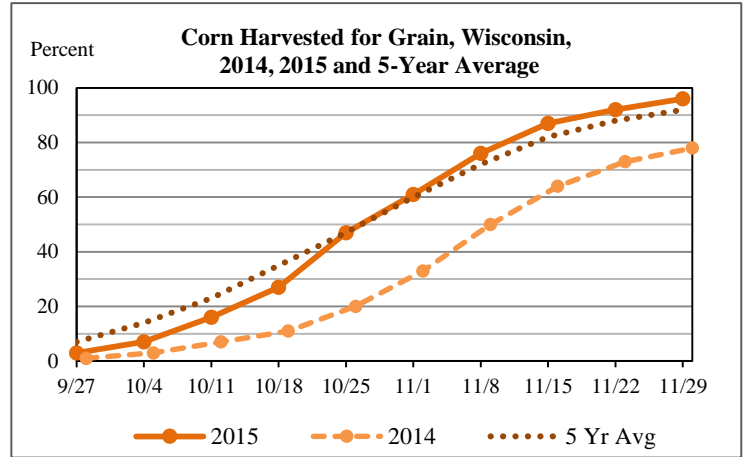
For the week ending November 29, 2015
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A Muddy Week as Harvest Wraps Up

There were 3.4 days suitable for fieldwork during the week ending November 29, 2015, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The Thanksgiving holiday, Wisconsin's annual deer hunt, and unfavorable weather and field conditions kept fieldwork slow this week. In some areas, frozen ground helped combines reach the last of the standing corn. However, much of the state saw rain and daytime temperatures above freezing, keeping fields muddy and difficult to access. Melting snow compounded wet conditions for the southern half of the state. Fortunately, most farmers in these areas were finished with their work for the season. Reporters noted that winter wheat, hay and pastures have responded well to the above normal temperatures and rain received during November and are looking good going into the winter.

Topsoil moisture levels rose sharply, with 25 percent surplus, 70 percent adequate and 5 percent short to very short. **Subsoil moisture** levels were also up, with 14 percent surplus, 79 percent adequate and 7 percent short to very short.

As of November 29, **corn** harvested for grain had reached 96 percent complete. **Fall tillage** was at 86 percent complete. Several reporters throughout the state commented about higher than average yields for the year.



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of November 29, 2015

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat.....	0	2	13	61	24

Wisconsin Crop Progress as of November 29, 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
Corn harvested for grain.....	92	96	93	96	96	93	98	98	96	96	92	77	92
Fall Tillage.....	71	90	90	74	88	92	98	83	92	86	80	64	n.a.

n.a.=not available

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Conditions as of November 29, 2015

Item	District average									State average		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last Year
Days Suitable	Days									Days		
	2.6	3.7	3.9	4.1	4.1	3.6	2.8	3.1	1.7	3.4	3.7	2.7
Topsoil Moisture	Percent									Percent		
Very Short.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	1	1	0
Short.....	1	0	0	7	7	1	7	6	6	4	5	3
Adequate.....	82	94	63	79	72	58	60	66	58	70	76	77
Surplus.....	17	6	37	14	21	41	30	27	36	25	18	20
Subsoil Moisture	Percent									Percent		
Very Short.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	1	1	0
Short.....	2	0	0	8	5	1	9	10	8	6	9	4
Adequate.....	87	94	72	85	89	72	78	74	65	79	81	81
Surplus.....	11	6	28	7	6	27	8	15	27	14	9	15

This is the last weekly *Wisconsin Crop Progress* for the season. The USDA's National Agriculture Statistics Service wishes to thank the many farmers, county agents, and others that provided the information which has allowed you to have an accurate picture of Wisconsin agriculture each week. Thank you and Happy Holidays!

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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.

BARRON-T.B.: Corn harvest is wrapping up, but some fields will stand until frost carries combines. Little if any tillage going on this week. Yields of all crops were better than usual this year. 2015 ended up being a very good growing season with very timely rain and adequate growing degree days.

CHIPPEWA-J.M.: Ground is frozen.

ASHLAND-C.B.: Rain/snow mix on and off most of the week. Not much field activity. Light blanket of snow on Thanksgiving Day covered most of the area.

CLARK-A.K.: Rain we had last week did not help getting corn combined or tillage done. Most of corn done now. Combines are making tracks. Had a good year deer hunting - hope you did too.

VILAS-R.K.: Ground is frozen. Covered in snow.

LANGLADE-A.K.: Wet, but froze back up.

SHAWANO-B.R.: More rain this week means very little field work accomplished. Any fields that are not harvested will have to wait until it freezes to get the corn off. Most of the area farmers are done for the year with everything put away. We are thankful for the good crop yields for this season.

LA CROSSE-I.H.: Not much work done this week. Contributing factors were rain, wind, Thanksgiving and deer hunting.

JUNEAU-J.W.: We received quite a bit of rain last week. Fields were frozen in the mornings but would thaw by mid-day, making things pretty greasy if you were trying to spread manure or anything. We haven't had an extended cold spell so there isn't much if any frost. More mild temps and chances of rain will start raising concerns about potential winterkill when the cold weather does finally arrive.

KEWAUNEE-T.S.: It's been a quiet few weeks here at the end of November. While not all fields in this area are tilled, nearly all are. The field work is far ahead of where it was last year at this time. Last winter, some tillage was done in December and even into January. This winter, that work will not need to be done. Most of the manure has been hauled, though if conditions are right, some more may be applied. The winter wheat has been enjoying the rain and somewhat warmer temperatures. It should be a good crop next year, barring any lasting ice or heaving in the next few months. The same can be said about the alfalfa. So far, it is looking good going into winter. Overall, it has been a good year for crops in this part of Wisconsin.

VERNON-K.L.: Cold temps moved in this week so farmers were battenning down for winter. Snow cover for the opening of deer hunting season and rain later in the week. Still a few stray corn fields standing. Overall, producers were happy with final yields but disappointed with prices.

DANE-F.P.: We received 4-6 inches of snow and now about 1.3 inches of rain.

GREEN-J.T.: The 16 inch snow storm slowed the harvest of the remaining corn. The rain and warmer weather melted the snow and the ground is saturated.

KENOSHA-R.R.: A lot of water standing around. Had 3 inches this morning, stopping all field work for the year.

WAUKESHA-K.T.: Snow and rain have put a stop to fall work but the ground isn't frozen yet.

Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on November 29, 2015

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 Nov. 28	Mar. 1 to Nov. 28 normal*	Last Week	Since Sep. 1	Sep. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	40	21	50	9	30	+2	2977	2599	0.30	10.79	+3.03	38.35	+7.43
Green Bay	40	25	50	16	32	+1	2934	2456	1.07	10.87	+3.48	27.08	-0.55
La Crosse	42	25	49	16	34	+2	3575	2953	0.51	6.46	-1.05	29.18	-1.86
Madison	40	25	55	9	32	+0	3233	2926	1.43	12.93	+5.55	35.91	+4.69
Milwaukee	42	28	58	16	35	+0	2956	n.a.	1.88	10.77	+2.49	28.54	-3.89

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/>