



# Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition



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Wisconsin had 4.0 **days suitable for fieldwork** for the week ending July 7, 2019, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Crops grew quickly this week thanks to hot, humid weather and plentiful soil moisture. Daytime temperatures were in the 80s to 90s for much of the week, with warm nights. Scattered thunderstorms struck on several days, bringing a variable amount of moisture. Heavy rain fell on still-soggy fields in some areas, while others got just enough rain to maintain adequate soil moisture. Conditions continued to be wetter in east and central Wisconsin than in the western portions of the state. Many reporters noted ongoing difficulty making dry hay and spraying muddy fields.

**Topsoil moisture** condition was rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 67 percent adequate and 31 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition was rated 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 66 percent adequate and 33 percent surplus.

**Corn** emerged was reported at 94 percent complete, 22 days behind last year. Corn condition was 59 percent good to excellent, 4 percentage points above last week.

Ninety six percent of **soybeans** were planted, 20 days behind last year and 22 days behind the 5-year average. Eighty nine percent of soybeans had emerged, 19 days behind both last year and the average. Soybean condition was 64 percent good to excellent, up 3 percentage points from last week.

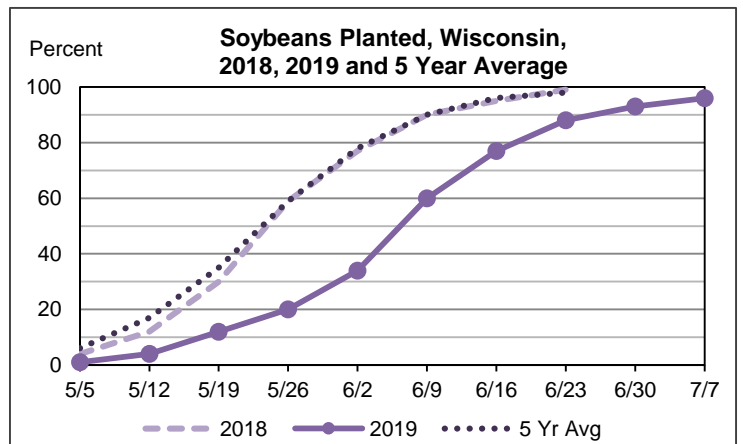
**Winter wheat** was 87 percent headed, 11 days behind last year and 15 days behind the average. Forty percent of winter wheat acres were coloring, 8 days behind last year and 10 days behind the average. Winter wheat condition was 55 percent good to excellent, up a percentage point from last week.

**Oats** emerged was 96 percent complete. Fifty six percent of oats had headed, 11 days behind last year and 12 days behind the average. Eleven percent of oats had colored, 9 days behind last year and 8 days behind the average. Oat condition was 71 percent good to excellent, unchanged from last week.

**Potato** condition was 87 percent good to excellent, unchanged from last week.

The first cutting of **alfalfa** was reported as 92 percent complete, 11 days behind the average. The second cutting was reported as 19 percent complete, 12 days behind last year and 11 days behind the average. **All hay** condition was reported 42 percent in good to excellent condition, the same as last week.

**Pasture** condition was rated 63 percent in good to excellent condition, up 1 percentage point from last week.



### Crop Condition as of July 7, 2019

	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Corn .....	3	8	30	43	16
Hay (all) .....	10	18	30	32	10
Oats .....	2	5	22	52	19
Pasture & range...	3	8	26	43	20
Potatoes .....	0	0	13	72	15
Soybeans .....	2	6	28	48	16
Winter wheat.....	4	11	30	39	16

### Crop Progress as of July 7, 2019

Item	Districts									State			
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
Alfalfa hay, first cutting.....	94	65	94	96	85	98	94	94	92	92	86	98	98
Alfalfa hay, second cutting .....	26	4	22	18	5	17	20	35	26	19	5	53	48
Corn emerged.....	90	71	92	95	97	95	99	97	96	94	87	100	100
Oats emerged.....	95	77	99	98	99	99	99	98	94	96	94	100	100
Oats headed.....	36	35	39	51	57	48	82	74	72	56	36	79	84
Oats coloring .....	4	0	0	6	5	7	19	35	36	11	3	32	29
Soybeans planted.....	90	86	98	95	98	98	99	98	99	96	93	100	100
Soybeans emerged.....	86	65	81	92	90	87	95	92	93	89	80	100	99
Winter wheat headed.....	77	62	91	79	83	88	77	87	98	87	81	96	98
Winter wheat coloring .....	14	19	22	35	19	33	41	60	57	40	18	71	73

### Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of July 7, 2019

Item	Districts									State		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year
Days suitable.....	4.6	4.5	4.7	3.5	3.4	3.6	4.7	3.7	4.1	4.0	3.6	5.6
Topsoil moisture												
Very short .....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Short.....	8	1	1	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	1	21
Adequate .....	67	58	66	75	47	67	90	60	58	67	62	71
Surplus .....	25	40	33	23	53	31	8	40	42	31	37	6
Subsoil moisture												
Very short .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Short.....	1	1	0	3	1	1	2	0	0	1	1	17
Adequate .....	73	59	56	72	46	64	91	59	56	66	62	77
Surplus .....	26	40	44	25	53	35	7	41	44	33	37	5

# Wisconsin Crop Progress

## Selected Quotes from Farm Reporters and County Ag Agents

All comments are used in creating this report, but only a few are published below.

**NW—BARRON-T.B.:** Passing rain events kept some growers from cutting second crop hay. Corn and soybean planting wrapped up. Small grain harvesting not quite ready to begin.

**NW/WC—CHIPPEWA/EAU CLAIRE-J.C.:** Drier weather allowed for continued hay harvest. Some fields being planted for corn silage and a few soybeans still being planted. Weed control is an issue in some fields.

**NC—ASHLAND/IRON-K.R.:** Corn has grown substantially this past week falling just short of knee high. First crop is progressing nicely with good drying weather this past week. Hay fields are very inconsistent on yield, as some fields are above normal yield and many are below normal yield.

**NE—SHAWANO-B.R.:** Rainy weather still an issue here. Crops that need to get sprayed had fields that were too wet to get into. Making alfalfa hay was also a problem with showers and high humidity. The one big positive was the welcomed heat along with moisture to make the corn and soybeans start to come alive and grow very well. Strawberry picking finally in full swing this week.

**WC—BUFFALO/PEPIN-M.L.:** Sporadic rain throughout the county this past week. Some areas saw up to 3 inches in one day, while others haven't seen more than a sprinkle or two all week.

**C—PORTAGE/WOOD-J.W.:** Excessive rainfall having a deleterious effect on corn and oats on heavy soils. Some poor quality hay made. Corn fields weedy, too wet to apply herbicide. Potatoes, peas and snap beans looking good, sweet corn improving. Cranberry in bloom, some look real good while others are fair. Biting insects and wood ticks abundant.

**EC—CALUMET/MANITOWOC-K.P.:** Excessive rain and standing water has caused considerable amounts of yellowing and noticeable growth stunting. A warm and relatively dry forecast will hopefully allow crops to bounce back.

**EC/SE—FOND DU LAC/WASHINGTON-B.B.:** Finally, a week with actual warmth with overnight lows from 67 to 70 degrees. Crops are the better for it. The beans put on some vegetative growth but in the by and by the best fields are still only 50 percent of closed canopy. Corn on the gentle slopes improved the most with some fields reaching canopy cover. Much of the low ground corn is still struggling. Across the crop board this growing year, "highly variable yields" may be the story.

**SW—VERNON-K.L.:** We have had another week of rain, high humidity and high temps. Farmers are still having a hard time getting any hay harvested and it's also hard for them to get in the fields to spray for weeds due to continued wet conditions.

**SC—DANE-F.P.:** Corn ranges from 7 to 8 inches to waist high. Winter wheat is coloring and a large amount of haylage was made during the weekend. It has been difficult to make hay and/or haylage due to the rainy days.

**SC—COLUMBIA-G.K.:** Farmers were finally able to complete cutting their first crop hay. Water still standing in some low lying areas of fields.

### Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on July 7, 2019

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 Jul. 6	Mar. 1 to Jul. 6 normal*	Last Week	Since Jun. 1	Jun. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire.....	82	63	87	59	73	+3	959	1030	1.95	2.40	-2.70	20.76	+5.39
Green Bay .....	84	66	88	63	75	+6	942	931	0.95	5.54	+1.41	21.48	+7.80
La Crosse .....	87	69	91	67	78	+5	1231	1168	1.82	6.71	+1.85	23.62	+7.88
Madison.....	85	68	90	63	76	+6	1123	1143	2.73	6.85	+2.03	24.56	+8.30
Milwaukee.....	84	68	93	64	76	+6	954	NA	0.56	4.74	+0.47	22.55	+5.34

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

For more weather data, please reference the following sites:  
<https://www.noaa.gov/> <http://www.aos.wisc.edu/~sco/> <https://www.cocorahs.org/> <https://www.weather.gov/>

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