



Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition



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Planting Progresses in Spite of Rains

There were 3.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending May 13, 2018, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. A second week of very wet conditions kept many tractors out of the fields in southern Wisconsin. Gray, rainy days and soaking thunderstorms dropped up to 3 inches of rain across the three Southern Districts. Conditions were drier in the northern portions of the state, though farmers were still tilling around wet spots in some areas. Producers took advantage of any break in the weather, working overtime to plant corn, soybeans, small grains, potatoes, and vegetables. Manure pits were being emptied as conditions allowed. Pastures and overwintered crops grew rapidly in response to the abundant moisture and seasonal temperatures.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 71 percent adequate and 27 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 5 percent short, 76 percent adequate and 19 percent surplus.

As of May 13, **spring tillage** was 47 percent complete statewide, 5 days behind the 5-year average.

Corn planting was 30 percent complete, 3 days behind last year and 6 days behind the average. Corn emerged was at 8 percent, even with the average.

Thirteen percent of the state's expected **soybean** acres have been planted, the same as last year but 2 days behind the average. Two percent of the state's soybeans have emerged.

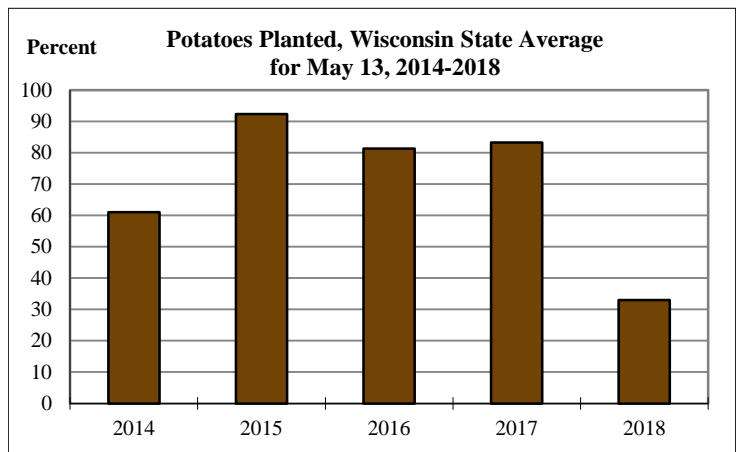
Oats planted were reported as 43 percent complete, 10 days behind the average. Oats emerged was at 18 percent, 12 days behind last year and 9 days behind the average.

Potato planting is reported as 33 percent complete, 11 days behind last year.

Winter wheat was 77 percent in good to excellent condition statewide, up 4 percentage points from last week.

All hay condition was reported 78 percent in good to excellent condition.

Pasture condition was rated 65 percent in good to excellent condition, compared to 48 percent in good to excellent condition last week.



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of May 13, 2018

Item	Very Poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Hay, All	1	3	18	62	16
Pasture & Range	1	9	25	52	13
Winter Wheat.....	0	3	20	59	18

Wisconsin Fieldwork and Crop Progress as of May 13, 2018

Item	District average									State average			
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
Corn Planted	38	21	9	30	13	4	42	46	46	30	15	43	46
Corn Emerged	2	0	0	0	2	0	20	19	19	8	0	3	8
Oats Planted	54	21	27	44	31	19	67	84	62	43	29	77	68
Oats Emerged	7	0	1	11	17	5	43	57	27	18	8	40	39
Potatoes Planted	48	50	51	43	25	n.a.	59	68	n.a.	33	18	83	n.a.
Soybeans Planted	7	0	0	7	1	1	25	26	21	13	5	13	17
Spring Tillage	50	34	25	52	26	19	62	72	59	47	30	66	60

n.a.=not available

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Supplies as of May 13, 2018

Item	District average									State average		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last Year
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	5.9	4.0	2.4	4.2	2.9	1.8	2.9	2.3	2.3	3.2	3.5	5.3
Topsoil Moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Short.....	10	0	1	6	0	0	0	2	0	2	4	2
Adequate.....	79	100	68	77	53	46	79	74	64	71	73	80
Surplus	8	0	31	17	47	54	21	24	36	27	23	18
Subsoil Moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Short.....	6	0	0	3	0	0	13	12	0	5	6	1
Adequate	86	100	53	85	65	56	74	78	77	76	75	80
Surplus	6	0	47	12	35	44	13	9	23	19	18	19

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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-T.B.: Several rain storms rolled through the area during the week, but the vast amount of precipitation went to the south of us. Lots of progress was made in the field; new seeding hay, oats, barley, corn, soybeans and potatoes were all getting planted all around the area. Manure hauling continues and field tillage operations are going strong.

BURNETT/WASHBURN-P.H.: Lots of tillage and planting done this week. Still cold temperatures but soils dry enough to go.

ASHLAND/IRON-C.B.: 4 days suitable for field work. Field work consisted of spring tillage. Ice left Chequamegon Bay on Thursday night during 0.5 inches rain. Pastures are starting to green up but are behind normal season growth.

FOREST/LANGLADE-D.E.: Spring tillage going in full force. Hay crops are beginning to look good and there are little to no signs of winterkill at this point. There are still many fields that are too wet to till, but that isn't slowing the spring farming down much.

CHIPPEWA/EAU CLAIRE-J.C.: Planting of all crops continues in earnest. Soil conditions are in good shape overall with good moisture. Most alfalfa and hay fields are in good shape with very little winterkill or injury.

LA CROSSE-I.H.: Once again wet weather has interfered with field work. Short bouts of planting have occurred on a limited basis.

PORTAGE-D.Z.: Just got going earlier this week and then it rained and slowed everything back down. Need some warmer temperatures, only 38 degrees this morning.

WAUPACA/OUTAGAMIE-D.L.H.: Spring work and planting going full tilt with the arrival of more favorable weather.

CALUMET-K.P.: Fields are looking very green. A couple days of being able to get into the fields allowed for some work to be completed. The forecast of dry weather and a lot of sunshine should provide farmers a nice opportunity to make good progress.

SHEBOYGAN/OZAUKEE-M.B.: Very wet. Planting has stalled this past week. With more rain in the forecast it looks like it will be at least 10 days before planting could resume.

IOWA/RICHLAND/SAUK-L.A.: Wet weather keeps planting progress slow. We are also seeing some drowned out spots on the planted acres.

COLUMBIA-G.K.: Rain still causing planting to be delayed. Rivers beginning to recede. Forecast looks good for this week.

GREEN-T.Z.: Farmers covered a lot of ground in a short amount of time, but rains have kept them out of the field for the last half of the week. It will be a few more days before they can get back to field work.

KENOSHA-R.R.: Fruit trees are starting to bloom with the warm temperatures

WALWORTH-N.W.: Most producers have got a good start to planting with some finishing up. Wet conditions will delay any progress most of this coming week.

Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on May 13, 2018

City	Temperature (degrees F)						Growing degree days (modified base 50) ¹		Precipitation (inches)				
	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg. dep. from normal*	Mar. 1 to May 12	Mar. 1 to May 12 normal*	Last Week	Since Mar. 1	Mar. 1 dep. from normal*	Year to date	Year dep. from normal*
Eau Claire	67	46	84	37	57	+2	227	222	0.47	5.25	-0.78	8.21	+0.32
Green Bay	64	45	82	38	55	+2	173	183	0.94	9.61	+4.06	12.41	+4.61
La Crosse	71	51	85	39	61	+4	293	266	1.80	9.28	+2.61	12.18	+3.29
Madison	67	46	81	35	57	+2	242	263	3.06	10.25	+3.42	15.28	+5.91
Milwaukee	63	46	82	38	55	+2	202	n.a.	3.00	8.60	+0.99	13.42	+2.33

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. n.a.=not available. T=trace Source: NCEP/NOAA Climate Prediction Center <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>.

For more 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/>

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