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Harvest Picks Up

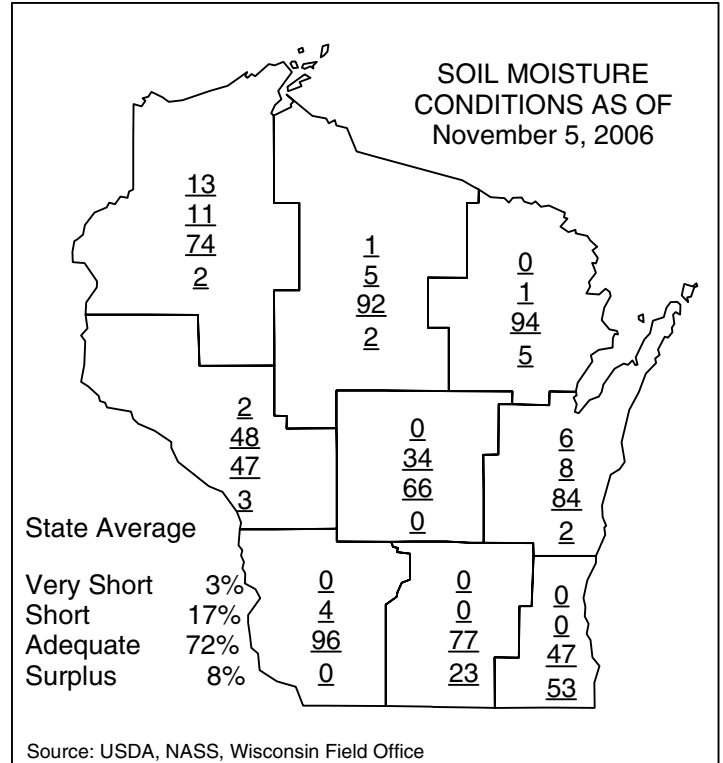
Minimal precipitation last week enabled combines to roll and farmers made good progress in harvest and tillage. Rainfall totals ranged from 0.00 inches in most of the state to 0.03 inches in Green Bay. Temperatures ranged from 4 to 6 degrees below normal. Average high temperatures were in the mid to high 40s across the state. Lows averaged in the mid-20s to low 30s for the week. Soil moisture conditions were reported at 3 percent very short, 17 percent short, 72 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus. Last week there was an average of 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork.

Corn harvested for grain was at 59 percent complete, behind last year's 70 percent and the 5-year average of 60 percent, according to the Wisconsin Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Corn conditions were rated as 5 percent very poor, 6 percent poor, 29 percent fair, 38 percent good, and 22 percent excellent. Most corn left in the fields had finally dried out enough for farmers to harvest.

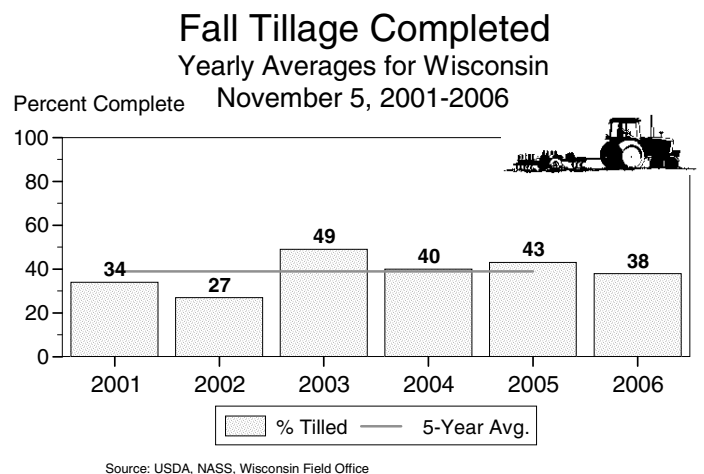
Soybeans harvested was at 90 percent, lower than last year's 95 percent, but higher than the 5-year average of 88 percent. Harvest progress in the east central part of the state was behind schedule, and yields in that area were lower than expected.

Pasture conditions were rated as 7 percent very poor, 27 percent poor, 30 percent fair, 34 percent good, and 2 percent excellent. **Fall tillage** was reported at 38 percent complete, just behind last year's 43 percent and the 5-year average of 39 percent. The favorable weather allowed more progress to be made on tillage last week.

Winter wheat is looking good in most areas of the state, even emerging in northern counties. **Manure hauling** continued with the progress of fall tillage.



Item	Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of November 5, 2006				
	V.-poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
Corn	5	6	29	38	22
Pasture	7	27	30	34	2



Crop and percent of acreage	Wisconsin Crop Progress, November 5, 2006											
	District average									State average		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This year	Last year	5-year average
Corn harvested for grain	53	55	43	63	55	75	74	55	43	59	70	60
Soybeans harvested	96	92	92	96	95	80	96	87	78	90	95	88
Fall tillage completed	35	41	30	33	68	69	20	17	42	38	43	39

Quotes from Farm Reporters and County Ag Agents

BARRON-D.B.: A good week for fall harvest. Most of the remaining soybeans have been harvested. The winter wheat has germinated. Corn harvest is progressing slowly with average test weights and moisture is about 19-25 percent. There is a lot of smut in the corn. Some Anhydrous Ammonia is being applied to soybean stubble.

BAYFIELD-S.S.: Winter wheat looks good. Cold mornings are freezing the water and ground.

VILAS-L.K.: The ground is frozen. Farming is finished for the season. Hope it is better next season. We are about one foot short of moisture for the summer.

LANGLADE-A.K.: Finally, combining conditions. Most soybeans are done, with yields at 45 bushels per acre. Corn is at 22-27 percent moisture, and some yields at 160 bushels per acre. Ground has crusted the last few days.

SHAWANO-B.R.: The daily freezing and thawing cycle has brought moistures down in both corn and soybeans this week. Most of the soybeans are now off the fields in this area with the favorable combining weather that we had. Corn is starting to come off for the dryer, with a few loads coming in as low as 17 percent. Fall tillage is taking place, with good soil moisture in many of the fields.

BUFFALO-R.S.: Corn moisture is running 12-20 percent. Soybean yields were from less than 10 bushels per acre to 80 bushels per acre. The bare ground has froze enough to make tillage questionable. Been a dry week, so lots of corn stalks are harvested.

PIERCE-J.K.: Corn and soybean yields vary a lot depending on if and when you got rain last summer, but I have heard yields of 180-220 bushels per acre in corn and 50+ bushels per acre in soybeans. Seems to be good moisture for fall tillage and it is being done shortly after the crops are off, or after the manure has been applied. Temperatures have been down in the teens at night this past week. Harvest is progressing very well with very few weather delays.

PORTAGE-J.W.: Finished soybean harvest, with generally good yields. Waiting for corn to dry more. Fall tillage continues.

WAUPACA-D.H.: The recent spell of dry, windy days has helped harvest of soybeans and low moisture corn. Some corn is being picked for cribbing.

SHEBOYGAN-T.B.: Corn yields have been better than average in our area. Soybean yields were hurt by the late-season drought and are being reported as slightly below average. There are still a few growers planting winter wheat, but the fields planted earlier are looking very good. No weather delays with fall tillage and it should be wrapped up. We had hard frost several nights last week. The growing season is over.

WINNEBAGO-R.H.: Corn is yielding 100-160 bushels per acre in some fields. Soybeans yields vary from 40-60 bushels per acre, mostly in the 50-bushel range, but better than expected with limited rain showers.

GRANT-L.F.: Combines are working again, still lots of corn to harvest. Soybeans are mostly done. Some winter wheat is being planted. Lots of corn stalks being baled. Some manure hauling being done, along with fall tillage. Corn and soybean yields were very good; soybeans 50-70 bushels per acre, and corn all the way from 150-240 bushels per acre. We had some frost, but not real hard yet.

LAFAYETTE-M.R.: Been a very good week of corn stover harvest, very dry. Some livestock producers hauling manure from storage, some waiting for frozen ground to prevent soil compaction.

COLUMBIA-J.J.: Finally a whole week of good harvest weather. Soybean harvest is about done. Corn moisture still a little high, but freezing temperatures this week should help bring that down.

KENOSHA-J.H.: Very cold temperatures and a very hard freeze. Corn and soybean yields are very good; soybeans 40-70 bushels per acre and corn 120-190 bushels per acre. No wheat growth is visible in many planted fields.



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Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on November 5, 2006

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 Oct. 14	Mar. 1 to Oct. 14 normal *	Last week	Since Sept. 1	Sept. 1 dep. from normal*	Year to date
Eau Claire	45	24	66	16	34	-6	3015	2516	0.00	5.23	-0.99	24.50
Green Bay	47	27	63	21	37	-4	2643	2378	0.03	6.50	0.90	26.60
La Crosse	48	27	68	16	38	-5	3180	2846	0.00	4.51	-1.34	26.30
Madison	47	28	67	19	38	-4	2839	2802	0.00	6.21	0.67	33.14
Milwaukee	49	31	67	23	40	-5	2871	n.a.	0.00	6.87	0.74	32.31

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