



# Wisconsin Crop Progress

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## Cold Temperatures Slowing Growth Progress

Many growers around the state are hoping for warmer temperatures to help with the maturity of their crops. The past week remained cool and dry with the central part of the state receiving the most precipitation totaling less than an inch. Across the reporting stations, precipitation totals ranged from 0.94 inches in Eau Claire to 0.03 inches in Madison. Average temperatures last week were 5 to 7 degrees below normal. Average high temperatures ranged from 65 to 73 degrees, while average low temperatures ranged from 42 to 48 degrees. On average, there were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork. If you are interested in further weather data, please reference the following sites:

- <http://www.noaa.gov/>
- <http://www.aos.wisc.edu/~sco/>
- <http://www.cocorahs.org/>
- <http://www.weather.gov/>

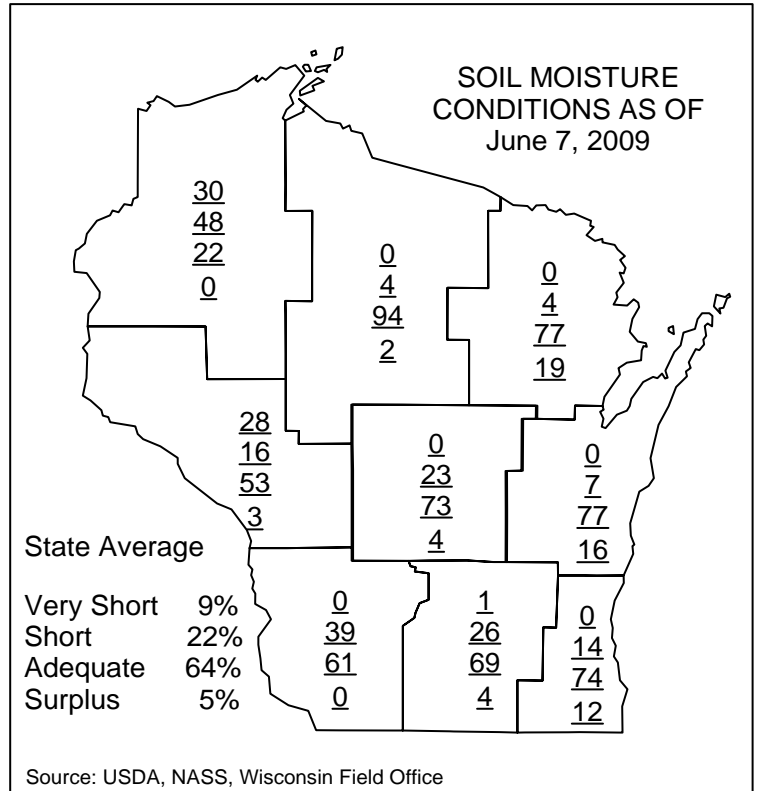
**Corn** emergence rose to 86 percent complete this past week, an increase of 15 percentage points from a week ago. Overall, the corn that is up was reported as having a good color, but warm weather was needed to keep it that way. Some weeds were beginning to be sprayed and there were a few farmers putting in corn after taking their first cutting of hay.

**Soybeans** planted was 88 percent complete, while soybeans emerged was 58 percent complete. Cool weather and little precipitation has affected the growth of soybeans like it has for corn. For the most part, the soybeans that have already emerged were reported as looking good. Continuing cool conditions could result in problems with maturity later on.

**Oats** headed was reported as 2 percent complete throughout the state. Early planted oats were looking good while some later planted oats were reported as struggling a bit.

Haying was in full swing as first cutting **hay** was reported as 51 percent complete, jumping up 32 percentage points from a week ago. First crop hay yields were reported as average while quality ranged from ok to excellent with the majority reported as very good. Some farmers are waiting for their cut hay that is down in the fields to dry out. Rain will be needed for second crop hay.

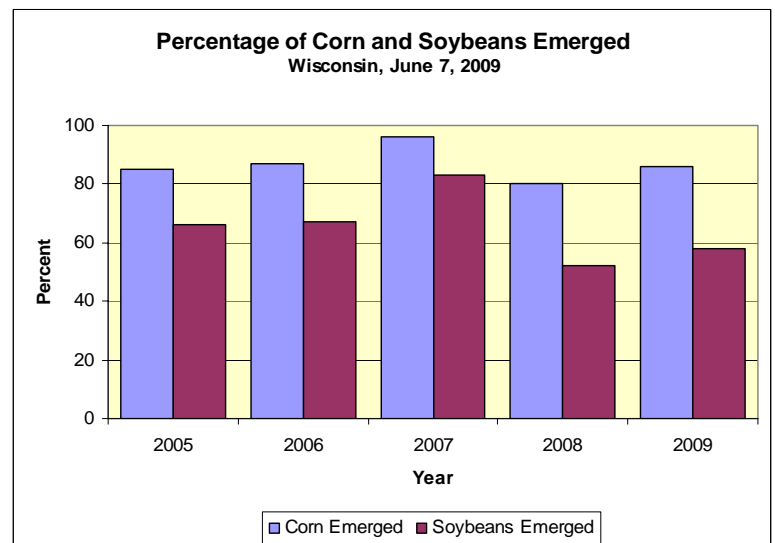
**Peas** were blooming nicely and **snap beans** were looking good. Some farmers were finishing up **potato** hilling.



## Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of June 7, 2009

Item	V.-poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
Winter Wheat	1	8	21	56	14
Oat	0	3	20	64	13
Pasture	4	12	22	54	8
Corn	0	3	21	66	10

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
Corn emerged	84	95	95	92	87	78	99	78	77	86	80	84
Soybeans planted	92	93	96	96	70	84	99	87	75	88	89	87
Soybeans emerged	59	68	61	77	37	48	89	50	32	58	52	62
First cutting hay	59	51	66	55	46	46	62	48	28	51	18	37

Source: USDA, NASS, Wisconsin Field Office.

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

**BARRON-C.P.:** First crop alfalfa is very good. We need rain badly.

**POLK-C.S.:** Crops are hurting, we need rain. First crop yields are below average. Fields that were cut 10 days ago are not growing.

**WASHBURN-K.S.:** There are some reports of light frost damage on corn and soybeans. Hay yields are variable, but overall slightly below average. With the dry weather there is beginning to be concern about herbicide activity, and stress on crops. Soil moisture is going fast, and rain is needed.

**CLARK-A.K.:** Corn and soybeans look good. First crop alfalfa seems to be in excellent shape. First crop grass hay is short and thin.

**VILAS-L.K.:** The crops are all planted but now we need some warm days; moisture is good. Temperatures are still in the low 30's at night.

**SHAWANO-J.N.:** To say it is cool is an understatement. It has been cold with high temperatures struggling to reach 50 degrees this past weekend. Emergence of corn and soybeans has been good, although they have been taking their time to come up. First crop hay has come off fast and seems to have good tonnage, and with the moisture that we have been receiving second crop should have a good start, however a warm rain would be nice. Most pre-emerge herbicides have been applied in a timely manner, and application of round-up will start soon. In the past few days I have noticed that some winter wheat is very close to heading out.

**EAU CLAIRE-R.S.:** Crops look good at this point but there is no moisture reserve. We need a rain on a regular basis.

**MONROE-P.B.:** Hay harvest is moving rapidly with yields good to very good. Hay quality is still very good with minimal lodging.

**TREMPEALEAU-D.D.:** Most all spring plantings are off to a good start. We were a bit dry, but now have adequate moisture. Peas are blooming nicely and snap beans look real good. First crop alfalfa has been a very good crop with many acres taken without rain.

**PORTAGE-J.W.:** Potatoes look great. Corn needs warm weather. There is a frost watch for cranberries. Hay making for bunker silos has good quality but fewer yields.

**WAUSHARA-L.K.:** All corn and soybeans have been planted and have emerged. The early corn is 5.0-6.0

inches tall. Vegetables are still being planted. The hay that has been harvested has good quality but the yield is not very good.

**FOND DU LAC-J.M.:** The last of the corn was planted this week, including a bit of replanting. Finished first crop alfalfa yesterday. It was a great crop. Wheat is starting to head out but seems short.

**SHEBOYGAN-E.P.:** Corn planting is all done. Soybeans were being planted at a fast pace. Weeds are emerging in fields and have to be sprayed very soon.

**GRANT-G.C.:** Weed control on corn looks very good. Alfalfa is not cut yet, still in the early bud stage. Harvested hay yields are down.

**SAUK-W.J.:** First crop hay has good quality and yield. Rain is needed real soon for second crop hay and corn. Wheat is heading out.

**COLUMBIA-R.G.:** First crop hay harvest is in full swing. Quality and quantity are good. Wheat has begun to head but most looks to be very short. Corn and soybeans look good. We could use a nice rain.

**KENOSHA-J.H.:** There is some replanting of corn and soybeans.

**WALWORTH-P.R.:** There are still wet spots in fields that probably will not get planted, the ground is still cool. Alfalfa looks very good and first harvest should have good yields and quality.



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**Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on June 7, 2009**

City	Temperature						Growing degree days (modified base 50) 1/		Precipitation				
	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg. dep. from normal *	March 1 to June 6	March 1 to June 6 normal *	Last week	Since June 1	June 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	70	43	76	37	57	-6	545	520	0.94	0.94	0.13	7.26	-3.90
Green Bay	67	42	79	38	55	-7	429	450	0.67	0.64	0.02	11.55	1.33
La Crosse	73	48	82	42	61	-5	620	596	0.68	0.68	-0.02	10.07	-1.50
Madison	71	46	79	40	58	-5	570	588	0.03	0.02	-0.64	16.77	4.62
Milwaukee	65	45	81	40	55	-7	483	n.a.	0.13	0.13	-0.48	14.29	0.81

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.