



# Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition

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## Hot, Dry, and Windy

There were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending June 11, 2017, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Hot, sunny and windy weather this week helped farmers make rapid progress toward completing spring fieldwork. Reporters in Northwest Wisconsin noted heavy rains over the weekend, while other areas saw little to no precipitation. Despite this spring's lingering problems with wet soils, a number of reporters commented that rain was now needed, particularly in sandy soils. Producers used this window of good drying conditions to cut and bale the first crop of hay. Tillage and planting activities went full speed ahead, with weed control rounding out work for the week.

**Topsoil moisture** supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 14 percent short, 68 percent adequate and 16 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 6 percent short, 76 percent adequate and 18 percent surplus.

**Corn** planting was 96 percent complete, 14 days behind last year, but 1 day ahead of the 5 year average. Corn emerged was at 84 percent, 9 days behind last year, and 2 days behind the average. Corn condition was 70 percent good to excellent.

Eighty-nine percent of the states's expected **soybean** acres have been planted, 10 days behind last year, but 1 day ahead of the average. Sixty-three percent of the state's soybeans have emerged, 9 days behind last year and 1 day behind the average.

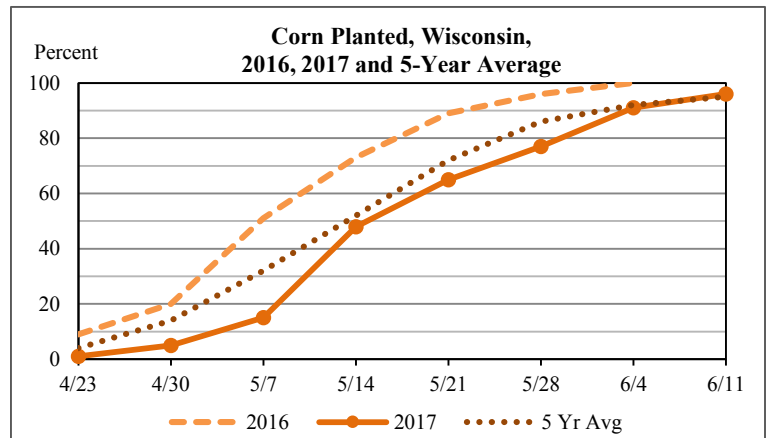
**Oats** emerged was at 96 percent complete, 1 day ahead of the average. Oats headed was reported at 7 percent, 6 days behind last year, and 5 days behind the average. Oats condition was 78 percent good to excellent, 3 percentage points above last week.

**Potato** condition was rated 87 good to excellent, 15 percentage points above last week.

**Pasture** condition was 80 percent good to excellent.

**Winter wheat** was 64 percent headed, 5 days behind last year. Winter wheat was 76 percent in good to excellent condition statewide, 5 percentage points higher than last week.

The first cutting of **alfalfa** was reported as 81 percent complete. **All hay** condition was reported 75 percent good to excellent, equal to last week.



## Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of June 11, 2017

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
All Hay.....	2	4	19	53	22
Corn.....	1	5	24	58	12
Oats.....	0	2	20	61	17
Pasture & Range.....	0	2	18	54	26
Potatoes.....	0	2	11	73	14
Soybeans.....	0	3	21	64	12
Winter Wheat.....	0	4	20	57	19

## Wisconsin Crop Progress as of June 11, 2017

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.....	75	59	83	80	79	81	88	89	78	81	54	82	65
Corn Planted.....	98	94	95	97	92	90	98	99	96	96	91	100	95
Corn Emerged.....	83	77	85	87	77	77	88	91	81	84	68	95	86
Oats Emerged.....	93	96	99	98	87	91	97	100	99	96	87	100	95
Oats Headed.....	9	4	4	3	2	2	15	21	14	7	1	24	20
Soybeans Planted.....	90	92	88	91	88	80	91	91	86	89	73	98	88
Soybeans Emerged.....	57	64	62	74	56	59	62	67	55	63	34	86	65
Winter Wheat Headed.....	44	39	40	76	62	51	63	87	90	64	29	79	n.a.

n.a.=not available

## Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Conditions as of June 11, 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.....	6.2	5.5	5.0	6.0	6.7	6.1	6.7	6.8	6.6	6.3	5.1	4.7	
Topsoil Moisture	Percent									Percent			
	Very Short.....	1	0	0	1	1	0	9	2	0	2	0	0
	Short.....	8	0	9	8	24	9	27	20	12	14	2	5
	Adequate.....	76	35	46	82	72	80	63	64	78	68	74	81
	Surplus.....	15	65	45	9	3	11	1	14	10	16	24	14
Subsoil Moisture	Very Short.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
	Short.....	4	0	0	3	6	4	15	11	0	6	1	6
	Adequate.....	85	35	53	85	87	88	80	68	87	76	75	83
	Surplus.....	11	65	47	12	7	8	3	21	13	18	24	11

**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/RUSK-K.S.:** Lots of rain in area on Sunday along with high winds which will halt planting and haying once again.

**SAWYER-K.S.:** Lots of first crop hay was cut this week. Quality and yields are average or above. It was a good week for getting out in the fields and things were getting a little dry until the weekend. Heavy rains on Sunday in the 3-5 inch amount were common. No reports of major crop damage yet, although erosion and flooding on some fields is likely given the amounts of rain that fell. Excess soil moisture on heavier soils will impact remaining field work. Let's hope for some heat and drier conditions to keep on track to what so far has been a fairly normal start to the growing season.

**CLARK-R.H.:** It is amazing how different the crops look with some dry warm weather. There is some replanting of crops from almost a month of cool, wet conditions. Many stopped planting this week to focus on first crop hay and now there is a lot of ground getting planted. First crop overall had less yield, but good quality compared to the average. I saw dry hay being baled, something that was difficult last year. Next step is to scout fields and control weeds as necessary.

**SHAWANO-B.R.:** Got more rain this week but had good sunshine in between. Many farmers finally finished their planting of both corn and soybeans. A lot of alfalfa got cut and some even got made into dry hay. Quantity and quality varied greatly.

**EAU CLAIRE-M.H.:** Mother Nature continues to serve up "feast or famine." Cropping conditions were getting very dry which allowed for a lot of planting and harvesting of hay to occur. Then over the weekend we got multiple large shots of rain, hail and wind. Time will tell as how all of this impacts the year's crop progress.

**ST CROIX-D.K.:** Everything is looking better now. We could use a shower. Most first crop has been harvested with the excellent hay drying weather.

**PORTAGE-J.W.:** Dry week, making for a lot of fieldwork. Replanting of drowned out corn, getting closer to finishing corn and bean planting. Some seedings made. Snap bean and sweet corn planting continues. Potato hilling and fertilizing very active. Lots of hay made, bunker silage, large rounds and squares, not much small squares yet. Bugs are extremely active.

**WAUSHARA-K.W.:** Sandy fields are hurting from lack of rain.

**FOND DU LAC/WASHINGTON-B.B.:** A full week of fair enough weather allowed planting, haying, spraying work to wrap up. A good deal of corn and beans were planted later than hoped yet by 11 June all things are settled in for the growing season. I'd like to order an inch of rain for the coming week.

**SHEBOYGAN/OZAUKEE-G.S.:** A much drier week. Lots of farmers got hay cut and finished up planting this week.

**VERNON-K.L.:** Hot and humid this past week. Temperatures reached a high of 90 plus for a couple of days. Farmers spent most of the week finishing up on planting corn and soybeans, as well as, cutting and harvesting first crop hay. Hard to believe with all the rain that we had earlier in the spring, that farmers are wanting it to rain now. Need rain with these warmer temps to give crops a boost.

**COLUMBIA-G.K.:** Great week for making dry hay and haylage. Most farmers are finishing first crop hay. Corn, beans, winter wheat, and hayfields that have been harvested need a rain to keep them growing. Topsoil moisture is getting dry.

**DANE-F.P.:** The weather has made it possible to make a lot of hay and haylage. The corn is improving with the warmer weather.

**Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on June 11, 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 Jun. 10	Mar. 1 to Jun. 10 normal*	Last Week	Since Jun. 1	Jun. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	84	55	94	44	70	+6	642	584	0.01	0.49	-0.91	14.19	+2.47
Green Bay	80	55	88	49	68	+5	588	511	0.19	0.68	-0.38	13.10	+2.45
La Crosse	88	60	96	53	74	+7	829	668	0.00	0.03	-1.47	13.23	+1.10
Madison	81	56	87	49	69	+5	675	658	0.00	0.01	-0.99	15.72	+3.05
Milwaukee	79	57	90	51	68	+5	625	n.a.	0.32	0.58	-0.49	17.38	+3.37

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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