



# Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition



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Wisconsin had 5.2 **days suitable for fieldwork** for the week ending June 9, 2019, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Farmers took full advantage of sunny, clear conditions this week, working long hours to get as much fieldwork done as possible. Planting, tillage, manure spreading, spraying and haying were all going full bore. Scattered showers did interrupt fieldwork, but precipitation was light overall and reporters commented that the wet spots in fields were shrinking. With crop insurance deadlines looming, some farmers were changing planned grain corn acres over to other crops. Many reporters noted that there would be prevented plantings in their area. Crops benefitted from the heat and sunshine, putting on a surge of growth. Yields were low for the first cutting of hay, keeping feed supplies tight.

**Topsoil moisture** supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 70 percent adequate and 29 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 65 percent adequate and 34 percent surplus.

As of June 9, **spring tillage** was 88 percent complete statewide, 14 days behind both last year and the 5 year average.

**Corn** planting was 78 percent complete, 14 days behind last year and 16 days behind the average. Corn emerged was reported at 48 percent, 13 days behind last year and 15 days behind the average. Corn condition was 53 percent good to excellent.

Sixty percent of **soybeans** were planted, 14 days behind both last year and the average. Twenty six percent of soybeans had emerged, 14 days behind the average.

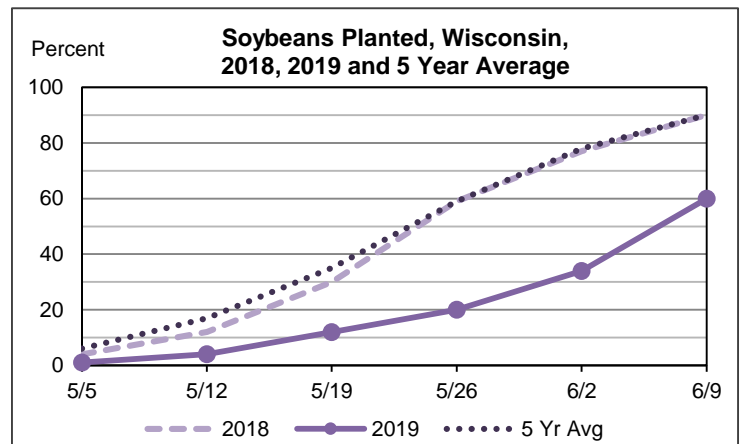
**Winter wheat** was 22 percent headed, 5 days behind last year, and 9 days behind the average. Winter wheat condition was 45 percent good to excellent, 3 percentage points below last week.

**Oats** planted was 91 percent complete, 10 days behind last year and 14 days behind the average. Seventy percent of oats had emerged, 16 days behind the average. Oat condition was 66 percent good to excellent, 1 percentage point above last week.

**Potato** planting was reported as 98 percent complete, 5 days ahead of last year but equal to the average. Potato condition was 73 percent good to excellent.

The first cutting of **alfalfa** was reported as 41 percent complete, 7 days behind last year and 8 days behind the average. **All hay** condition was reported 37 percent in good to excellent condition, down 1 percentage point from last week.

**Pasture** condition was rated 57 percent in good to excellent condition, up 2 percentage points from last week.



### Crop Condition as of June 9, 2019

	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Corn .....	2	10	35	41	12
Hay (all) .....	14	22	27	28	9
Oats .....	2	5	27	51	15
Pasture & range...	4	12	27	40	17
Potatoes .....	0	6	21	61	12
Winter wheat.....	5	13	37	34	11

### Crop Progress as of June 9, 2019

Item	Districts									State			
	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.....	24	11	36	44	26	49	55	49	50	41	8	66	67
Corn planted.....	81	61	61	86	75	66	88	85	66	78	58	94	96
Corn emerged.....	54	16	25	62	42	31	62	61	25	48	28	85	86
Oats planted.....	90	83	84	95	85	88	97	95	94	91	79	97	98
Oats emerged.....	73	35	66	75	56	64	86	88	77	70	56	91	94
Oats headed.....	0	0	0	0	3	1	13	15	6	5	0	10	11
Soybeans planted.....	68	41	44	72	61	54	75	61	31	60	34	90	90
Soybeans emerged.....	28	10	15	37	23	16	36	33	10	26	9	70	69
Spring tillage.....	90	66	79	94	89	85	97	90	80	88	76	99	98
Winter wheat headed.....	28	26	10	46	20	19	26	30	23	22	7	45	55

### Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of June 9, 2019

Item	Districts									State		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year
	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)
Days suitable.....	5.5	6.6	5.1	5.2	5.5	5.2	4.9	4.5	4.2	5.2	3.4	5.5
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture												
Very short.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Short.....	2	0	1	3	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	16
Adequate.....	71	63	59	69	78	71	90	59	53	70	54	77
Surplus.....	27	37	40	28	21	29	9	40	47	29	46	6
Subsoil moisture												
Very short.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Short.....	1	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	10
Adequate.....	61	34	56	71	75	67	91	60	43	65	55	84
Surplus.....	38	66	44	28	24	33	7	39	57	34	45	5

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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.

**NW—BURNETT/WASHBURN-P.H.:** Dry week helped those with planting yet to do. Still some areas not planted. Dairy producers harvested alfalfa that hadn't been winterkilled but yields are low due to thin stands. Grass hay is short as well.

**NW—CHIPPEWA-T.P.:** Planting progress was good this week with the relatively dry weather. Harvest of first crop alfalfa and small grains for forage has begun. Many corn and soybean fields have wet areas that either never got planted or were drowned out due to all the rains in May.

**NC—CLARK/PRICE/TAYLOR-D.M.:** Finally had a week of warm temperatures and very little precipitation. Farmers were in full force getting fields tilled and planted. First crop is being cut and put up. Many are cutting what's there and hoping for a good second crop or rolling it over and putting in silage corn or ryegrass mixtures. Some are cutting/chopping what's there because they're out of feed.

**NE—SHAWANO-B.R.:** Finally had tractors going in every direction this week. Many of them were going around wet spots or getting stuck. Even with that in mind, a lot of acres were planted in the last few days. There will be a lot of prevented planting taken in the area. Alfalfa harvest is starting with thin stands giving low quality and very low yields. We are just starting to see a few fields with plants finally emerging.

**WC—ST CROIX-D.K.:** Haying has begun with medium yields. Several area producers have worked up fields for alternative crops to get forage.

**C—ADAMS/MARQUETTE/WAUSHARA-L.M.:** The weather finally cooperated and a tremendous amount of field work was able to be accomplished last week. We need warmer temps and a little rain this week. First crop is in full swing and winterkill is becoming more evident.

**C—WAUPACA-A.P.:** Warm/dry weather allowed farmers into the fields this past week to make large headway on planting. Planting season has been very late this year, with many producers passing up their plans for corn and planting beans due to the later planting dates.

**EC—FOND DU LAC-C.D.:** Crop conditions are wet, but farmers have had a good week of planting. 60-70 percent of corn in the county has been planted. Pastures for prescribed grazing systems are good quality. We are seeing first cuttings of hay.

**EC—KEWAUNEE-T.S.:** The weather this past week finally broke and featured a nice string of dry days. Producers were busy doing just about anything they could do, from tillage to planting to harvesting first crop. It seemed there weren't enough hours in the day to get done all that needed to get done. The ground still isn't the driest, but it came a long way this week. There are low areas in certain fields that still cannot be tilled or planted, but these areas are getting smaller all the time. The final plant dates for the spring planted crops are quickly approaching for crop insurance and many producers know that at this point of the growing season, your chances of getting a crop to produce as it would if it was planted in May are small. But some still need to make sure enough corn silage and alfalfa are planted for feed purposes heading into next winter. It appears in this area that there will not be as many acres of grain corn and soybeans planted simply because it is getting too late to get them in the ground. By the end of this week, it is possible that most of the planting that was going to get done will be done. The harvest of the first alfalfa crop is moving along, and yields are not what is normally expected for a first crop. The winter was not kind to many alfalfa plants; even in those areas where it did not appear the winter kill was extensive, the yield was still lower than it usually is. This will add more pressure to the growing crops to produce enough so that producers have adequate feed supplies until next year. For the most part, the winter wheat is looking good. A few fields have been dinged by recent fertilizer applications that were not able to be done earlier because of wet soils. The crops that were in the ground in May are not doing too bad, but not many acres fall into that category. Some crops were planted in mud, and those crops are having a more difficult time emerging, depending on the type of soil.

**SW—SAUK-C.N.:** Finally a good week that wasn't constantly interrupted by rain!

**SC—DANE-F.P.:** Haylage progress is being made, and some of the corn wet spots will need to be replanted. Some corn fields are still too wet to plant.

**SC—DODGE-R.H.:** Great progress made in both planting and harvesting hay.

**SE—OZAUKEE/WASHINGTON-A.S.:** It was very warm with only 0.2 inch of rain this week. Our producers were jacks of all trades this week cutting hay, spraying fertilizer, and planting.

### Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on June 9, 2019

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. 8	Mar. 1 to Jun. 8 normal*	Last Week	Since Jun. 1	Jun. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire.....	81	51	88	42	66	+2	487	551	0.04	0.07	-1.09	14.78	+3.42
Green Bay .....	76	51	83	41	63	+1	441	480	0.12	0.35	-0.48	16.28	+5.85
La Crosse .....	83	58	90	46	71	+5	642	631	0.32	0.32	-0.62	17.24	+5.36
Madison.....	79	53	84	45	66	+2	584	623	0.56	1.03	+0.06	18.74	+6.33
Milwaukee.....	70	51	82	45	61	-1	457	NA	0.19	0.65	-0.18	18.48	+4.69

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. NA=not available. T=trace Source: NCEP/NOAA Climate Prediction Center <https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>.

For more weather data, please reference the following sites:

<https://www.noaa.gov/> <http://www.aos.wisc.edu/~sco/> <https://www.cocorahs.org/> <https://www.weather.gov/>

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