



Wisconsin Crop Progress

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Despite Uneven Progress, Crops and Pastures are Mostly Good

Many of the fields across Wisconsin look uneven in crop planting and growth due to the rains and flooding; however, the crops were continuing to improve. In some counties, weed control was still an issue, while in others spraying was wrapping up and weed control was well in hand. Many western counties received much needed rain, while some central counties reported receiving large quantities of rain, which slowed fieldwork.

Average high temperatures ranged from 81 to 84 degrees, with average low temperatures ranging from 60 to 64 degrees. Precipitation totals last week ranged from 2.87 inches reported in Green Bay to 6.53 inches reported in Madison. Soil moisture conditions were at 3 percent very short, 13 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 20 percent surplus. There was an average of 4.8 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Corn continued to show improvement with the average corn height reported at 45 inches and just starting to tassel. Corn condition was reported as 3 percent very poor, 6 percent poor, 21 percent fair, 53 percent good, and 17 percent excellent.

Soybeans continued to gain ground with good soil moisture. Bloom was reported at 12 percent and there were only a few pods at this time. Soybean conditions were reported as 2 percent very poor, 5 percent poor, 32 percent fair, 51 percent good, and 10 percent excellent. Some root rot was identified in a few fields in the eastern part of the state.

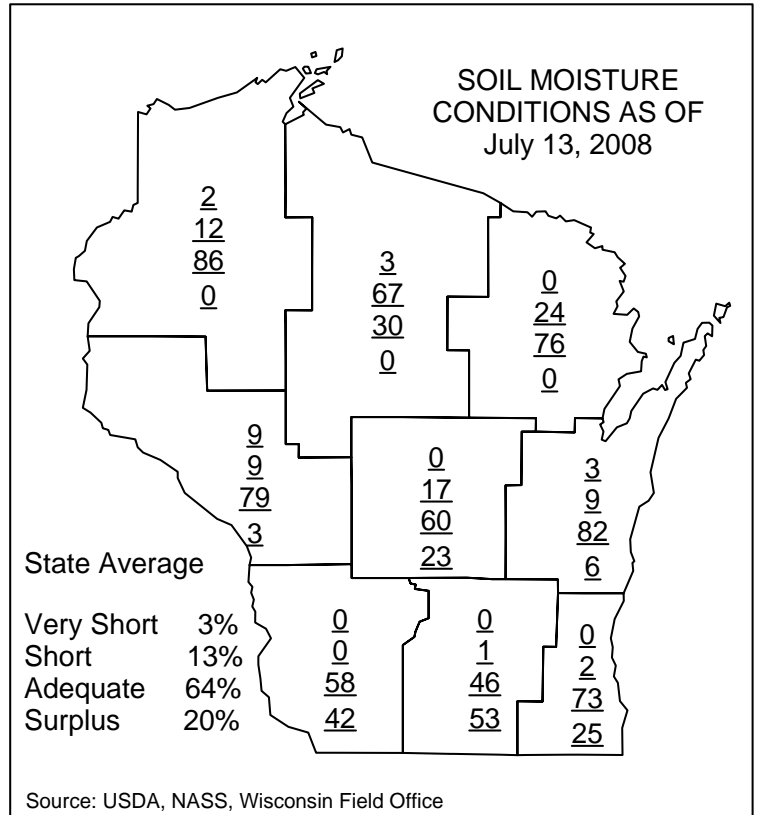
Second crop **hay** was reported at 29 percent harvested and of good quality, but with lower than normal yields. One southern county reported third crop hay looking fairly good.

Winter wheat was nearing harvest and conditions remained favorable with reports of 2 percent very poor, 3 percent poor, 21 percent fair, 51 percent good, and 23 percent excellent. Wheat scab was reported in some southern areas of the state.

Oats have headed at 86 percent complete. Oat conditions were reported at 1 percent very poor, 3 percent poor, 17 percent fair, 65 percent good, and 14 percent excellent. Some harvesting of oats for forage was reported in east central Wisconsin.

Pasture conditions improved with reports of 1 percent very poor, 3 percent poor, 22 percent fair, 51 percent good, and 23 percent excellent.

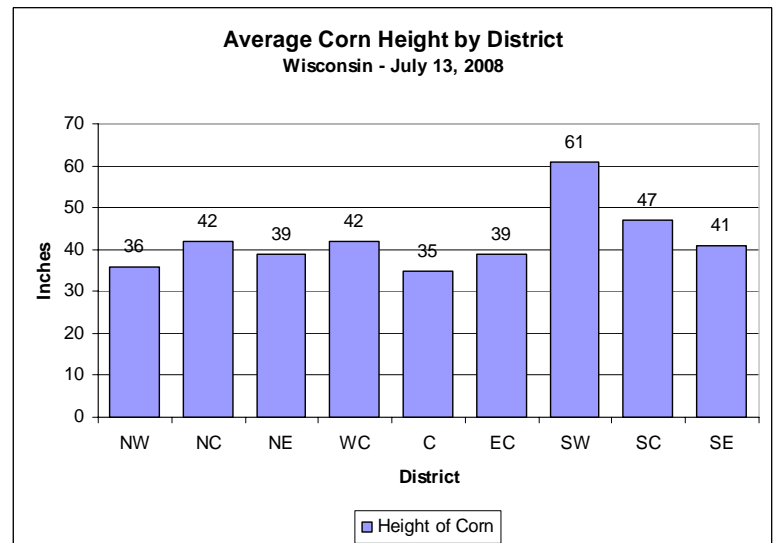
Spring wheat and **barley** were mostly headed out. **Rye** was starting to turn. **Potatoes** were doing well, but in need of rain. **Early sweet corn** was reported as starting to tassel and silk in the central part of the state. **Peas, beans, beets, carrots,** and some **very early potatoes** were ready to be harvested. Pepin County reported a good **strawberry** crop. **Cherry** trees were damaged by late spring frosts and will be lacking fruit this year. **Apples** look good.



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of July 13, 2008

Item	V.-poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
Corn	3	6	21	53	17
Soybean	2	5	32	51	10
Oats	1	3	17	65	14
Winter Wheat	2	3	21	51	23
Pasture	1	3	22	51	23

Source: USDA, NASS, Wisconsin Field Office



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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
Average corn height	36	42	39	42	35	39	61	47	41	45	66	55
Soybeans blooming	3	1	10	17	2	13	19	9	4	12	43	30
Oats headed	83	85	86	86	70	90	100	97	80	86	100	96
Second cutting hay	18	15	38	32	21	34	16	49	24	29	58	43

Source: USDA, NASS, Wisconsin Field Office.

Quotes from Farm Reporters and County Ag Agents

BARRON-T.J.: Second cutting hay crop harvest is in full swing. We continue to have timely rains, but many fields are just on the edge of being short of moisture. There is no surplus soil moisture.

RUSK-G.P.: Both corn and soybeans are looking better with some rain and heat. Spraying for weed control is wrapping up. Nitrogen application is going on. Winter wheat is turning. Spring wheat, barley, and oats are mostly headed out. First crop hay is done. Second crop is just starting. Rain is helping second crop hay; quality and quantity are good. Crops are still behind.

ONEIDA-L.O.: Nights are still too cool with temperatures in the 40's and 50's.

VILAS-L.K.: First crop hay is just starting. Crops look good. Have not seen any oats headed out yet.

LANGLADE-A.K.: Corn and soybeans continue to improve. Corn growth the last ten days has been very good. We need moisture now. Corn and soybeans show visible stress spots in fields. Second crop hay cutting will go on next week.

SHAWANO-T.A.: Field crops continue to look a little uneven but basically very solid. Insect and weed control seems to be very well in hand.

EAU CLAIRE-R.S.: We received much-needed rains. Corn is still coming slowly. Second crop hay is looking good.

PEPIN-H.R.: Corn is really growing at a fast pace. Anything on lighter soils is getting hurt by the dry weather. Soybeans are doing about the same. Lots of second crop hay is getting put up with very good quality and growth. Some spraying is going on in the hayfields.

PORTAGE-J.W.: Corn and soybeans are improving. Early planted oats are starting to ripen. Early sweet corn is starting to tassel and silk.

WAUPACA-D.H.: Corn and soybeans have significantly improved with the recent warm weather. First crop hay is winding down. Second crop hay is just starting. Lots of weeds in the corn and soybean fields.

WAUSHARA-K.W.: Corn is recovering well, many fields now look good. Wheat and rye are starting to turn. Second crop alfalfa will be harvested over a wide time frame depending on when first crop came off. Quality looks good.

SHEBOYGAN-M.B.: Corn and soybeans in general have recovered well. Yields and quality of second crop hay has been good.

WINNEBAGO-R.H.: Corn and soybeans are looking very good. Second crop hay is looking very good with yields like first crop. Spraying is almost complete on most crops.

GRANT-E.B.: Harvesting of second crop hay is impossible. The corn and soybeans are looking much better with the sun and warmer temperatures. Some of the small grains are lodging with the wind and rain.

DODGE-G.R.: Hot humid weather has given many corn fields and most soybeans a good growth spurt. Intermittent showers have hampered fieldwork. Some second crop alfalfa was made. Regrowth of alfalfa is very good in most fields. Winter wheat is nearing harvest time. Oats are mostly headed.

ROCK-C.O.: Rain last night has saturated fields in this area. Corn was looking good but now, areas with water problems will lag until it dries out again. Second crop hay harvest was going good until rain this week slowed it down. Oats are changing color. Wheat harvest could begin the end of next week if the sun stays out.

WAUKESHA-D.W.: Soybeans are still short. Corn is starting to green up with warm nights. It is hard to make hay with all the rain. Most of the Roundup soybeans are sprayed.

WAUKESHA-R.F.: Corn looks fair to good. We still have water in some parts of the fields. Winter wheat looks good. Soybeans seem to be O.K.



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Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on July 13, 2008

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 July 12	Mar. 1 to July 12 normal *	Last week	Since June 1	June 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	82	60	85	54	71	0	1104	1171	3.03	8.84	3.03	19.65	3.55
Green Bay	82	62	87	56	72	2	1132	1067	2.87	9.35	4.58	21.43	7.05
La Crosse	84	64	87	57	74	0	1258	1323	3.74	12.15	6.48	25.49	8.83
Madison	82	63	85	59	72	1	1206	1292	6.53	18.58	12.99	35.77	18.74
Milwaukee	81	64	86	57	73	2	1075	n.a.	2.93	16.19	11.23	31.35	13.44

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.