



Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition

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Harvest Takes Off

There were **6.2 days suitable for fieldwork** for the week ending October 1, 2017, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. A cold front pushed through the state, bringing light scattered showers. Daytime high temperatures fell from the upper 80s to the 60s, and overnight lows dropped into the 30s in northern Wisconsin. Reporters noted that crops were progressing closer to maturity, though some late planted crops were still behind. Dry and sunny weather allowed the corn silage and soybean harvests to ramp up, and the fourth cutting of hay to near completion. Potatoes, apples and fall vegetables were being harvested. Winter wheat plantings and manure applications were going into cleared fields.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 8 percent very short, 25 percent short, 65 percent adequate and 2 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 4 percent very short, 22 percent short, 72 percent adequate and 2 percent surplus.

Eighty-eight percent of Wisconsin's **corn** has reached the dented stage, 5 days behind the average. Forty-one percent was reported reaching maturity, 8 days behind the average. Corn harvested for grain was reported in some areas. Corn acres harvested for silage were reported at 56 percent complete, 11 days behind the average. Corn condition was 66 percent good to excellent, 3 percentage points below last week.

Leaves were turning color on 93 percent of the state's **soybean** acreage, 9 days behind last year, and 3 days behind the average. Seventy-one percent was reported dropping leaves, 7 days behind last year, and 3 days behind the average. Soybean harvest was reported at 16 percent complete, 5 days ahead of last year, but equal to the average. Soybean condition was rated 73 percent good to excellent, 1 percentage point below last week.

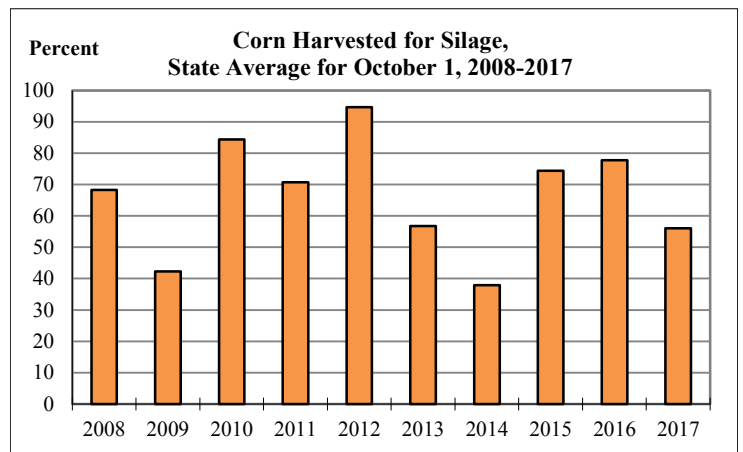
Fifty-three percent of Wisconsin's **winter wheat** acres were planted, 7 days ahead of last year. Winter wheat emerged was reported at 27 percent complete, 7 days ahead of last year.

Potato harvest was reported at 73 percent complete.

Pasture condition was 57 percent good to excellent, 1 percentage point above last week.

The fourth cutting of **alfalfa** was reported at 94 percent complete, 12 days ahead of last year.

Fall tillage was reported at 11 percent complete, 2 days ahead of last year, but 1 day behind average.



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of October 1, 2017

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
Corn.....	3	9	22	45	21
Pasture & Range.	5	13	25	41	16
Soybeans.....	2	6	19	49	24

Wisconsin Crop Progress as of October 1, 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, Fourth Cutting.....	88	85	94	95	95	95	96	98	90	94	89	88	81
Corn Dented.....	78	75	89	87	90	90	97	88	93	88	80	98	92
Corn Mature.....	20	22	34	38	54	51	36	51	41	41	23	78	61
Corn Harvested for Silage.....	37	36	34	59	51	59	74	75	59	56	34	78	68
Fall Tillage.....	5	24	10	11	14	12	10	5	8	11	4	10	12
Potatoes Harvested.....	73	100	97	98	65	n.a.	69	57	n.a.	73	64	72	n.a.
Soybeans Coloring.....	79	89	88	95	98	92	94	98	91	93	81	99	95
Soybeans Dropping Leaves.....	45	79	58	73	74	69	71	80	71	71	46	86	76
Soybeans Harvested.....	2	5	3	5	17	17	16	32	16	16	2	7	16
Winter Wheat Planted.....	70	90	50	31	47	63	63	39	37	53	39	32	n.a.
Winter Wheat Emerged.....	47	65	35	20	24	34	31	13	14	27	18	17	n.a.

n.a.=not available

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Conditions as of October 1, 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.....	4.8	5.8	6.0	6.0	6.3	6.3	6.4	7.0	6.3	6.2	6.0	3.7
	Percent									Percent		
Topsoil Moisture												
Very Short.....	0	0	1	3	1	1	37	7	6	8	7	0
Short.....	5	35	21	14	33	34	22	26	48	25	22	1
Adequate.....	90	64	73	82	64	65	36	66	46	65	68	63
Surplus.....	5	1	5	1	2	0	5	1	0	2	3	36
Subsoil Moisture												
Very Short.....	0	0	0	2	1	1	25	0	3	4	3	0
Short.....	4	35	13	11	18	29	34	20	34	22	20	1
Adequate.....	93	64	78	86	78	69	41	76	63	72	74	67
Surplus.....	3	1	9	1	3	1	0	4	0	2	3	32

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.: Unseasonable temperatures a couple of weeks ago made lots of growers happy and confident that crops will make it to maturity. Soybeans and corn are almost ready for harvest. Silage has begun and will ramp up with some dry weather. The last of the hay is being harvested and fall activities have begun. Lots of growers are busy storing equipment in sheds for next year and preparing grain harvesting equipment.

ASHLAND/IRON-C.B.: Rain most of the week. Very little field activity. A lot of soybean fields turned color this week.

FLORENCE/FOREST-D.E.: Fall harvest starting to get well under way. Soybeans vary a little in maturity but all are losing leaves. Corn silage harvest going well.

TREMPEALEAU-L.N.: Getting dry. Have not had killing frost yet.

MARQUETTE/WAUSHARA-D.B.: Potatoes are starting to go into storage now, along with carrots and onions. Soybean harvest has just started, many fields still have green areas in them.

CALUMET-K.P.: A week of warm, dry weather allowed farmers to get a good jump on soybean, corn silage, and alfalfa harvest. The ground is drying up and no rain in the near forecast - quite the change from this spring and summer.

MANITOWOC-M.R.: Corn silage harvest is in full swing. Some manure being hauled, wheat planted and fall tillage being done. Just a couple fields of soybeans harvested so far, but that should change this next week if the weather cooperates.

SHEBOYGAN/OZAUKEE/WASHINGTON-G.S.: Cooler temperatures have returned after a hot and humid stretch. Corn silage harvesting is beginning to pick up. Moisture is slow to drop. Soybean harvest seems to be going well.

VERNON-K.L.: Soybean harvest underway. Some soybean moisture said to be in the range of 13-15 percent. The county received 1.0-1.5 inches of badly needed rain at the beginning of the week. The rain is too late to benefit corn and beans. Pasture growth is decreasing due to the lack of rain. Corn silage and high moisture harvesting is progressing.

DODGE-M.P.: With summer-like weather and dry conditions this past week, corn silage harvest is in full swing. Soybeans are also starting to be harvested on early varieties with some moistures being reported as low as 9 percent. As corn comes off, manure is going on. Wheat planting is also under way.

WALWORTH-N.W.: One spotty shower this week. Conditions are extremely dry. Soybeans that were planted timely are coming off with good test weight and very dry.

Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on October 1, 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 Sep. 30	Mar. 1 to Sep. 30 normal*	Last Week	Since Sep. 1	Sep. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	72	51	88	40	62	+6	2565	2417	1.37	2.27	-1.45	30.37	+3.50
Green Bay	76	52	90	38	64	+9	2553	2284	0.03	1.02	-2.07	26.50	+3.26
La Crosse	77	55	93	43	66	+7	3259	2730	0.58	0.96	-2.46	32.70	+5.90
Madison	76	51	90	40	64	+7	2729	2678	0.00	0.56	-2.55	34.31	+7.51
Milwaukee	77	59	91	49	68	+8	2887	n.a.	0.46	0.85	-2.41	30.17	+2.75

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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