

# WISCONSIN CROP PROGRESS

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## Wet Grain, Wet Fields

Another week of rain and snow kept farmers out of fields. Standing corn and soybeans were reportedly too wet for storage in many areas. Dryers were working around the clock, while some producers were reportedly waiting for crops to dry down further or chopping wet corn for silage. Reporters in Buffalo, Chippewa and Marathon Counties noted that mold on corn was becoming a concern. Fall tillage and emergence were also hampered by the cold and wet conditions. Standing water was reported in fields in the east, where rainfall has been heavy over the last two weeks. There were 3.5 days suitable for fieldwork this week.

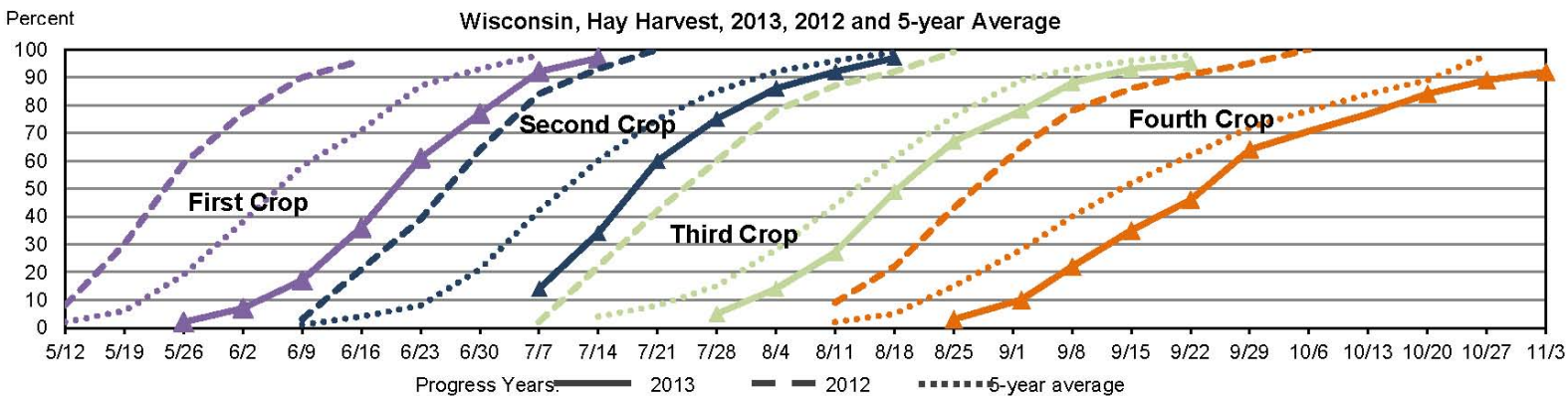
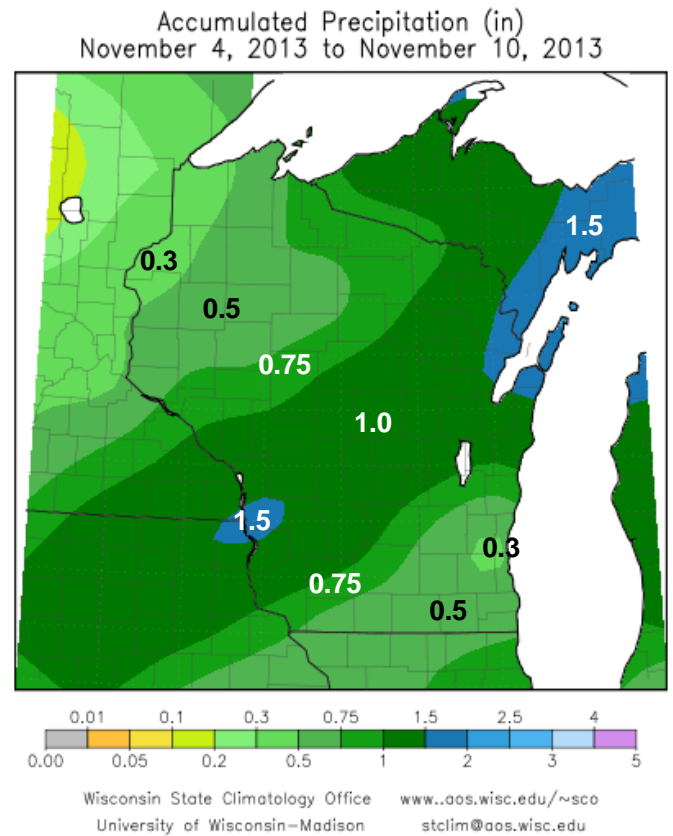
Across the reporting stations, average temperatures last week were 2 degrees below normal to 2 degrees above normal. Average high temperatures ranged from 44 to 52 degrees, while average low temperatures ranged from 27 to 37 degrees. Precipitation totals ranged from 0.37 inches in Milwaukee to 1.61 inches in Green Bay. 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** for grain was 62 percent harvested, 7 percentage points behind the five year average. Grain moisture content reportedly ranged from the mid 20s to the upper 30s across most of the state.

**Soybeans** were 86 percent harvested, 6 percentage points behind the five year average.

**Fall tillage** was 47 percent complete, 7 percentage points behind the five year average.



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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    | 52               | 47 | 34 | 58 | 70 | 45 | 74 | 76 | 61 | 62            | 50        | 93        | 69             |
| Soybeans harvested          | 83               | 56 | 74 | 91 | 88 | 81 | 95 | 95 | 85 | 86            | 82        | 100       | 92             |
| Fall tillage completed      | 33               | 53 | 31 | 39 | 66 | 45 | 47 | 58 | 46 | 47            | 38        | 70        | 54             |

Source: USDA, NASS, Wisconsin Field Office.

## Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Conditions, November 10, 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          |           |           |
|                  | 3.4              | 3.4 | 2.7 | 3.2 | 4.3 | 3.0 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.5           | 4.0       | 5.4       |
|                  | Percent          |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | Percent       |           |           |
| Topsoil Moisture |                  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |               |           |           |
| Very Short       | 7                | 0   | 0   | 10  | 0   | 0   | 3   | 6   | 0   | 4             | 6         | 12        |
| Short            | 13               | 0   | 5   | 37  | 1   | 1   | 29  | 20  | 2   | 16            | 20        | 38        |
| Adequate         | 71               | 99  | 55  | 52  | 93  | 51  | 66  | 69  | 94  | 69            | 67        | 46        |
| Surplus          | 9                | 1   | 40  | 1   | 6   | 48  | 2   | 5   | 4   | 11            | 7         | 4         |
| Subsoil Moisture |                  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |               |           |           |
| Very Short       | 14               | 0   | 0   | 25  | 11  | 1   | 9   | 7   | 1   | 9             | 13        | n.a.      |
| Short            | 24               | 20  | 5   | 52  | 40  | 7   | 38  | 26  | 33  | 30            | 30        | n.a.      |
| Adequate         | 58               | 80  | 64  | 22  | 48  | 58  | 53  | 64  | 66  | 54            | 52        | n.a.      |
| Surplus          | 4                | 0   | 31  | 1   | 1   | 34  | 0   | 3   | 0   | 7             | 5         | 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.

**BURNETT-J.D.:** Had some rain and snow last week. Some was more than we wanted.

**SAWYER-K.S.:** Fairly typical fall weather, no major impacts on field conditions or crop harvest. Still some wet corn left standing. Ground is starting to freeze and ice forming on ponds and lakes. Ground still white after 2.0 to 5.0 inches of snow fell across the county on Monday.

**ONEIDA-B.E.:** Temperatures are well below average. Rainfall above average about 3.5 inches. Had about 3.0 inches of snow over the last week. Still some on ground. Ice on Lake Thunder.

**TAYLOR-D.E.:** Harvest is well under way despite setbacks with weather. Corn and soybean crop yield reports vary widely but all are below average at this time. Hay yields are reported lower than average. Many fields are planted to a fall crop in hopes of forage in the spring. I think many are ready to leave this year's crop season behind and look forward to next year.

**LANGLADE-A.K.:** Weather conditions continue to keep harvest at a complete standstill, cold extremely wet no sunshine. Beans still look ok, next 10 days will determine if crop gets harvested. Corn moisture mid to upper 20s.

**OCONTO-J.M.:** Corn is drying down very slowly. Heavy rains this week have slowed the harvesting down considerably. The corn and soybeans that have been able to be harvested seem to be yielding above average.

**BUFFALO-R.S.:** Received 0.9 inch rain for the week. Moisture is too high yet and time is running out for warm days. Some corn showing mold growing on the ends of cobs. Too wet for baling bedding. Deer rut season is happening.

**LACROSSE-I.H.:** While we have had some rain this past week, there was not enough to keep harvests from continuing. Dust still rises as combines advance across fields. Both corn and beans are being harvested, but due to the wet spring some beans and corn still have a high moisture content. In fields were a cover crop for winter was planted there is some emergence. Where crops have just

been harvested some farmers are doing some sub-soiling as needed. With the previous wet spring, farmers recognize that compaction can be a problem.

**JUNEAU-J.W.:** Corn and soybean harvest has not progressed as hoped. Moisture content remains high and people just don't want to pay for the cost of drying at the current market price for the corn and soybeans. Cold weather has set in and now there is a dusting of snow. There could be corn still in the fields next spring.

**FOND DU LAC-B.B.:** The harvest remains at a stand still with another round of rain mid week that totaled to 0.7 inches. We may have to wait for the ground to freeze around here before operating a combine on the low ground (at least). Winter wheat drilled Oct. 11 emerged Nov. 01. Germination was adequate and the stands are looking good. Pastures are mostly grazed off and we're feeding stored hay to 95 percent of required dry matter.

**KEWAUNEE-J.J.:** Receiving 6.0 inches of rain in places over the last week has curtailed harvest.

**SHEBOYGAN-M.B.:** Corn and soybean harvest has been slowed due to cloudy, rainy and generally wet conditions. Late planted winter wheat still not emerged.

**GRANT-D.W.:** Recent rains have recharged the soil and slowed down harvest. Lots of corn stalks and bean straw bales have been made. Yields have been good with some very high contest yields.

**VERNON-K.Y.:** Farmers not complaining of 1.0-2.0 inches of well needed rain even with harvest slowed. Corn moisture levels still high, but test weights coming in good.

**ROCK-C.O.:** Excavators are still commenting on how dry the sub-soil is. We have not recharged our ground water. Corn harvest all but complete.

**WASHINGTON-G.S.:** Corn harvest is in full swing, and soybean harvest is nearing completion. Early planted winter wheat looked good before the freezing temperatures set in. We had our first measurable snow yesterday, and it is in the low 20s this morning.

### Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on November 10, 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 Nov. 9                          | Mar. 1 to Nov. 9 normal* | Last Week     | Since Sep. 1 | Sep. 1 dep. from normal * | Year to date | Year dep. from normal * |
| Eau Claire | 44          | 27        | 52        | 18       | 36   | -2                      | 2778                                      | 2588                     | 0.64          | 6.07         | -0.52                     | 33.71        | +3.88                   |
| Green Bay  | 48          | 34        | 54        | 26       | 41   | +2                      | 2652                                      | 2446                     | 1.61          | 7.69         | +1.73                     | 31.67        | +5.50                   |
| La Crosse  | 49          | 33        | 55        | 26       | 41   | 0                       | 3143                                      | 2938                     | 1.30          | 6.75         | +0.56                     | 33.89        | +4.17                   |
| Madison    | 51          | 34        | 55        | 23       | 42   | +1                      | 2963                                      | 2904                     | 0.70          | 5.82         | -0.11                     | 42.30        | +12.72                  |
| Milwaukee  | 52          | 37        | 57        | 26       | 45   | +2                      | 2814                                      | n.a.                     | 0.37          | 5.56         | -0.98                     | 35.69        | +4.93                   |

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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