



Wisconsin Crop Progress

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Corn Harvest Nears Completion

Wisconsin saw light precipitation and a wide range of temperatures this week. Many areas received a dusting of snow early in the week though reporters noted that it did not stick. Saturday saw daytime temperatures in the 60s across much of the state. Cloudy skies and fog slowed fieldwork slightly as farmers worked to wrap up corn combining and stalk bailing. Manure applications and fall tillage continued. Soil moistures held steady at 50 percent short to very short. Though recent precipitation has softened the ground and eased tillage, several reporters noted that subsoil moisture remains below normal in their area. Fall-planted crops have reportedly responded well to recent rains and warm days, filling in spots where emergence was previously poor. There were 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork.

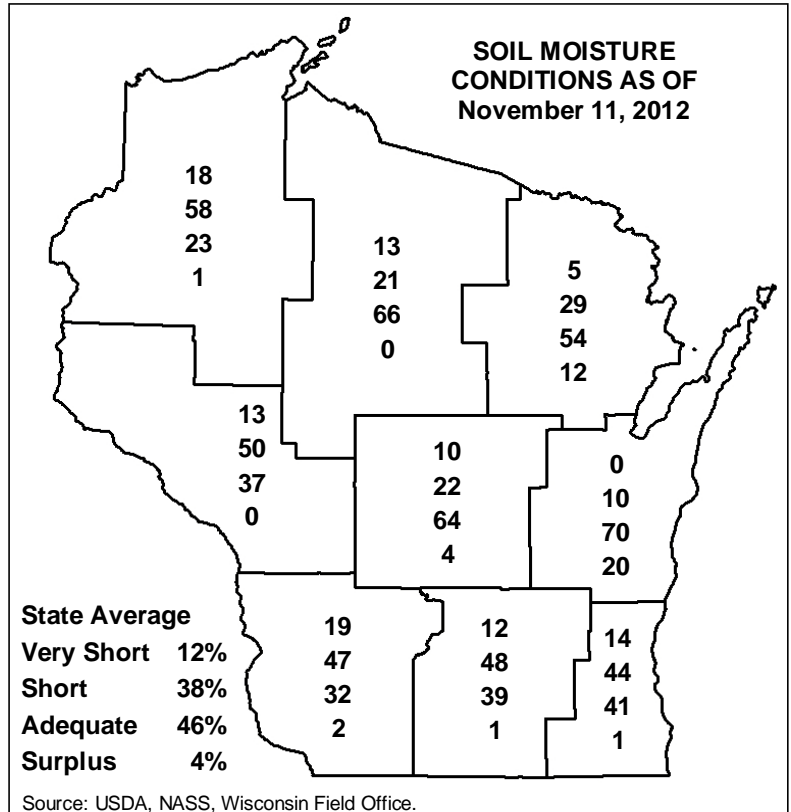
Across the reporting stations, average temperatures this week were 2 degrees below to 6 degrees above normal. Average high temperatures ranged from 47 to 51 degrees, while average low temperatures ranged from 31 to 36 degrees. Precipitation totals ranged from 0.08 inches in Green Bay to 0.24 inches in 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/>

Corn was 94 percent harvested for grain statewide. Reporters noted that yields were highly variable even within small areas due to this year's drought.

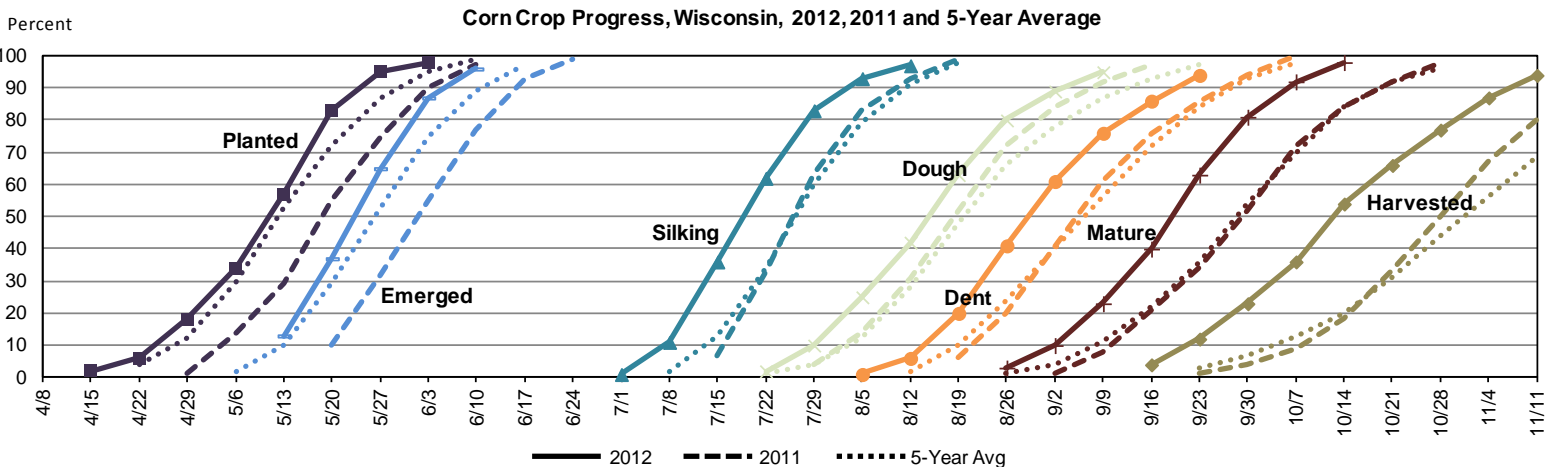
Fall tillage was 72 percent complete, the highest percentage complete for this date in the past 30 years of Crop Progress data. The previous record was 69 percent, set in 1988.

Winter wheat and **rye** planting was reportedly finished in most areas, with good emergence noted.



This is the last weekly *Wisconsin Crop Progress* for the season. The review of the 2012 growing season will be released in December. The Wisconsin Field Office of the National Agriculture Statistics Service wishes to thank the many farmers, county agents, and others that provided the information which has allowed you to have an accurate picture of Wisconsin agriculture each week.

Thank you and Happy Holidays!



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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	95	98	89	95	95	83	95	97	97	94	87	80	69
Fall tillage completed	64	78	52	63	83	69	82	75	72	72	58	60	52

Source: USDA, NASS, Wisconsin Field Office.

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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-D.B.: We continue to be dry, but looking forward to next year.

WASHBURN-R.H.: Getting ready for deer season.

CLARK-A.K.: Been quite a year. Been farming for many years and never seen this kind of conditions. Hope to never see it again. We were lucky that the crops did as good as they did. Corn went from 140 bushels to the acre down to 10 bushels to the acre all in the same field.

FLORENCE-T.B.: Not much going on any more. Most tillage is done for this fall. There is still some mill ash being hauled in the area now that the corn is harvested, but most are getting things ready for the winter.

DUNN-S.S.: Most corn and soybean yields better than anticipated. Storage space hard to find. Dry hay is going to be the major problem this winter.

LACROSSE-R.S.: Most producers are pleasantly surprised with grain yields. The heavy ground yields seemed to offset the low yields on the sand. Very little corn standing. Should finish up this week.

PIERCE-G.A.: Adequate topsoil moisture only exists in the top 10-14 inches according to reports by conservation contractors and other excavating sites. Some growers are considering not doing fall tillage as a moisture conserving measure for 2013. A much higher level (more acres) of corn stalk fields were harvested this fall for bedding.

PORTAGE-D.Z.: Winter wheat and rye look good; lots of liquid manure being applied. Fall tillage has improved with recent rains.

WAUPACA-L.B.: Harvest has ended.

CALUMET-B.L.: Fields are wet again and we are seeing a slowdown in fall harvest, tillage and manure applications. Reports of good yields continue to be the norm. Even though many want to finish they know the moisture is needed to replenish the ground water as many of our streams are still below normal flow levels.

KEWAUNEE-T.S.: The main chore done this week around more than a few farms was hauling out manure. With all area crops off now, there are many fields where this can be applied in anticipation of next year's growing season. Fall field tillage also continues, with a majority of this job already complete. The warmer weather at the end of the week provided the winter wheat an opportunity to get greener and improve its appearance. The winter wheat is looking very good right now, heading into the cold season. There are a

number of spots where the wheat did not emerge immediately that are now showing with the assistance of the warmer weather. A few producers have been attempting to supplement their forage supplies by planting peas and oats, and then trying to harvest this crop. It has not been easy with the ground as wet as it is in the area.

MANITOWOC-M.R.: Lots of corn came off and fall tillage completed in the last week.

CRAWFORD-J.B.: There are still some areas of corn not harvested in the county but that will take care of itself pretty quick. Most winter wheat has been seeded and has emerged. Overall crops in 2012 were respectable and we were extremely fortunate. There were some spots in the county which suffered as a result of the 2012 drought but in Crawford we were lucky. As in the entire state of WI we need moisture. We need good rains and snow cover to replenish the ground water supply and get us off to a better start for 2013.

GREEN-D.M.: Harvested organic corn that seemed to hold up fairly well during the drought. Unfortunately, like many experienced, some areas were good, but most were not. Only received 30 bushels per acre.

ROCK-C.O.: Most of harvest complete and manure being applied. Winter wheat looks great.

KENOSHA-R.R.: The corn yields varied from 115 to 143 bushels per acre, harvest warping up. Fall tillage is going - ground is hard and machine pulls hard.

WASHINGTON-G.S.: Harvest and fall tillage is essentially complete. Winter crops are up and we saw our first snow flurries last week.



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Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on November 11, 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 Nov. 10	Mar. 1 To Nov. 10 normal*	Last Week	Since Sep. 1	Sep. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	51	36	66	28	43	+6	3270	2589	0.21	2.78	-3.83	21.93	-8.11
Green Bay	47	32	64	24	40	+2	3134	2448	0.08	6.10	+0.07	28.02	+1.84
La Crosse	50	36	68	33	43	+3	3604	2940	0.24	4.71	-1.57	23.70	-5.92
Madison	48	31	66	21	40	0	3533	2906	0.14	6.03	0.00	23.00	-6.87
Milwaukee	48	35	65	29	41	-2	3377	n.a.	0.10	5.32	-1.33	25.17	-5.52

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.