



Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition



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Clear Skies and Heat Help Crops Catch Up

There were 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending May 27, 2018, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Farmers welcomed this week's sunny skies and hot temperatures as they raced to catch up after a late spring. Waterlogged soils in the southern portions of the state dried out enough for round-the-clock planting activity, though some farmers were still avoiding wet spots. Midweek showers brought much-needed moisture to northern Wisconsin, where some areas have not seen measurable precipitation since the last snow. Temperatures soared into the 80s and 90s, driving rapid crop emergence. Reporters noted that many farmers were starting to cut hay as soon as they wrapped up planting.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 16 percent short, 76 percent adequate and 7 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 10 percent short, 83 percent adequate and 7 percent surplus.

As of May 27, **spring tillage** was 89 percent complete statewide, 1 day ahead of last year and 2 days ahead of the 5-year average.

Corn planting was 81 percent complete, 3 days ahead of last year and even with the average. Corn emerged was at 48 percent, 1 day ahead of last year but 1 day behind the average. Corn condition was 90 percent good to excellent.

Sixty-three percent of the state's expected **soybean** acres have been planted, 5 days ahead of last year and 3 days ahead of the average. Twenty-five percent of the state's soybeans have emerged, 5 days ahead of last year and 1 day ahead of the average.

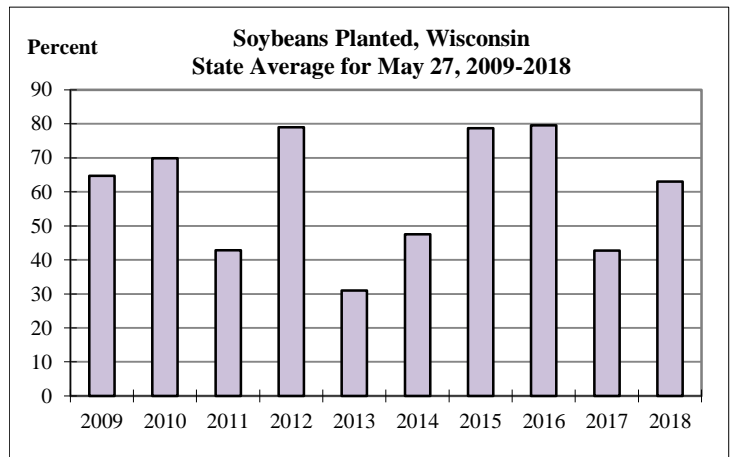
Oats planted were reported as 89 percent complete, 4 days behind last year and 3 days behind the average. Oats emerged was at 63 percent, 5 days behind both last year and the average. Oat condition was 91 percent good to excellent.

Potato planting is reported as 81 percent complete, 14 days behind last year.

Winter wheat was just starting to head. Winter wheat condition was 81 percent good to excellent, the same as last week.

The first cutting of **alfalfa** was reported as 20 percent complete, even with both last year and the average. **All hay** condition was reported 81 percent in good to excellent condition, the same as last week.

Pasture condition was rated 77 percent in good to excellent condition, compared to 74 percent in good to excellent condition last week.



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of May 27, 2018

Item	Very Poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Corn	0	0	10	71	19
Hay, All.....	1	3	15	62	19
Oats.....	0	0	9	75	16
Pasture & Range .	0	3	20	60	17
Winter Wheat.....	0	3	16	58	23

Wisconsin Fieldwork and Crop Progress as of May 27, 2018

Item	District average									State average			
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa Hay, First Cutting ..	4	6	14	13	20	20	36	31	18	20	1	20	20
Corn Planted	88	75	76	85	66	70	79	94	80	81	56	75	81
Corn Emerged	57	56	32	44	38	20	57	68	48	48	21	43	49
Oats Planted	90	75	92	89	75	88	98	99	91	89	67	91	91
Oats Emerged.....	68	59	70	60	51	41	74	95	63	63	36	78	75
Potatoes Planted.....	78	100	99	100	74	n.a.	90	87	n.a.	81	69	97	n.a.
Soybeans Planted	73	57	51	62	54	51	62	76	62	63	33	43	56
Soybeans Emerged.....	39	25	10	21	18	8	35	36	21	25	7	11	23
Spring Tillage	91	83	82	91	78	81	96	97	89	89	69	88	87

n.a.=not available

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Supplies as of May 27, 2018

Item	District average									State average		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last Year
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	5.6	6.5	6.6	5.8	6.0	5.9	5.8	5.1	3.7	5.7	5.2	3.0
Topsoil Moisture												
Very Short.....	2	0	9	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Short.....	34	46	31	16	6	11	9	7	0	16	6	0
Adequate	63	54	54	77	85	80	89	78	79	76	78	63
Surplus	1	0	6	5	9	9	2	15	21	7	16	37
Subsoil Moisture												
Very Short.....	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Short.....	16	13	11	13	1	4	12	13	0	10	5	0
Adequate	80	87	74	81	92	87	86	79	77	83	83	67
Surplus	2	0	15	5	7	9	2	8	23	7	12	33

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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-L.H.: Much needed rain was received in Barron County on Monday evening.

CHIPPEWA-T.P.: Around a half inch of rain this week helped for soil moisture in annual crops. Alfalfa growth is being stunted on course soils and hilltops due to a lack of moisture. Weeds are emerging quickly and past the stage when pre-emergence products will control. Not much for insect activity in crops yet.

CLARK-R.H.: Depending where you are in the county, a rain this morning was a blessing. The north end of the county has not had rain in a few weeks, the south end has had some showers. A lot of field work was completed this week and many crops are emerging. First crop hay has responded to the warm conditions this past week and should be ready to cut next week. As many are wrapping up planting, the forage harvesters are coming out of the shed and being given the once over. June 1st and dairy breakfast will begin next week.

SHAWANO-B.R.: It was a great week for planting. Many have wrapped up the corn planting and about half of the soybeans are planted. Corn and beans are both emerging in just a few days due to the warm weather and plenty of moisture.

BUFFALO/PEPIN-S.M.: Heavy localized rains on 5/25 dumped 4-6 inches of rain in areas of Buffalo County leading to some field washing, small mudslides, localized damage.

TREMPEALEAU-L.N.: Several days of intensive heat, rains and humidity have led to fast growing of the crops planted (and lawn grass growth also). 6 weeks ago there was almost 2 feet of snow on the ground and now we have 100+ degree temperatures. Concern of too much heat, too fast.

MARQUETTE/WAUSHARA-D.B.: Hay cutting started in a big way. Planters ran and finally finished most fields even if they had to go around wet areas.

FOND DU LAC/WASHINGTON-B.B.: Field work was able to resume Wednesday with much progress since then. Most every corn and bean acre is sown. Producers moved right to first crop alfalfa harvest then. Corn and bean emergence is looking quick and consistent. Everyone surely made up some lost ground this past period.

OUTAGAMIE-D.L.H.: Corn that was planted emerged in less than a week with the favorable weather. Oats, winter wheat, and corn have good green color. Soybeans are going in and farmers are beginning to cut some alfalfa.

VERNON-K.L.: Good progress with spring tillage and planting of soybeans and corn. Producers started cutting first crop alfalfa. Temperatures in the 90s have helped crops get in the ground and emerge.

COLUMBIA-G.K.: Most all farmers should have their corn and soybeans planted by June 1. First crop hay harvest should kick into high gear this week.

DODGE-R.H.: After Tuesday's half inch of rain, excellent progress was made in planting corn and soybeans the rest of the week. Even had temperatures in the 90s, so crops are emerging quickly

KENOSHA-R.R.: With Monday's rains it added up to 1 1/4 inches for the week. A lot of washouts in planted fields. Trying to finish planting. Replanting to be done later, if it dries up.

Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on May 27, 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 26	Mar. 1 to May 26 normal*	Last Week	Since Mar. 1	Mar. 1 dep. from normal*	Year to date	Year dep. from normal*
Eau Claire	79	52	93	43	65	+5	434	386	0.21	5.46	-2.23	8.42	-1.14
Green Bay	78	53	92	38	65	+7	363	325	0.13	9.84	+3.06	12.64	+3.62
La Crosse	78	58	91	49	68	+6	529	446	0.87	10.38	+2.21	13.28	+2.99
Madison	75	55	90	47	65	+5	443	439	0.81	12.47	+4.22	17.50	+6.70
Milwaukee	71	53	88	43	62	+4	363	n.a.	0.82	10.66	+1.78	15.48	+3.10

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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