



# Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition



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Wisconsin had 2.5 **days suitable for fieldwork** for the week ending September 15, 2019, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Multiple heavy rain events halted fieldwork and left soils saturated across the state. Reporters noted rainfall totals as high as 10 inches for the week in some areas. Daytime highs ranged from the 60s to the 80s with overcast skies and heavy humidity between showers. A small amount of corn and hay were chopped and some manure was spread early in the week before the ground became too wet. Many reporters noted standing water in fields and commented that up to a week of dry weather will be needed for fieldwork to start up again. Corn and soybeans still need heat and sunshine to fully mature.

**Topsoil moisture** condition was rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 66 percent adequate and 32 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition was rated 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 69 percent adequate and 30 percent surplus.

**Corn** silking was reported at 95 percent complete. Seventy-eight percent of corn has reached the dough stage, 19 days behind last year and 17 days behind the 5-year average. Forty-four percent of corn was dented, 17 days behind last year and 14 days behind the average. Two percent of corn was reported mature. Corn condition was 64 percent good to excellent, down 3 percentage points from last week. Corn for silage harvest was 8 percent complete, 11 days behind last year and 8 days behind the average.

**Soybeans** blooming was reported at 95 percent. Eighty-eight percent of soybeans were setting pods, 28 days behind the average. Leaves were coloring on 33 percent of the state's soybeans, 12 days behind last year and 9 days behind the average. Plants were dropping leaves on 6 percent of soybeans, 12 days behind last year and 9 days behind the average. Soybean condition was 67 percent good to excellent, 3 percentage points below last week.

**Winter wheat** planting was reported at 10 percent, 9 days behind last year and 3 days behind the average. Three percent of winter wheat had emerged.

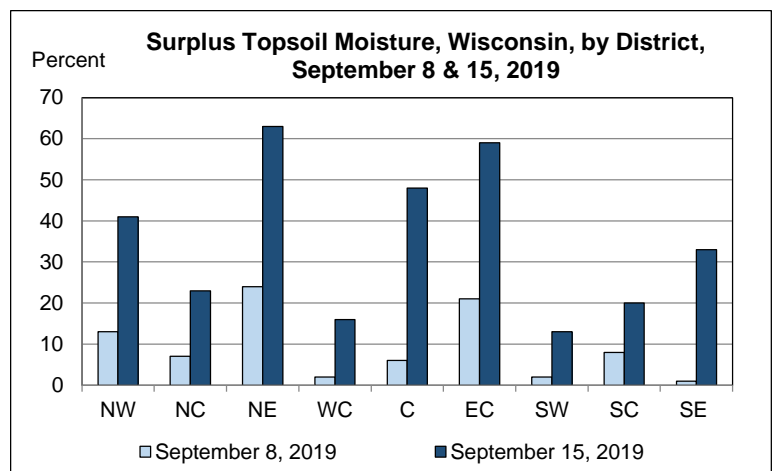
**Oats** were 82 percent harvested, 18 days behind the average.

**Potato** harvest was reported as 39 percent complete, 1 day behind last year and 3 days behind the average. Potato condition was 80 percent good to excellent, down 2 percentage points from last week.

The third cutting of **alfalfa hay** was 90 percent complete, 12 days behind last year and 13 days behind the average. The fourth cutting was 38 percent complete, also 12 days behind last year and 13 days behind the average. **All hay** condition was reported 63 percent in good to excellent condition, 1 percentage point below last week.

**Fall tillage** was reported as 3 percent complete in Wisconsin.

**Pasture** condition was rated 62 percent in good to excellent condition, unchanged from last week.



### Crop Condition as of September 15, 2019

	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Corn .....	3	9	24	44	20
Hay (all) .....	3	7	27	46	17
Pasture & range...	2	7	29	45	17
Potatoes .....	3	2	15	58	22
Soybeans .....	2	6	25	44	23

### Crop Progress as of September 15, 2019

Item	Districts									State			
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
Alfalfa hay, third cutting.....	93	84	96	92	75	93	90	95	95	90	88	96	97
Alfalfa hay, fourth cutting .....	28	8	39	46	33	21	53	51	48	38	30	62	63
Corn silking.....	90	82	97	91	97	100	96	98	100	95	94	100	100
Corn dough.....	66	70	43	81	62	71	90	89	90	78	72	95	93
Corn dented.....	23	48	14	38	44	38	55	53	64	44	31	80	73
Corn harvested for silage.....	3	5	2	14	17	6	19	5	5	8	5	33	23
Oats harvested .....	86	46	76	92	97	86	89	94	99	82	78	96	95
Soybeans blooming .....	89	90	89	95	96	95	98	97	98	95	94	100	100
Soybeans setting pods.....	80	76	84	86	86	88	96	92	89	88	85	100	100
Soybeans coloring .....	40	19	13	56	24	24	37	34	17	33	13	75	65
Soybeans dropping leaves.....	6	8	2	6	7	1	4	10	2	6	1	34	24
Winter wheat planted .....	30	12	24	8	20	7	13	10	5	10	8	22	13

### Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of September 15, 2019

Item	Districts									State		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year
Days suitable.....	2.5	3.4	1.3	2.0	3.3	1.6	3.2	2.6	2.1	2.5	5.1	6.6
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture												
Very short .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Short.....	1	2	0	1	0	0	1	3	11	2	8	6
Adequate .....	58	75	37	83	52	41	86	77	56	66	83	81
Surplus .....	41	23	63	16	48	59	13	20	33	32	9	12
Subsoil moisture												
Very short .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Short.....	1	2	0	1	0	0	1	3	6	1	7	6
Adequate .....	74	72	24	87	54	39	92	76	61	69	83	81
Surplus .....	25	26	76	12	46	61	7	21	33	30	10	12

**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.:** Frequent rain slowed down field work. Cover crop seeding being delayed by the weather and late silage harvesting. Corn silage harvest still at least a week away from the dominant activity as growers wait for crop to fully mature and begin drying down. Soybean leaves really showed a lot of leaf drop this week, but most fields will benefit from more growing degree days.

**NW/WC—CHIPPEWA/EAU CLAIRE-J.C.:** Rain slowed any harvest operations for most of the week. Some hay harvest continuing. A few corn silage fields beginning to be opened.

**NC—ASHLAND/IRON-K.R.:** Heavy rains mid to end of week have stopped field work. Farmers are nervous about harvesting corn silage in wet and muddy conditions.

**NC—ONEIDA-M.S.:** Wet week. Ponding even in areas where uncommon.

**NE—SHAWANO-B.R.:** Well, it just keeps getting wetter with 5-7 inches of rain this past week. No fieldwork done all week. Farmers with oats to do yet are facing the impossible task now. Soybeans have begun to turn color on a few acres. Silage tests this week run on the early planted corn is running about 72 percent. Many would like to start planting wheat but it will now be a couple weeks before anything moves in the fields even without additional rain.

**WC—ST CROIX-D.K.:** Been too rainy for silage chopping. This coming week is sure to change that as warm dryer weather is predicted.

**C/EC—OUTAGAMIE/WAUPACA-D.L.H.:** Another very wet and cool week passed. This area received 5 inches of rain with water ponding in low spots. Very little work if any occurred due to the extremely wet soil conditions. Cabbage fields are too wet to allow any harvest activity. Early planted soybeans are beginning to turn color. Warmer weather forecast for the upcoming week will help crop maturity of corn and soybeans.

**EC—CALUMET/MANITOWOC-K.P.:** Rain, rain and more rain. Some areas of the county received over 6 inches. All field work was halted this week. A lot of standing water again.

**EC—SHEBOYGAN-T.S.:** Rain almost every day this week has halted any field work progress and left standing water in areas. More rain in the forecast.

**SW—VERNON-K.L.:** A few people were able to chop corn until the rain set in. It rained most of the week off and on. We did have cooler temps and then warmer by the end of the week.

**SC—GREEN-J.T.:** A wet week.

**SC—ROCK-C.O.:** 7 inches of rain this week will delay harvest.

**SE—OZAUKEE/WASHINGTON-A.S.:** Sunshine has been minimal, temperatures are fairly warm but humid. There have been 3-4 heavy rain events this week that accumulated a lot of rain in a very short period of time.

**Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on September 15, 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 Sep. 14	Mar. 1 to Sep. 14 normal*	Last Week	Since Sep. 1	Sep. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire.....	68	53	81	47	61	-1	2218	2289	3.69	4.99	+2.96	35.55	+10.34
Green Bay .....	70	56	81	52	63	+2	2256	2152	5.04	7.19	+5.55	36.89	+15.07
La Crosse .....	75	60	87	54	68	+3	2809	2574	3.49	3.66	+1.84	34.12	+8.85
Madison.....	74	58	83	50	66	+3	2537	2511	3.21	3.56	+1.85	35.06	+9.66
Milwaukee.....	77	61	89	56	69	+4	2478	NA	4.79	5.05	+3.31	33.98	+8.05

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>.

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