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Dry Weather Needed

Spring planting dragged on this week as farmers worked to get corn, soybeans, and vegetables into the ground in the gaps between rains. Warm days midweek brought sporadic thunderstorms, with rainy, cool and overcast days on either side. Statewide, topsoil moisture was 35 percent surplus this week compared to 31 percent last week. Many reporters noted that crops looked yellow on emergence. Some low lying areas and clay soils remained too saturated to work at all. The first cutting of hay struggled to take off this week with livestock producers anxious over dwindling feed supplies. However, reporters noted that muddy fields and the lack of good drying conditions were slowing the harvest. There were 2.6 days suitable for fieldwork.

Across the reporting stations, average temperatures last week were normal to 4 degrees above normal. Average high temperatures ranged from 71 to 73 degrees, while average low temperatures ranged from 53 to 57 degrees. Precipitation totals ranged from 0.80 inches in Green Bay to 3.63 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, **spring tillage** was 80 percent complete, 18 percent behind the five year average.

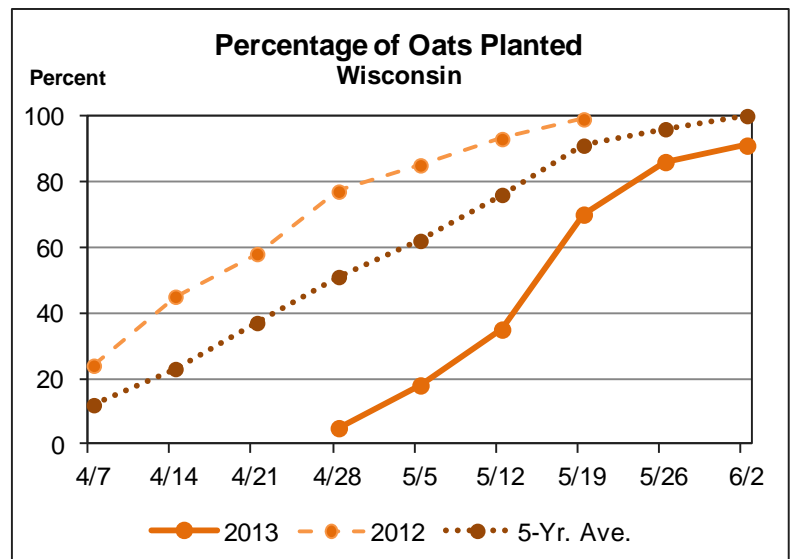
Corn was 74 percent planted and 44 percent emerged. Statewide, corn was 3 inches tall on average. Producers were reportedly switching fields to soybeans, silage corn or shorter season corn varieties in response to planting delays. Some reporters commented that continued wet conditions may prevent corn from being planted at all in some fields.

Soybeans were 43 percent planted and 15 percent emerged.

Oats were 91 percent planted and 77 percent emerged.

First cutting alfalfa was 7 percent harvested. Alfalfa was reportedly beginning to bud in some areas, forcing farmers to cut around wet spots. Reporters anticipated many ice-damaged hay stands would be replanted to other crops after the first cutting was taken.

Rye was reportedly heading out in Buffalo County and being cut for forage in Juneau and Fond Du Lac counties. A reporter from Portage County noted **sweet corn** and **snap beans** being planted. **Strawberries** were reportedly looking good in Trempealeau and Waupaca Counties.



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of June 2, 2013

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture	0	2	27	49	22
Oats	0	2	27	60	11

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
	Percent									Percent			
Corn planted	74	59	82	66	74	65	81	85	80	74	64	100	94
Corn emerged	24	24	36	35	47	35	47	66	59	44	27	84	70
Soybeans planted	38	25	55	25	52	34	43	59	52	43	29	90	80
Soybeans emerged	3	4	3	2	19	11	14	31	26	15	5	56	42
Oats planted	91	84	92	88	86	93	93	100	94	91	86	100	99
Oats emerged	69	62	82	72	69	72	88	94	88	77	55	100	93
First cutting hay	1	1	4	9	8	4	12	12	7	7	2	77	38
Spring tillage	74	70	86	72	72	79	91	91	75	80	74	100	98

Source: USDA, NASS, Wisconsin Field Office.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Conditions, June 2, 2013

Item	District average									State average		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year
Days Suitable	Days									Days		
	2.0	1.7	4.3	2.2	3.3	3.6	2.2	2.5	2.4	2.6	3.8	5.3
	Percent									Percent		
Topsoil Moisture												
Very Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Short	0	0	2	0	1	1	3	0	0	1	2	20
Adequate	69	24	60	69	55	67	82	64	70	64	67	74
Surplus	35	76	38	31	44	32	15	36	30	35	31	4
Subsoil Moisture												
Very Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	n.a.
Short	1	0	11	0	1	2	7	3	0	3	5	n.a.
Adequate	87	56	46	92	81	78	90	76	79	79	82	n.a.
Surplus	12	44	43	8	18	20	2	21	21	18	12	n.a.

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.

CHIPPEWA-T.P.: Rain continues to hamper fieldwork. Dandelions beginning to flower in alfalfa.

RUSK-G.P.: Another wet week, but a little more spotty than last week's deluges. Some fieldwork over the weekend, but more optimistic for next week. Corn, soybeans, oats and seedings all going in at the same time. Really too wet, but what to do. No first cutting yet but some growers will start next week.

ASHLAND-C.B.: Another week of substantial rainfall, further hampering an already extremely late planting season. Pasture is way behind normal, despite the excessive rainfall. Continued below normal temperatures have resulted in very slow grass growth.

TAYLOR-D.E.: Planting and spring tillage came to a grinding halt with all the rain and storms last week. There is water laying in many fields and many fields have not been tilled at all. Winter kill is more evident on alfalfa, but the grass is growing. No hay has been cut to date. There is a lot of concern about even getting the rest of the crops planted and insurance companies are holding meetings on prevented planting provisions. No rain this next week would be very welcome.

MARINETTE-S.R.: Poorly drained spots still inhibiting planting, but drying out in other areas that have missed the rains.

JACKSON-T.W.: Lots of rain this week. We're hoping things continue to dry up a bit so that people can get back into fields. There's still quite a bit of fieldwork to be done.

TREMPEALEAU-J.H.: Rain continued and little if any corn planted this week. Corn that has emerged is yellow. Some prevented planted corn is becoming reality for many. Strawberries looking good.

PORTAGE-J.W.: Heavy rainfall (4 inches) stalled all activity on heavy soils. Lighter rainfall (2 inches) slowed planting activity this week. Some progress made with sweet corn and snap bean plantings. Crops look good on sandy soils, but pale on heavier soils.

WAUPACA-D.L.H.: Some fields are too wet for planting corn or soybeans. Hay growth is slow due to cool weather. Warmer and drier weather is needed.

KEWAUNEE-A.B.: The alfalfa crop looks good despite the cold and wet weather. Scissor clipping results show it is time to cut hay, but with no suitable drying weather, harvest is being delayed. Most hay is looking good and still in the vegetative stage with heights ranging from 20-28 inches. Relative feed value is going down fast however, so we're hoping for a couple of days of sun to get the crop off.

MANITOWOC-M.R.: Dry weather early in the week allowed for some more tillage and planting to get done. Still a significant ways to go yet. Looks like first crop hay harvest will start around the mid to end of the first week of June.

GRANT-R.R.: With continued wet weather, it is difficult to get any field work done. What has been planted looks very good. The pastures are about as good as I have ever seen them. Fruit trees and raspberries are just loaded with fruit.

VERNON-K.L.: Rain most of the week and temperatures below normal. Corn that has emerged exhibiting a yellow rather than green color. Farmers are frustrated.

DANE-F.P.: Ground is very wet.

DODGE-R.J.: Crop planting is progressing slowly, due to wet and cool conditions. There will be numerous prevented planted acres. Hay harvesting is just starting, after being delayed by the cool, wet spring. Vegetable plantings were delayed also. Fruit crops look good at this point.

WASHINGTON-G.S.: Rain, rain, go away, come again after we get our crops in and make first cutting hay! Planting is slow going, some producers giving up on corn and switching to soybeans if they don't need the feed. We need some dry weather to finish planting and to make first crop hay.

WAUKESHA-A.S.: We are quitting planting corn.

Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on June 2, 2013

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. 1	Mar. 1 To Jun. 1 normal*	Last Week	Since Jun. 1	Jun. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	71	53	80	43	62	0	399	443	3.13	0.01	-0.11	18.52	+8.12
Green Bay	73	53	86	40	63	+3	392	381	0.80	0.31	+0.21	14.07	+4.37
La Crosse	71	57	84	52	64	0	464	512	3.63	0.21	+0.11	19.14	+8.08
Madison	73	56	83	41	65	+4	492	509	2.58	0.00	n.a.	20.10	+8.55
Milwaukee	73	54	86	39	64	+4	396	n.a.	1.66	0.09	-0.01	19.61	+6.54

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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