



# Wisconsin Crop Weather

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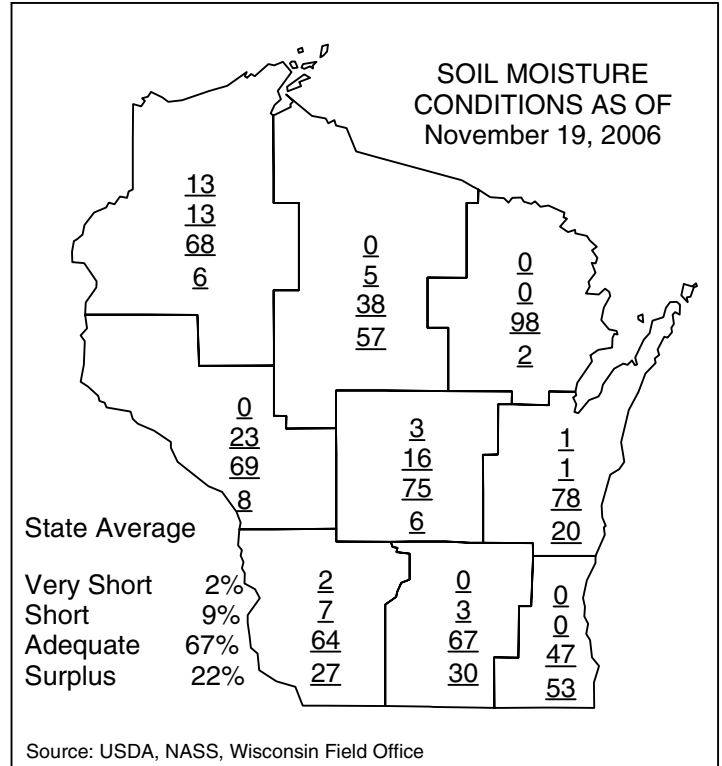
## Harvest Nearly Complete

Most of the state received little precipitation last week, as rainfall totals ranged from 0.002 inches in Milwaukee to 0.68 inches in Eau Claire. A few northern counties received light snow. Temperatures ranged from 1 degree below to 4 degrees above normal. Average high temperatures were in the high 30s to low 40s across the state. Lows averaged from the high 20s to mid-30s for the week. Soil moisture conditions were reported at 2 percent very short, 9 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 22 percent surplus. Last week there was an average of 5.0 days suitable for fieldwork.

**Corn** harvested for grain was at 86 percent complete, behind last year's 89 percent, but ahead of the 5-year average of 84 percent, according to the Wisconsin Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Yields in most southern counties look excellent. Deer hunting season has slowed harvest in some areas.

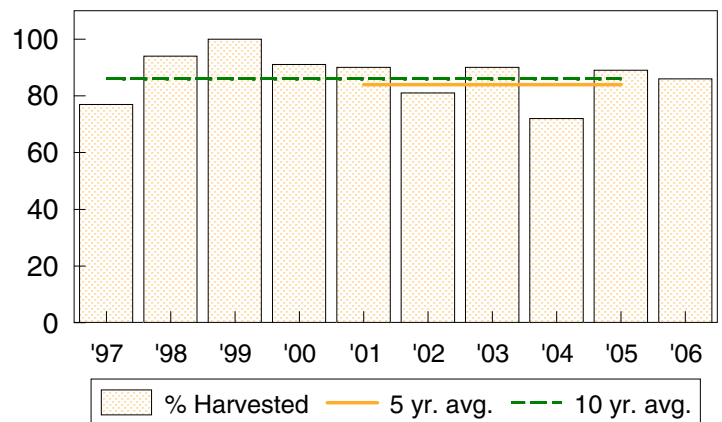
**Fall tillage** was reported at 56 percent complete, behind both last year's 66 percent, and the 5-year average of 58 percent. Muddy fields in the southern part of the state hindered progress there last week.

**Soybeans** are almost all out of the fields. **Rye** looks good, and late-planted **winter wheat** has started to emerge.



## Corn Harvested for Grain

Yearly Averages for Wisconsin  
November 19, 1997 - 2006



Crop and percent of acreage	Wisconsin Crop Progress, November 19, 2006										State average		
	District average										This year	Last year	5-year average
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
Corn harvested for grain	83	82	78	89	79	93	91	84	90		86	89	84
Fall tillage completed	67	59	56	53	83	86	36	39	58		56	66	58

**Quotes from Farm Reporters and County Ag Agents**

**BARRON-R.C.:** Corn is almost off the fields in most areas. Fall fieldwork is progressing well. However, all things will come to a halt this next week. The county average corn yields will be near the 70-75 bushels per acre range, and soybeans will be in the 30-34 bushels per acre range for 2006.

**CHIPPEWA-J.C.:** Harvest has slowed down due to snow over the past week. Winter wheat fields look good. Soybean yields are average, and corn yields all over the board.

**MARINETTE-S.R.:** Still have soybeans in the field, unfortunately, but yields were very good.

**SHAWANO-T.A.:** Corn yields 200-plus bushels per acre or better are pretty common. Quite a few acres went into wheat; progress was delayed, but the fields have greened up. Tillage seems to be right on track.

**BUFFALO-R.S.:** Snow and mud stopped field activity for the week.

**LACROSSE-S.H.:** Corn and soybean yields varied depending on soils, but overall, soybeans were 30-60 bushels per acre and corn was around 100-180 bushels per acre. Some areas were higher and some lower. Tillage continues to happen, as we have another nice week.

**TREMPEALEAU-D.D.:** Some corn remains in the fields, but the bulk is done, and tillage progressed very well this week. Soil moisture levels are good, as recent precipitation all went in.

**PORTAGE-D.Z.:** Irrigated corn was above average yields. Dry land corn yields were all over. Soybeans yields were slightly above average. There is still about 15 percent of the corn to be harvested. Storages are almost full.

**WAUSHARA-A.S.:** Irrigated corn is running very good. Small areas of dry land were hurt badly by drought. Most winter wheat and rye is up and looks good. Some acres were just planted a couple of weeks ago. Lots of tillage has been done, and more acres not tilled have had stalks chopped.

**WOOD-M.L.:** Field conditions have been very good for harvest, manure applications, and fall tillage.

**FOND DU LAC-E.A.:** Corn and soybean yields were a little light due to lack of rain during the growing season, with corn from 80-140 bushels per acre and soybeans 35-45 bushels per acre. Fall tillage is going well. Winter wheat is looking good going into winter.

**SHEBOYGAN-E.P.:** Rain and snow in corn fields have brought a delay to fieldwork for some time again. Grain corn suffered from lack of moisture and just wilted during the hot part of the day in this area.

**CRAWFORD-V.H.:** Great harvest and some extremely high yields.

**IOWA-K.V.:** Yields on corn and soybeans have been good to excellent. Some problems planting wheat. Looks good-what was planted.

**DANE-D.R.:** Corn yields are very good-up to 250 bushels per acre. Soybeans up to 70 bushels per acre.

**GREEN-M.M.:** Corn and soybeans are both above average in yields.

**WAUKESHA-D.W.:** Most harvest is done; yields have been great. Most fall tillage is slow because of wet ground.



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**Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on November 19, 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	37	29	39	25	33	1	3015	2516	0.68	6.64	-0.49	25.91
Green Bay	42	34	47	29	38	4	2643	2378	0.03	6.65	0.00	26.75
La Crosse	41	30	45	28	36	0	3180	2846	0.15	4.88	-1.99	26.67
Madison	41	30	44	24	35	-1	2839	2802	0.04	7.00	0.34	33.93
Milwaukee	43	35	47	32	39	0	2871	n.a.	0.02	7.69	0.30	33.13

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.