



Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition



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Planting Catches up to Average After Late Start

There were 5.1 **days suitable for fieldwork** for the week ending June 3, 2018, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. This week provided a favorable mix of heat and precipitation, boosting fieldwork and crop development. Daytime highs reached the 90s early in the week, before cooler weather brought widespread rain showers and thunderstorms. This rain was much needed in northern Wisconsin, where soils have been dry. Planting activities forged ahead and many reporters commented that planted fields were emerging quickly. Progress for corn, soybeans and spring tillage caught up to the five year average after a late start. Farmers were switching their focus to hay cutting and weed control as they wrapped up planting.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 7 percent short, 84 percent adequate and 8 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 8 percent short, 85 percent adequate and 7 percent surplus.

As of June 3, **spring tillage** was 95 percent complete statewide, 2 days ahead of last year and 4 days ahead of the 5-year average.

Corn planting was 89 percent complete, the same as last year, but one day behind the average. Corn emerged was at 75 percent, 4 days ahead of last year and 2 days ahead of the average. Corn condition was 91 percent good to excellent.

Seventy-nine percent of the state's expected **soybean** acres have been planted, 3 days ahead of the average. Fifty-one percent of the state's soybeans have emerged, 5 days ahead of last year and 2 days ahead of the average. Soybean condition was 89 percent good to excellent.

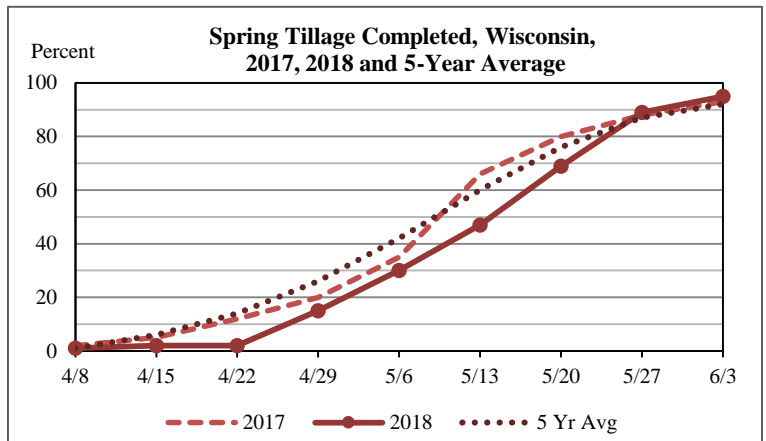
Oats planted were reported as 94 percent complete, 2 days behind last year and 3 days behind the average. Oats emerged was at 84 percent, 2 days behind both last year and the average. Oat condition was 94 percent good to excellent.

Potato planting is reported as 88 percent complete, 20 days behind last year.

Winter wheat was 17 percent headed, 5 days behind last year. Winter wheat condition was 84 percent good to excellent, 3 percentage points above last week.

The first cutting of **alfalfa** was reported as 43 percent complete, 1 day behind last year, but 1 day ahead of the average. All hay condition was reported 83 percent in good to excellent condition, 2 points above last week.

Pasture condition was rated 84 percent in good to excellent condition, compared to 77 percent in good to excellent condition last week.



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of June 3, 2018

Item	Very Poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Corn	0	1	8	69	22
Hay, All	1	3	13	60	23
Oats	0	0	6	75	19
Pasture & Range ..	0	2	14	62	22
Soybeans	0	1	10	72	17
Winter Wheat	0	2	14	61	23

Wisconsin Fieldwork and Crop Progress as of June 3, 2018

Item	District average									State average			
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa Hay, First Cutting ..	28	21	40	42	34	41	54	61	36	43	20	49	39
Corn Planted	92	82	86	92	78	82	88	99	89	89	81	89	90
Corn Emerged	83	72	75	81	60	58	78	87	66	75	48	65	69
Oats Planted	93	82	96	95	83	97	99	100	99	94	89	95	96
Oats Emerged	83	74	91	83	71	79	90	99	75	84	63	86	87
Potatoes Planted	85	100	99	100	84	n.a.	94	92	n.a.	88	81	100	n.a.
Soybeans Planted	88	69	75	82	72	68	77	88	74	79	63	69	74
Soybeans Emerged	70	50	44	47	38	37	55	62	42	51	25	31	44
Spring Tillage	94	90	94	96	88	93	98	99	96	95	89	93	92
Winter Wheat Headed	18	12	3	22	8	5	15	41	31	17	1	27	n.a.

n.a.=not available

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Supplies as of June 3, 2018

Item	District average									State average		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last Year
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	2.8	5.8	5.1	5.1	5.3	5.7	5.2	5.4	4.3	5.1	5.7	5.1
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil Moisture												
Very Short	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	1	1	0
Short	1	18	6	13	2	14	2	5	0	7	16	2
Adequate	87	80	84	80	90	76	98	80	78	84	76	74
Surplus	12	2	10	6	8	6	0	15	22	8	7	24
Subsoil Moisture												
Very Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Short	2	13	8	11	2	8	12	11	0	8	10	1
Adequate	89	87	74	83	91	85	87	80	79	85	83	75
Surplus	9	0	18	6	7	7	1	9	21	7	7	24

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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.

BURNETT/WASHBURN-P.H.: Abundant rain this past week was needed as we were very dry. Corn and soybeans are looking good considering the late start and dry soils. Low moisture the first 3/4 of May has hayfields short, thin and low in yield.

RUSK-G.P.: Cooler temps and some rain have put the crops into OK condition for now. Dry weather doesn't seem to have hurt corn emergence, but soybeans came up uneven and don't look quite as good. First crop hay is ongoing with good quality but reduced yields. In one week we went from highs around 95 to highs in the 50s, welcome to Wisconsin.

ASHLAND/IRON-C.B.: Extensive rainfall later in the week halted all field activity. Hay crop coming along good with all the rainfall. Pasture looking good so far.

LINCOLN/MARATHON-D.E.: First crop hay harvest has begun in earnest with yields at average or above. Alfalfa looks very good at this time. Some reports of problems with ginseng getting started. Corn, soybeans and small grains are looking good.

SHAWANO-B.R.: Another week of excellent field work activities. Pretty much all of the corn and soybeans are now planted. Emergence has been the talk of the community as everything is popping out of the ground very fast and uniform, even in the low spots. A couple of quick showers received this week will continue that great process. This is especially important with the late start we had to getting seeds in the ground this year. Alfalfa harvest will be in full swing this coming week.

CHIPPEWA/EAU CLAIRE-J.C.: First crop hay harvest yields are very good. However, quality suffered as some fields have been harvested past prime due to steady rain. Corn and soybeans look very good.

PORTAGE-J.W.: Corn and soybean planting continued. Manure hauling continued. Scheduled plantings of sweet corn and green beans ongoing. Hilling of potatoes continued. Few started to cut hay, got rained on and lower yields. Abundant mosquitoes, deer and horse flies present, also wood ticks.

CALUMET-K.P.: Plenty of sunshine allowed many farmers to complete their spring planting. Wednesday and Saturday provided nice showers to boost the freshly planted crops. Manure hauling on hay fields was going strong this week. Plenty of sunshine in the forecast should help crops continue to grow nicely.

SHEBOYGAN/OZAUKEE/WASHINGTON-G.S.: The warm and humid weather helped the corn come out of the ground. A few people were out starting to make first cutting hay. A little rain mid-week put the brakes on field work for a couple of days. But as soon as it dries out farmers will be out in full force again.

VERNON-K.L.: Another 0.5-1.0 inches of rain in the county. Continued progress in planting corn and soybeans. Weeds emerging quickly with all the moisture and heat the last two weeks. So far, crops that have emerged look good.

GREEN-J.T.: Planting has wrapped up and we had another nice inch of rain. All crop conditions are great. First crop hay is over 50 percent harvested, and the second crop is growing well after the rain.

ROCK-B.K.: Most of the first crop hay is down. A lot of post spraying and side dressing getting done.

WALWORTH-N.W.: A lot of planting progress made this last week. Some dairy producers still wanting to put some corn in after taking first crop off.

Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on June 3, 2018

City	Temperature (degrees F)						Growing degree days (modified base 50) ¹		Precipitation (inches)				
	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg. dep. from normal*	Mar. 1 to Jun. 3	Mar. 1 to Jun. 3 normal*	Last Week	Since Jun. 1	Jun. 1 dep. from normal*	Year to date	Year dep. from normal*
Eau Claire	83	61	95	52	72	+10	575	456	1.71	0.36	+0.09	10.13	-0.42
Green Bay	82	61	97	54	72	+12	509	392	0.73	0.60	+0.40	13.36	+3.54
La Crosse	87	67	98	57	77	+12	704	525	1.19	0.04	-0.19	14.48	+3.35
Madison	84	62	95	50	73	+11	595	522	1.19	0.10	-0.13	18.70	+7.09
Milwaukee	80	59	95	48	70	+10	498	n.a.	0.47	0.27	+0.07	15.96	+2.88

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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