



# Wisconsin Crop Progress

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## Hot and Dry

Unseasonably warm weather continued this week as daytime highs crept into the 90s across the state. This year's warm weather has crops running 2-3 weeks early across the board; both the second crop hay and strawberry harvests have begun ahead of normal. Soil moisture levels were 56 percent short to very short statewide, limiting crop growth in spite of the heat. Reporters noted that crops on light soils were showing stress from lack of moisture. Weed and insect pressure were also on the rise, with herbicide and insecticide applications the major field activities reported. There were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork.

Across the reporting stations, average temperatures last week were 4 to 6 degrees above normal. Average high temperatures ranged from 77 to 84 degrees, while average low temperatures ranged from 54 to 59 degrees. Precipitation totals ranged from 0.00 inches in Green Bay and Milwaukee to 0.06 inches in La Crosse. 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/>

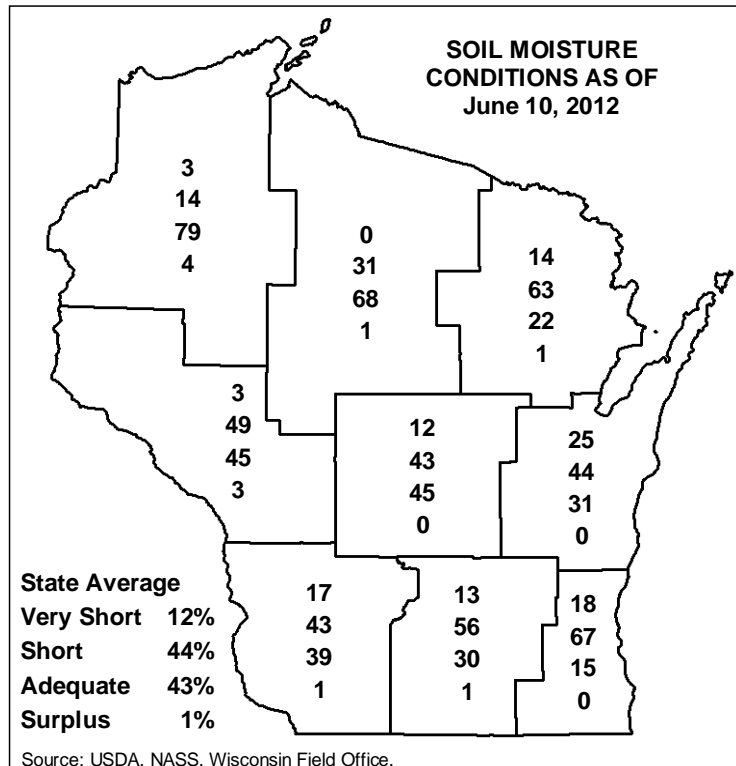
Statewide, **corn** was 96 percent emerged this week, with an average height of 11 inches. Uneven germination due to previous storm damage and dry conditions was reported in many areas.

**Soybeans** were 98 percent planted and 83 percent emerged. Reporters noted that some producers were planning to double crop soybeans with winter wheat.

**Oats** were 41 percent headed this week. Oats will need more moisture to ensure good test weights.

**First cutting hay** was 92 percent harvested this week. Many reporters noted that conditions were excellent for drying and curing baled hay. Lack of moisture was slowing growth and reducing the quality of the second crop in some areas.

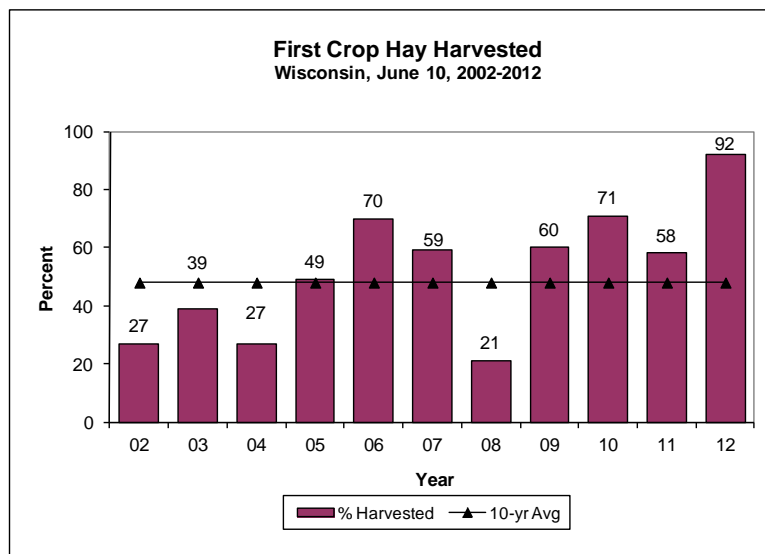
**Potatoes** were hilled in Oneida county and blooming in Portage County. A reporter from Chippewa county noted problems with potato leafhoppers. **Strawberry** picking was well underway, with reporters anticipating a short season due to the heat. Early **cranberry** varieties were blooming in Oneida and Portage Counties. A reporter from Door County noted that the **tart cherry** crop is projected to be 5-10 percent of normal. The **apple** fruit set was reportedly poor across the state. A reporter from Sauk County noted that **walnut** trees had fared better than apples in his area.



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of June 10, 2012

Item	V.-poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
Pasture	4	11	28	50	7
Oats	1	5	26	57	11
Corn	2	6	21	58	13
Soybeans	2	7	24	57	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 week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
Corn emerged	95	94	100	98	97	93	95	98	95	96	87	77	89
Average corn height (in.)	9	7	10	11	11	7	16	12	15	11	6	4	6
Soybeans planted	96	98	99	98	99	97	99	99	94	98	92	87	93
Soybeans emerged	73	85	83	82	86	80	89	87	81	83	60	56	72
Oats headed	20	5	18	46	22	47	73	86	80	41	14	3	12
First cutting hay	75	85	90	91	90	95	98	100	93	92	79	58	54

Source: USDA, NASS, Wisconsin Field Office.

**Coming soon - NASS's annual June surveys on crops and livestock.** In the first two weeks of June, NASS will survey about 140,000 United States producers and will visit 42,000 tracts of farm land to collect information. One of USDA's largest survey efforts, the responses will provide the foundation for estimates in the upcoming growing year. With both data collection and data release taking place over a span of only four weeks, the results will be available beginning on June 29 in the *Acreage* and other reports. **Farmers should watch for their survey and be sure to respond. Your information matters!**

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## 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.:** Some rain is needed, things are getting dry. Weed control is being done in many of the corn and soybean fields.

**RUSK-G.P.:** Crops took a jump last week with some moisture and heat. Spraying is the main field activity right now. First crop is mostly done, no reports of anyone on second crop yet, but it won't be long. Some cut worm activity last week, but scowling on alfalfa is not showing much for insects there. Strawberries are starting.

**WASHBURN-T.F.:** Saturday and Sunday temps were in the 90s and windy.

**MARATHON-S.N.:** Crops look good. Need rain to settle dust and give row crops and alfalfa a needed boost.

**LANGLADE-A.K.:** Need rain bad, second crop is at a standstill. Corn and beans showing stress on lighter soils.

**OCONTO-N.S.:** Conditions are continuing to stay dry, rainfall needed.

**DUNN-S.S.:** We need rain very bad.

**LACROSSE-R.S.:** Very dry. Lighter soils are showing signs of stress on young plants and second crop hay. Some rain forecasted for the weekend, which will help.

**PIERCE-G.A.:** Second crop harvesting already underway with about 30 percent complete. Some latent negative effects on corn and soybean development on fields that were excessively tilled and land rolled. The cause appears to be surface compaction and soil that moved and pooled around or covered lower areas of the fields and the emerged plants.

**MARQUETTE-K.V.:** Very dry.

**WAUPACA-L.B.:** Irrigation going in the berries. Fifty percent loss on early strawberries. Late strawberries look good. Raspberries look good.

**WOOD-M.L.:** Many took advantage of the weather to make baled hay. Some of the best hay curing weather for early June that we have seen in some time. We could use a good rain to keep crops developing.

**OUTAGAMIE-D.F.:** Pray for rain.

**SHEBOYGAN-M.B.:** Second crop hay harvest is beginning. Still some uneven emergence in area of fields where soils were dry at planting time.

**CRAWFORD-J.B.:** Crops look good but we could use a nice rain. Winter wheat is beginning to turn, oats are looking very good. Strawberry season is in full swing. Some first cutting hay was hurt by the colder temps received in April. Farmers are reporting planted acreage to FSA and crop insurance agents. As mentioned a nice rain would make a significant difference in crops.

**RICHLAND-J.C.:** Leafhoppers are causing problems in the alfalfa fields. There are reports of low first crop yields. We are in need of moisture to keep the pastures growing and for second crop alfalfa growth. Areas where the soil is light, the corn is showing signs of stress.

**DODGE-S.B.:** It is really dry. First crop yields were reduced because it was cut early due to alfalfa weevil. There won't be much of a second crop if we don't get some rain.

**ROCK-C.O.:** Rain this morning is very welcome. Everything was showing stress yesterday and needed a drink. Second crop hay is complete in some areas and most will finish this week. My prediction is for tassels on the corn by the 4th of July.

**WALWORTH-N.W.:** In need of rain quite badly. Corn was curling over the weekend with the 90 degree heat. About 1.0 inch of rain over the last month.

**WASHINGTON-K.R.:** Ground getting dry. Corn and soybeans too small to be hurt yet.

**WAUKESHA-C.W.:** Ground is hard and dry. Crop emergence is excellent and early growth has been good. However, have not had significant rain in over 14 days.



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### Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on June 10, 2012

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 Jun. 9	Mar. 1 to Jun. 9 normal*	Last Week	Since Jun. 1	Jun. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	83	57	91	50	70	6	952	582	0.04	0.04	-1.29	11.81	0.24
Green Bay	82	55	92	47	68	5	846	511	0.00	0.00	n.a.	10.55	0.00
La Crosse	84	59	91	51	72	5	1064	667	0.06	0.06	-0.94	11.60	-0.35
Madison	82	54	88	46	68	4	1007	657	0.04	0.04	-0.96	11.12	-1.37
Milwaukee	77	57	90	50	67	4	805	n.a.	0.00	0.01	-0.99	12.65	-1.25

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.

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