



# Wisconsin Crop Weather

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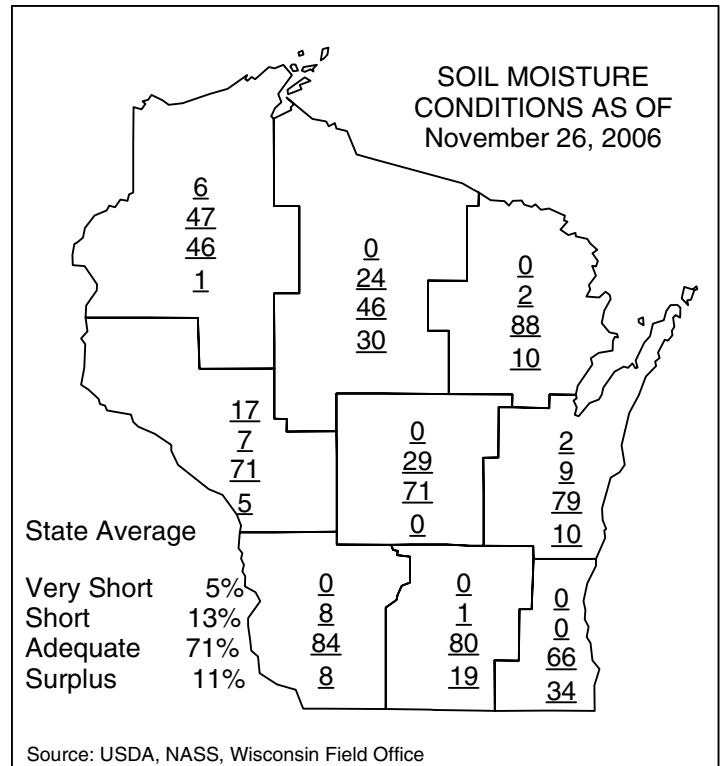
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## Harvest Season Wraps Up

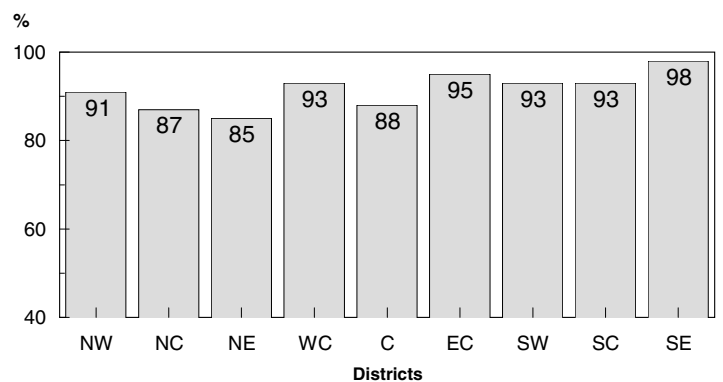
Warmer than normal temperatures and little to no precipitation gave farmers an excellent week to work in the fields. Temperatures ranged from 6 to 9 degrees above normal. Average high temperatures were in the high 40s to low 50s across the state. Lows averaged from the mid-20s to low 30s for the week. La Crosse was the only weather station reporting precipitation, at 0.01 inches. Soil moisture conditions were reported at 5 percent very short, 13 percent short, 71 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus. Last week there was an average of 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork.

**Corn** harvested for grain was at 92 percent complete, lower than last year's 96 percent, and the 5-year average of 93 percent, according to the Wisconsin Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Excellent yields in the southern counties have caused a surplus at some storage facilities.

**Fall tillage** was reported at 68 percent complete, behind both last year's 77 percent, and the 5-year average of 69 percent. Tillage conditions were very good, and **manure hauling** has progressed well. Farmers hope to finish up before strong winter weather arrives.



**Percentage of Corn Harvested for Grain  
By District, November 26, 2006**



This is the last weekly *Wisconsin Crop Weather* for the season. The review of the 2006 growing season will be released in December. The Wisconsin Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service wishes to thank the many farmers, county agents, and others that make this report possible each week.

## Wisconsin Crop Progress, November 26, 2006

Crop and percent of acreage	District average									State average		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This year	Last year	5-year average
Corn harvested for grain	91	87	85	93	88	95	93	93	98	92	96	93
Fall tillage completed	82	73	75	66	93	90	45	45	70	68	77	69

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

**BURNETT-J.D.:** We have received less than 2.0 inches of rain or snow since September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**RUSK-G.P.:** A beautiful week with temperatures in the high 40s and 50s and some nights not even below freezing. Corn harvest is nearly done and what is left is probably not worth harvesting. Manure hauling and tillage are the primary activities now. Higher corn prices are a real plus for the grain farmers, but dairy farmers are not very happy about it.

**OCONTO-K.H.:** Soybean and corn harvest had to contend with wet conditions in some local areas. Yields appear to be higher than average for many producers. Wheat looks good. Extreme cold spell in October with no snow cover burned back the tops. Late corn harvest, tillage, and all field operations are winding down fast for the season.

**SHAWANO-B.R.:** Even though some corn is still at 22 percent moisture and higher in the field, farmers are taking it off this week because time is running out for field drying. Fall tillage continues to go extremely well, with soil moisture being ideal for many in the area. Starting to see some wheat poke out of the ground that has been in for seven weeks already-very slow emergence this fall.

**DUNN-H.A.:** Crop summary for the season is that first crop alfalfa was good, second crop poor, and third crop very good. Small grains were poor. Soybeans were poor to good. Corn on irrigated land was the best ever, and corn on dryland was poor.

**PEPIN-H.R.:** Corn crop in this area is about all harvested. Some small plots are left. Custom operators in this area are cleaning up their machinery for storage. Crop yields were good on heavy soils and not good on the lighter soils. Soybeans were yielding similar to corn; good to excellent on heavy soil and poor on lighter soils. Fall tillage is going very good. The snow has all melted into the soil, making tillage even better. Weather has been real good for the harvest season.

**WAUPACA-D.H.:** Most corn is now out of the fields.

Overall, yields were average due to extended dry spell in summer. Winter wheat looks great. Manure hauling and fall tillage is being done before winter weather arrives.

**SHEBOYGAN-T.J.:** Winter wheat has been hard to emerge due to cold weather. Soybeans are harvested. Most yields were 40-45 bushels per acre, average. Lots of corn being harvested this week.

**GRANT-L.F.:** Corn and soybeans are very good. Corn yields are in the 160-240 bushels per acre range in most fields. Soybean yields are from 55-75 bushels per acre. Soybeans are harvested in our area. Still lots of corn to be harvested, but that is coming to a halt also. Saw lots of corn harvested this week. We have had very nice weather this week, every day has been above average for temperatures. Lots of corn picked and lots of stalks round-baled. Some fall tillage being done, and winter wheat is starting to emerge. Cattle still on pastures.

**LAFAYETTE-M.R.:** A great fall to harvest corn fodder for bedding; and it also makes the spring no-till planting system work better.

**COLUMBIA-J.J.:** Harvest is about done. Yields of grain are about average. Livestock farmers have plenty of hay and grain for winter feeding. Grain farmers are happy with the higher grain prices.

**ROCK-C.O.:** Last week's mild weather helped with the tillage, as most are done with corn. Good thing, as elevators are getting full, and closed on some days waiting for rail cars. Elevators in Evansville have corn piled on the ground.



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**Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on November 26, 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	49	24	56	19	37	9	3015	2516	0.00	6.64	-0.90	25.91
Green Bay	50	30	56	25	40	9	2643	2378	0.00	6.65	-0.50	26.75
La Crosse	51	29	59	20	40	8	3180	2846	0.01	4.89	-2.40	26.68
Madison	51	30	58	19	40	8	2839	2802	0.00	7.00	-0.14	33.93
Milwaukee	51	32	59	30	42	6	2871	n.a.	0.00	7.69	-0.32	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.