



Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition



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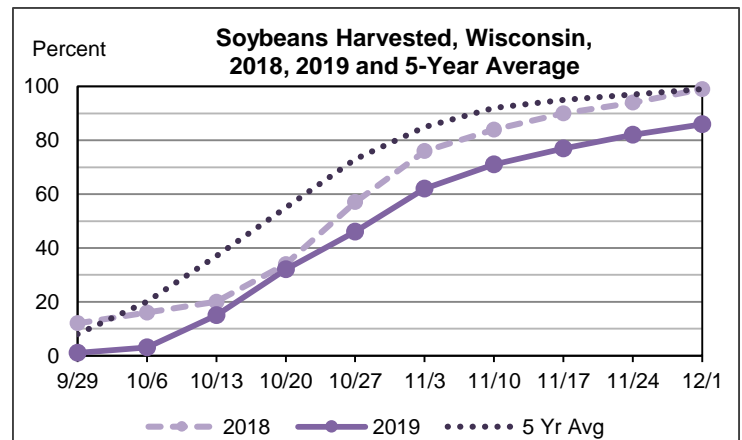
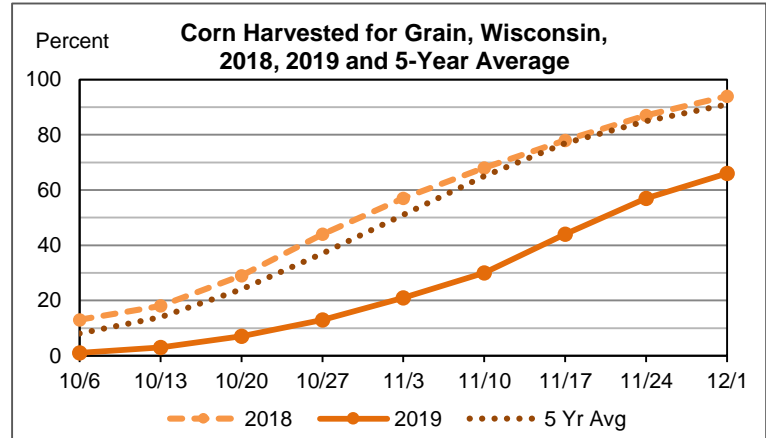
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For the week ending December 1, 2019
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Wisconsin had 3.0 **days suitable for fieldwork** for the week ending December 1, 2019, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Farmers got a short window of favorable conditions at the beginning of this week, allowing corn and soybeans harvesting to advance. High grain moistures continued to impede grain storage and driers were going full blast as crops came in. Back to back winter storms then slowed or halted fieldwork for the rest of the week. Wednesday's storm delivered rain, freezing rain and high winds, while a multi-day weekend storm brought a mix of rain, sleet, and wet snow. Northern and central Wisconsin ended the week with snow on the ground; reporters noted over a foot of snow accumulation in some areas. The southern districts saw little to no snow accumulation, leaving the ground a slippery, partially frozen mess. Reporters commented that some unharvested crops would be left in the fields, particularly in areas with deep snowcover.

Harvest of **corn** for grain was 66 percent complete, 22 days behind last year and 21 days behind the 5-year average. The moisture content of corn harvested for grain was reported at 23 percent.

Soybean harvest was 86 percent complete, 19 days behind last year.



Crop Progress as of December 1, 2019

Item	Districts									State			
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
Corn harvested for grain	(percent) 64	(percent) 43	(percent) 55	(percent) 57	(percent) 57	(percent) 62	(percent) 80	(percent) 75	(percent) 65	(percent) 66	(percent) 57	(percent) 94	(percent) 91
Soybeans harvested	93	81	75	95	91	73	84	86	86	86	82	99	99

Days Suitable for Fieldwork as of December 1, 2019

Item	Districts									State		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year
Days suitable	(days) 2.3	(days) 3.8	(days) 3.1	(days) 2.3	(days) 3.2	(days) 2.8	(days) 3.4	(days) 3.0	(days) 3.5	(days) 3.0	(days) 4.2	(days) NA

NA= not available

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—CHIPPEWA-T.P.: Close to a foot of snow this week. Tillage is done for the year.

NW—RUSK-G.P.: Some corn off early in the week, but twin snowstorms have shut down harvest for now. About 15 inches of snow on the ground and wet snow is hanging up on the trees and on the standing corn. Temps should allow some of that to melt off so hopefully more combining can be done. Some corn will stand into next spring and may or may not be harvested.

NC—CLARK-R.H.: Six inches of heavy wet snow on Wednesday has slowed down the corn harvest. Much of the corn is higher in moisture than most would like and has slowed harvest. Snow and rain is in forecast for Friday through Sunday. Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving break and please be safe as we move forward with the harvest.

NE—SHAWANO-B.R.: Over two inches of rain in the last ten days with several inches of snow mixed in between. Makes for a miserable week. There were a fair amount of soybeans taken off late last week when the ground was frozen hard. Still a lot of corn to come off that is very high in moisture.

WC—BUFFALO/PEPIN-M.L.: Water table increasing again causing springs to pop up in fields and field roads, making moving equipment in to harvest difficult. Wet snow and rain most of week.

WC—LA CROSSE-I.H.: Snow, rain and deer hunting got in the way of harvesting corn. Beans will remain in the field, a lot have dropped off or still are in wet spots and cannot be harvested. To say this has been a hard year for harvesting crops is an understatement. Frustration exists.

WC—TREMPEAULEAU-L.N.: The snow hit hard this week, first freezing rain and then snow. Many acres are left in the field unharvested. What has been harvested is showing low test weights and high moisture. Fields are uneven and yields less than expected.

C—PORTAGE/WOOD-J.W.: Finished soybean harvest, moving to corn harvest. Feeding of cattle and manure hauling.

EC—SHEBOYGAN-T.S.: Corn and soybean harvest continued where able this week. Any remaining soybeans most likely will not get harvested as they are now buried in snow. Colder temperatures are keeping the ground frozen so corn harvest will be able to continue. Moistures remain high.

EC/SE—FOND DU LAC/WASHINGTON-B.B.: Combines saw limited work in the fields before another inch of rainfall mid-week. Operators will need frozen ground to continue with the harvest. Corn is standing fairly well given all the rain/snow in October and November and the high winds that came with the mid-week storm.

SW—VERNON-K.L.: Another week of rain and snow. Fields are slippery and harvesting is hampered. Some of the later planted corn is 30 percent moisture. One producer reported driving to Kansas for LP gas for drying corn. Some soybeans remain in the fields. This has been a tough year for farming, whether it was in planting or in harvesting.

SC—COLUMBIA-G.K.: Couple of nice days to combine corn early in the week, even though the soils were wet. Then came the rain, and the rain, and the rain, and the snow. Soils are totally saturated and very muddy. Will need many drying days or freezing temps to firm up the ground in order to get the combines rolling again.

SC—GREEN-J.T.: Many manure pits are still full and will be a problem this winter.

Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on December 1, 2019

City	Temperature						Precipitation	
	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg. dep. from normal *	Last Week	Year To date
Eau Claire.....	38	28	47	15	33	+6	1.11	41.97
Green Bay	41	33	48	30	37	+7	1.68	46.71
La Crosse	40	31	50	28	36	+5	1.33	43.28
Madison.....	42	30	51	27	36	+5	1.14	44.90
Milwaukee.....	45	33	53	29	39	+5	1.03	44.24

*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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