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Corn Harvest Nearing Completion

Favorable fall conditions continued for much of last week, as more growers were able to finish up their corn harvest and fall tillage work. Later in the week, moisture in the form of rain or snow did stop tillage for some in the western half of the state.

Across the reporting stations, average temperatures last week ranged from 8 to 10 degrees above normal. Average high temperatures ranged from 55 to 59 degrees, while average low temperatures ranged from 34 to 41 degrees. Precipitation totals ranged from 0.04 inches in Milwaukee to 1.14 inches in La Crosse. There were 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork. If you are interested in further weather data, please reference the following sites:

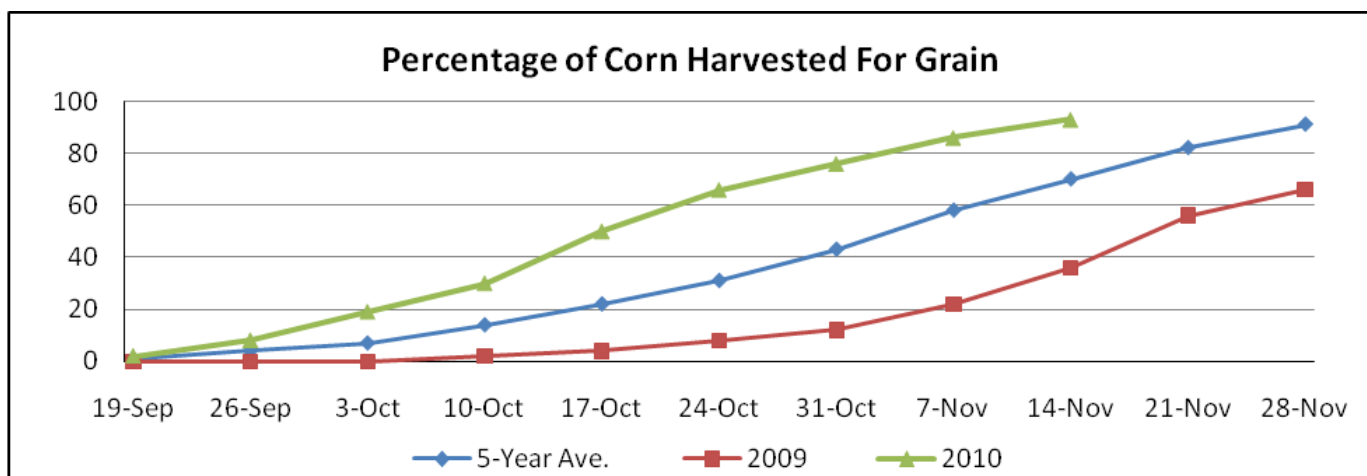
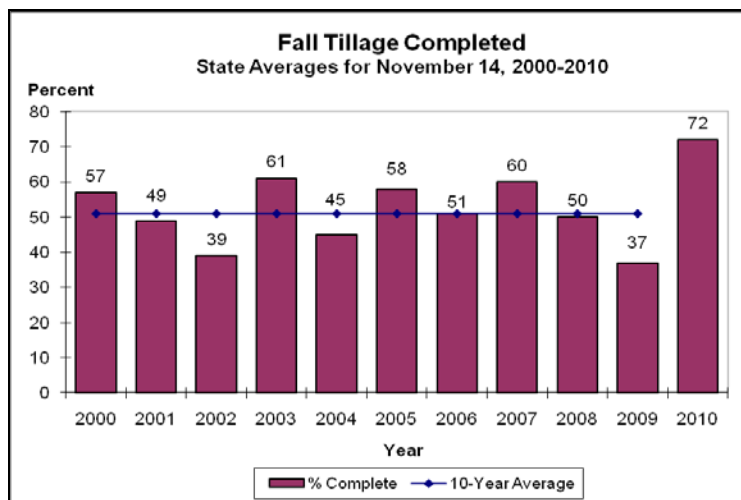
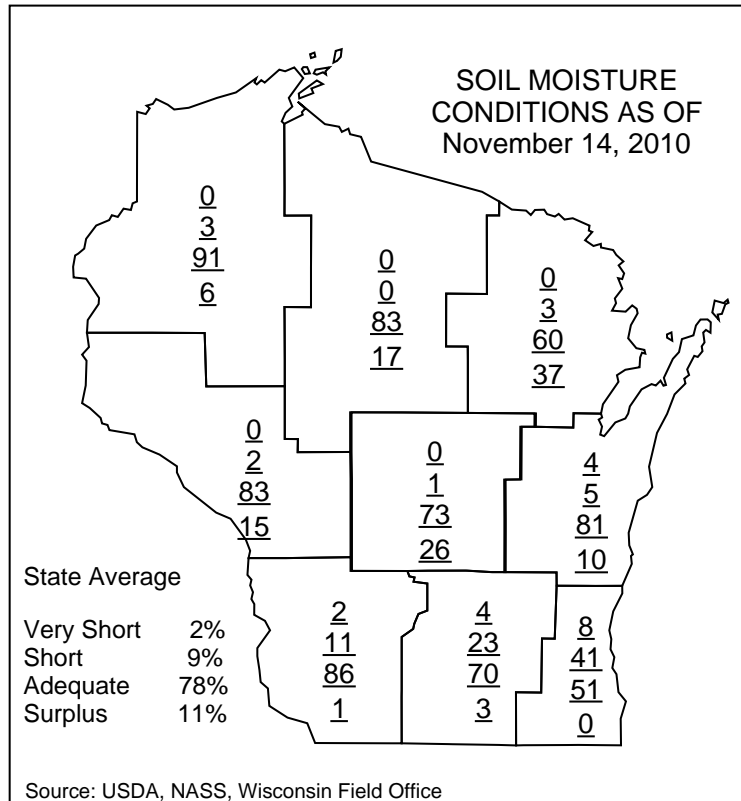
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Corn for grain was reported as 93 percent harvested across the state, 7 percentage points above the previous week. Many growers reported that their corn harvest was complete. Reports of grain facilities being full continued last week, causing some growers to haul their corn to other elevators or continue to delay harvesting the last of their corn.

Many reported that this year's fall conditions allowed for satisfactory emergence and establishment of winter crops such as **winter wheat** and **rye**. There was some concern reported in the South East part of the state that dry conditions were having a negative impact on winter crops.

Fall tillage was reported at 72 percent complete, 13 percentage points above the previous week and 21 percentage points above the five-year average.

Many growers continued spreading **manure** over the past week.



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Crop and percent of acreage	District average									State average			
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
Corn harvested for grain	89	85	89	89	91	91	96	97	95	93	86	36	70
Fall tillage	62	79	74	62	76	75	73	77	76	72	59	37	51

Source: USDA, NASS, Wisconsin Field Office.

Selected Quotes from Farm Reporters and County Ag Agents

All comments are used in creating this report, but only a few are published below.

BARRON-C.B.: Corn harvest continued. First measurable snowfall received this past weekend.

CHIPPEWA-T.P.: A few corn fields still have to be harvested. Fall manure applications are completed on most farms. Volunteer small grain growth is noticeable on many fields harvested as grain earlier this year.

ONEIDA-P.L.: First four days this week were beautiful, then came the rain and snow. Most of the fieldwork came to a quick halt. Daytime highs have been in the 30's and low 40's, nights have been in the 20's and 30's. Ground is not frozen yet, but will be soon unless the temperatures rise back up. I am not expecting that at this point. The only corn out there is in the low wet spots and may end up as wildlife food, unless they can get it off after freeze up. Most people are getting set up for deer gun hunting.

TAYLOR-D.E.: Harvest came to an abrupt halt with the rain and snow. Fall tillage was well under way. The amount of rain will have a negative impact on any further harvesting unless it dries out somehow. More than likely, the fields will have to freeze to get remaining corn harvested.

OCONTO-J.M.: Corn harvest would be close to 100 percent if lack of storage space wasn't a problem.

SHAWANO-J.N.: For the most part the 2010 crop season is in the books. There is very little corn left in my area, and the local grain facilities are near capacity. Fall tillage is winding down and with the recent rains it may be too wet to finish. Some manure is still being hauled. Winter wheat looks great and many acres were planted after soybeans.

EAU CLAIRE-D.S.: Rye looks great.

LA CROSSE-I.H.: There are still some farmers who do not have all their corn harvested. I noticed more lime being spread and fall tillage in progress. There has been a lack of rainfall the last two weeks, but the cool weather has not dried out the fields very much. Still a person can see clouds of dust when working in the fields. From what I have seen, winter crops are getting a good foothold before the cold and snow sets in.

WAUPACA-L.B.: Season is ended; work is done for the year 2010.

WAUSHARA-K.W.: We still have some corn left in the field, saw a field of hay cut in windrows yesterday. Had some snow over the weekend but none that stuck. Winter is coming.

KEWAUNEE-T.S.: As of the middle of November, nearly all the corn has been harvested and the fall tillage has been completed. The job with the most activity was hauling manure. As most

producers found this year, there was more manure to take care of because of the higher amounts of rain this spring and summer. This also meant that the manure could be applied heavier than usual since the water content in it was greater. The winter wheat is looking good at this time.

SHEBOYGAN-E.P.: Field conditions remain dry. Plowing and stone removal going on. Corn harvest mostly done. Lack of moisture in winter wheat at this time.

RICHLAND-J.C.: Corn harvest has seen great temperatures and average to above average yields. We are now in a wet trend the last part of the week, which will slow things down for the last bit of corn harvest. The local elevators have been full, so storage has been an issue. Winter wheat has been slow to emerge due to the previously dry conditions. There have been reports of producers taking off an additional crop of hay last week.

VERNON-K.L.: Vernon county had 1.0 inch of rain this past week. Corn remaining in the fields is due primarily to a lack of on-farm storage or grain facilities being full. Weather for this time of the year is great. Farmers still fall tilling and many cattle still on pasture.

DANE-J.K.: Trying to get manure in fields but ground is so hard can hardly knife it. Breaking tillage equipment. Most of all bedding work complete.

DODGE-S.B.: Soil conditions are quite dry; very little precipitation was received this weekend.

WAUKESHA-C.W.: Harvest just about complete. Been very dry and late-planted winter wheat is struggling to germinate. Soil moisture is low and we need some rain before the snow flies.



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Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on November 14, 2010

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 Nov. 13	Mar. 1 to Nov. 13 normal*	Last Week	Since Sep. 1	Sep. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	56	34	69	27	45	9	3186	2592	1.01	9.24	2.40	33.62	3.61
Green Bay	55	37	64	31	46	9	3000	2449	0.31	6.92	0.63	35.22	8.74
La Crosse	58	38	69	33	48	9	3592	2944	1.14	10.25	3.77	39.69	9.85
Madison	59	38	68	34	49	10	3420	2910	0.37	5.33	-0.94	35.66	5.70
Milwaukee	59	41	66	34	50	8	3393	n.a.	0.04	4.34	-2.54	32.73	1.86

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.