



Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition

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Planting Races Forward

There were **5.3 days suitable for fieldwork** for the week ending May 14, 2017, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Favorable weather and warmer, drier soils allowed for rapid advancement of fieldwork this week. Farmers statewide worked through the night planting oats, potatoes, corn, soybeans and spring vegetables as quickly as possible. Hay and forage cutting was just starting up in the southern portions of the state. Many reporters noted that alfalfa stands would be ready to harvest soon. Winterkill reports were variable, and some producers were preparing to reseed or plow up damaged hay fields.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 80 percent adequate and 18 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 80 percent adequate and 19 percent surplus.

As of May 14th, **spring tillage** was 71 percent complete statewide, 8 days behind last year but 3 days ahead of the five-year average.

Corn planting was 48 percent complete, 8 days behind last year, and 2 days behind the average. Only 3 percent of the corn had emerged as of May 14th.

Fifteen percent of the states's expected **soybean** acres have been planted, 7 days behind last year, and 3 days behind the average.

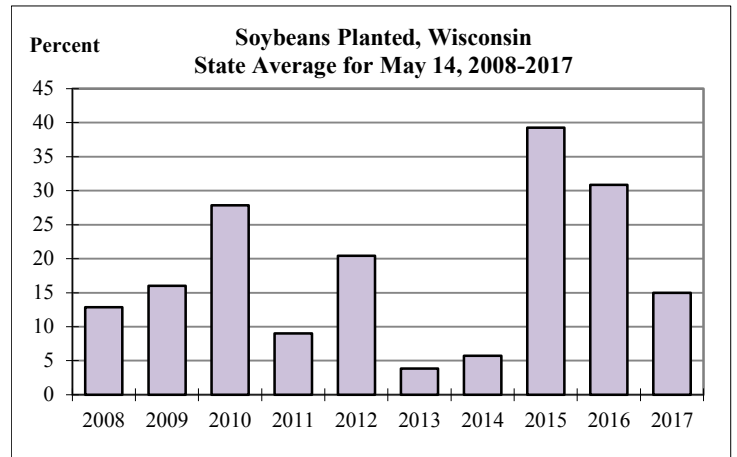
Oats planting was reported as 81 percent complete, 3 days behind last year, but 4 days ahead of the average. Oats emerged was at 42 percent, 5 days behind last year and 2 days behind the average.

Eighty nine percent of the **potato** crop was planted, 1 day ahead of last year.

Pasture condition was rated 81 percent good to excellent, compared to 72 percent in good to excellent last week.

Winter wheat was 71 percent in good to excellent condition statewide, compared to 70 percent last week.

The first cutting of **alfalfa** was just starting. **All hay** condition was reported 69 percent good to excellent.



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of May 14, 2017

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
All Hay.....	2	7	22	50	19
Oats.....	0	2	13	73	12
Pasture & Range.	0	2	17	62	19
Winter Wheat.....	3	6	20	51	20

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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	
	Percent										Percent			
Corn Planted.....	61	52	44	55	48	36	50	49	32	48	15	73	52	
Oats Planted.....	91	74	87	85	77	61	87	89	81	81	52	89	74	
Oats Emerged.....	42	18	26	45	47	21	68	67	39	42	25	60	48	
Potatoes Planted.....	80	90	88	96	89	n.a.	96	93	n.a.	89	49	83	n.a.	
Soybeans Planted.....	16	18	15	21	6	13	6	21	7	15	2	31	20	
Spring Tillage.....	75	67	69	78	72	61	73	69	70	71	37	87	65	

n.a.=not available

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Conditions as of May 14, 2017

Item	District average										State average		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last Year	
	Days										Days		
Days Suitable.....	5.8	5.8	5.6	5.2	5.9	6.6	4.1	5.0	4.0	5.3	3.6	3.8	
Topsoil Moisture	Percent										Percent		
	Very Short.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
	Short.....	6	0	2	5	1	4	0	1	0	0	8	
	Adequate.....	90	67	63	85	85	80	90	75	68	80	72	78
	Surplus.....	3	33	35	10	14	16	10	24	32	18	28	13
Subsoil Moisture	Percent										Percent		
	Very Short.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Short.....	5	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	
	Adequate.....	86	67	46	89	83	81	97	76	66	80	74	86
	Surplus.....	9	32	54	9	17	19	3	24	34	19	25	8

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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.

CHIPPEWA-T.P.: Little rain allowed field work to progress quickly. Corn planters look like they are going nonstop. Dandelions are flowering and plentiful in many fields.

RUSK-G.P.: Huge change this week, weather was perfect and it has been wild. Many are done with corn, some are done with everything and those that aren't are going like mad to get things in before the predicted rain comes. Makes it hard to get any sleep. No hay cut yet and it does look like a fair amount of winterkill in the alfalfa. Will be some reseeding or perhaps they'll take first crop off and then roll it over to silage corn.

LINCOLN/MARATHON-D.E.: A few nice days makes all the difference when planting. Spring tillage, manure hauling, small grain and corn planting and even some soybeans were planted this past weekend. Potatoes are in. Maple sap reports are about average. Some reports of bee losses.

SHAWANO-B.R.: The cold and wet weather of the past few weeks has taken its toll on the alfalfa and wheat fields. Many alfalfa fields are being taken out due to winterkill. Winter wheat stands are very uneven in some fields. A lot of planting done this week but some of it was planted into some soft wet spots. The ground temperature at two inch depth on Monday morning, May 8, was 40.5 degrees here. It has warmed up considerably since then.

LA CROSSE-I.H.: Timely rains and heat was conducive to progress in field work. Most people finished planting oats and got a very good start on corn. Pastures look good and are growing as fast as the cows are feeding on what is there. There is some spotty hay, but mostly looks good and is growing quickly.

ST CROIX-D.K.: Planting has been going strong. Haying is not far off for dairy haylage and rylage.

ADAMS/JUNEAU-J.W.: Good progress was made with spring tillage and planting this past week. There are still some wet areas that farmers can't get into. A few more farmers have reported that some alfalfa fields were thinner than they had hoped and they will be plowing them under. Overall, it was a good week for field work.

WAUSHARA-K.W.: Drove to Milwaukee on 5/13 and Janesville on 5/14, on a different road each way. I think every planter and drill was in the fields. Lot of tractors were rolling.

CALUMET-K.P.: The rain has finally backed off enough for the farmers to get a lot of field work done.

FOND DU LAC-B.B.: For the first time this season a full week of field work was had. A great deal of progress was made across all soil types. The coming warm up will be most timely. The alfalfa has been in a bit of a rut.

VERNON-K.L.: The county received 0.5 inches of rain early this week. Farmers out in full force on the weekend hauling manure, spreading fertilizer, planting corn and oats. Forecast for this upcoming week is more rain and potential storms, so farmers were working late into the evening to get crops planted. Warmer temperatures this past week helped dry top soil out for the weekend. Some farmers have started planting soybeans also.

COLUMBIA-G.K.: Scattered rain this past week. Still had a good week for planting, especially no-till fields. Alfalfa ranges from 16-22 inches tall.

GREEN-J.T.: Winter rye forage harvest is well underway and the first hay has been cut. Planting is winding down.

WALWORTH-N.W.: Most producers patiently still waiting for fields to dry out. Some have tried to plant in not ideal conditions. Next week looks promising.

Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on May 14, 2017

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 May 13	Mar. 1 to May 13 normal*	Last Week	Since Mar. 1	Mar. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	69	43	78	32	56	+1	271	232	0.08	6.74	+0.62	10.81	+2.81
Green Bay	65	37	74	30	51	-3	241	191	0.09	7.56	+1.92	10.91	+3.07
La Crosse	71	47	83	39	59	+1	379	277	0.38	7.78	+1.02	11.63	+2.69
Madison	67	44	80	33	55	+0	305	274	0.30	9.01	+2.08	13.71	+4.26
Milwaukee	60	43	80	36	51	-2	259	n.a.	0.20	10.25	+2.55	14.26	+3.04

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/>

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