



# Wisconsin Crop Progress

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## Rain Helps Some, Hinders Others

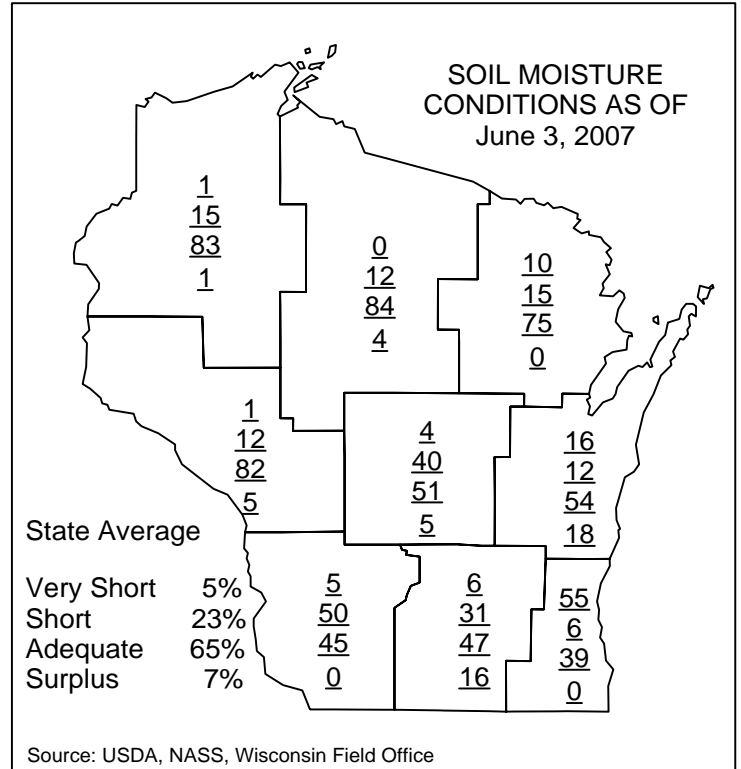
Rains in the latter part of last week helped crops to emerge and soil conditions to improve further in most parts of the state. The rain halted some first crop hay cutting, and helped weeds to grow in many areas. Rainfall totals ranged from 0.65 inches in Milwaukee and Madison to 1.11 inches in La Crosse. Temperatures were 3 to 7 degrees above normal. Average high temperatures were in the high 70s. Average low temperatures were in the mid to high 50s. Soil Moisture conditions were at 5 percent very short, 23 percent short, 65 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus. There was an average of 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

**Corn** planted was at 98 percent complete. Corn emerged was 93 percent complete, above both last year's average of 80 percent and the 5-year average of 68 percent. Corn height was reported at an average of 7 inches, ahead of last year's 4 inches and the 5-year average of 2 inches. Frequent rains have helped corn to progress quickly. Weeds also progressed well due to the rain. Corn condition was rated as zero percent very poor, 2 percent poor, 14 percent fair, 61 percent good, and 23 percent excellent.

**Soybeans** planted, at 95 percent complete, was above both last year's average of 83 percent and the 5-year average of 78 percent complete. Soybeans emerged was 69 percent complete, ahead of both last year's average of 53 percent and the 5-year average of 42 percent complete. Rains throughout the state have helped soybeans to progress quickly.

**Oat** emergence is near completion, as it was rated at 98 percent complete. Oats headed was at 7 percent complete, ahead of last year's zero percent and the 5-year average of 1 percent. Oat condition remains good in most areas, with 81 percent rated as good to excellent.

First cutting **Alfalfa** was at 35 percent complete, behind last year's near record completion of 45 percent, but ahead of the 5-year average of 24 percent. Due to early dry weather and recent consistent rain in some areas, it was reported that first cutting hay is short on quantity, but high on quality. **Winter Wheat** is heading, and conditions have been rated as 79 percent good to excellent.



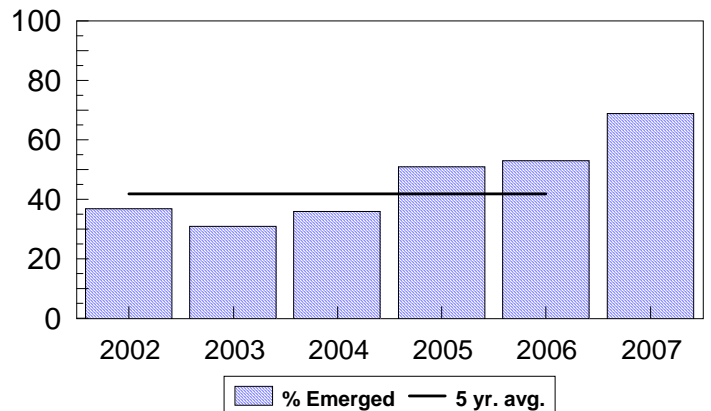
## Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of June 3, 2007

Item	V.-poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
Corn	0	2	14	61	23
Soybeans	0	1	15	71	13
Winter Wheat	1	3	17	58	21
Oat	0	3	16	61	20
Pasture	2	10	30	52	6

Source: USDA, NASS, Wisconsin Field Office.

## Progress of Soybeans Emerged

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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 emerged	95	93	90	95	87	86	95	96	99	93	80	68
Average height of corn	5	5	6	7	5	5	7	10	7	7	4	2
Soybeans planted	96	98	92	96	91	90	99	97	99	95	83	78
Soybeans emerged	65	56	56	80	61	61	86	66	68	69	53	42
Oats headed	3	2	2	13	4	5	4	19	20	7	0	1
First cutting hay	30	20	35	34	39	41	33	50	45	35	45	24

Source: USDA, NASS, Wisconsin Field Office.

Quotes from Farm Reporters and County Ag Agents

**BAYFIELD-S.S.:** The heads of dandelions are showing in most fields. Hay is short. Oats have emerged nicely, as well as corn. We need more rain.

**BURNETT-J.D.:** We are still short on moisture.

**CHIPPEWA-T.P.:** Rains have helped with soil moisture conditions. Alfalfa is in late bud/first flower stage. Corn is beyond five leaf stage and growing quickly.

**CLARK-N.S.:** All of the crops planted this spring seem to be off to a good start. Weed patches are off to an equally good start. First crop forage harvest has been slow due to sporadic rains. Many grasses have begun to head-out which is rapidly decreasing their quality.

**LINCOLN-F.O.:** Planting of all crops is done except for a few acres. Hay crop is short of normal. Winter wheat and rye are doing well with very little winter damage.

**OCONTO-K.H.:** Planting is winding down. Crop emergence is good. Numerous spotty showers over the past week have hit almost everyone locally, relieving dry conditions. Comments on first cut alfalfa are: excellent yield and anticipate very good quality based on stage of maturity.

**SHAWANO-T.A.:** This year is off to a good start. Rains seem to be just adequate to keep up. A good share of the first crop hay avoided the wet weather.

**DUNN-S.S.:** Planting is done for all practical purposes. Some hay is being made for haylage. Most of the haying is to start next week. Look for hay yields to be somewhat down from the earlier dry period. Potato, oats, and corn all look good at this time. We could use some rain.

**PEPIN-H.R.:** All corn and soybeans have been planted in this area. Some much-needed rain on Thursday halted haying for a few days. Some bugs showing up in hayfields. Spraying is needed. Crops have emerged very good this spring.

**PORTAGE-J.W.:** Potatoes look great. Sweet corn is fair to good. Corn is becoming weedy.

**WAUPACA-D.L.H.:** Most corn is planted. Alfalfa yields are below normal.

**FOND DU LAC-R.P.:** Hay harvest is underway; yields and quality should be very good. Corn looks good, but there is crane and turkey damage in most fields. Winter wheat looks very good.

**SHEBOYGAN-T.J.:** Most of the crops are planted. It was a very good spring for planting. However, we do need

rain for some crops to emerge. First crop hay harvest is going full speed ahead. The quality is good but the yield is a little bit down.

**GRANT-L.F.:** Most planting is done. Some early corn had to be replanted. Some fields look spotty from poor germination. Most crops and vegetables are coming up nicely. Lots of hay being made; quality very good, but quantity very light. Not many reports of bales to the acre. Some corn fields are grassy and weedy. Some are spraying their weeds. We need a nice soaking rain. We had a nice evening shower, but top moisture was very short. Crops look good overall.

**COLUMBIA-J.J.:** Lots of hay being cut. Quality is very good and yield less than normal. Corn looks great. We could use some rain.

**DODGE-G.R.:** Planting corn is virtually finished. Soybeans are going in this week. Many corn fields have emerged; stands look good. Some alfalfa cut and chopped. Fields are budding with a few blossoms here and there and reports of a few weevils.

**RACINE-L.F.:** We are anticipating the much-needed rain that stays in the forecast but continually misses us. Crops look good but do need some moisture. Wheat is short but still hopeful for a good crop with not much straw.

**WAUKESHA-D.W.:** Most all planting is done. First crop hay is short due to lack of water. We finally got some rain. Haying is difficult due to rain.



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Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on June 3, 2007

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 June 2	Mar. 1 to June 2 normal *	Last week	Since June 1	June 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	78	55	84	44	67	4	694	456	0.78	0.48	0.20	8.51	-2.12
Green Bay	78	56	86	46	67	6	610	392	1.01	0.36	0.16	8.66	-1.18
La Crosse	79	57	85	47	68	3	787	525	1.11	0.74	0.52	12.31	1.12
Madison	78	58	87	45	68	6	692	522	0.65	0.65	0.42	12.69	1.05
Milwaukee	77	58	83	49	68	7	568	n.a.	0.65	0.62	0.42	12.19	-0.91

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. Source: USDA, NASS, Wisconsin Field Office.