

WISCONSIN CROP PROGRESS

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More Rain, More Delays

Yet another rainy week left heavy soils and bottomlands waterlogged across much of the state. Wet spots remained in many fields, with some reports of ponding water and runoff damage. Reporters noted that some fields intended for corn may be planted with soybeans or even left fallow because of planting delays. Crops were emerging slowly due to cloudy skies and cool temperatures. Northern Wisconsin received frost mid-week, putting orchards and cranberry bogs on alert for damage to buds and blossoms. With feed supplies tight, producers statewide were reportedly anxious to start the first cutting of hay. Heat is needed to dry out soils and spur crop development across the board. There were 3.8 days suitable for fieldwork.

Across the reporting stations, average temperatures last week were normal to 2 degrees above normal. Average high temperatures ranged from 67 to 71 degrees, while average low temperatures ranged from 49 to 54 degrees. Precipitation totals ranged from 0.70 inches in Green Bay to 3.20 inches in Eau Claire. 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/>

Statewide, **spring tillage** was 74 percent complete. In some areas **manure spreading** has reportedly been cut short to speed planting.

Corn was 64 percent planted and 27 percent emerged statewide. Several reporters commented that emerging corn looked yellow.

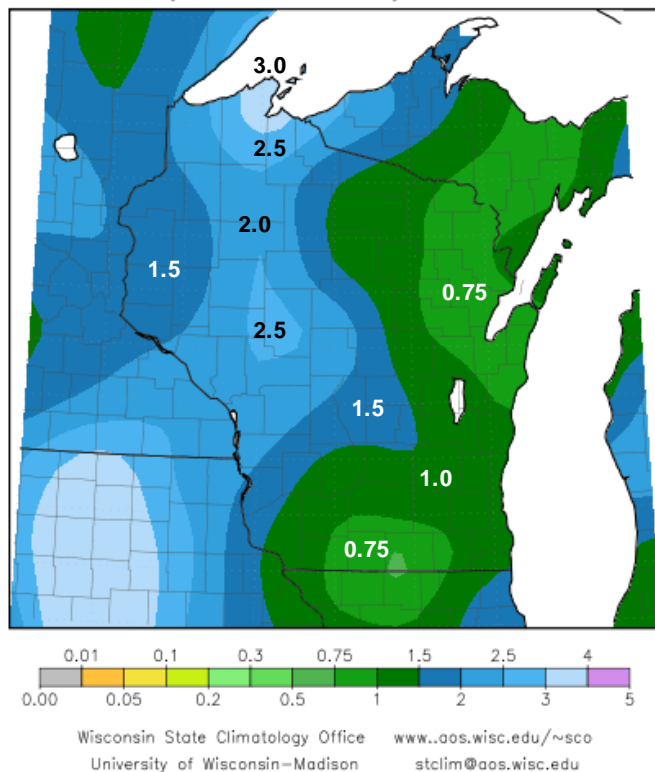
Soybeans were 29 percent planted and 5 percent emerged.

Oats were 86 percent planted and 55 percent emerged.

First cutting alfalfa was 2 percent harvested compared to 59 percent last year and a 19 percent five year average. Last year's hay harvest began a full 12 days earlier than the previous record early start. By contrast, first cutting hay was 4 percent harvested on May 26, 2011, and averaged 10 percent harvested for the years 2007-2011.

Winter wheat was reportedly developing well where it survived the winter. Some heavily damaged fields were reportedly being replanted. **Rye** was reportedly being harvested in Green County. **Potatoes** were reportedly in the ground in Barron, Washburn, Vilas and Dane Counties. **Apple** trees were blooming, and reporters commented that many were hoping for a normal crop this year.

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
May 20, 2013 to May 26, 2013



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of May 26, 2013

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
Pasture	1	4	31	47	17
Oats	0	1	35	56	8

Source: USDA, NASS, Wisconsin Field Office

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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
	Percent									Percent			
Corn planted	60	57	67	49	66	51	75	79	70	64	43	93	85
Corn emerged	8	12	13	11	30	15	36	49	50	27	7	61	46
Soybeans planted	18	22	30	11	24	23	24	49	47	29	11	74	60
Soybeans emerged	0	4	1	0	3	2	1	10	14	5	0	27	17
Oats planted	89	84	82	81	80	85	91	100	84	86	70	100	96
Oats emerged	35	45	48	35	51	46	77	92	68	55	30	96	82
Spring tillage	63	68	78	64	64	71	86	88	72	74	58	96	92

Source: USDA, NASS, Wisconsin Field Office.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Conditions, May 26, 2013

Item	District average									State average		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year
	Days									Days		
Days Suitable	3.8	3.1	4.0	2.7	4.5	4.5	3.0	4.6	3.8	3.8	5.1	5.8
	Percent									Percent		
Topsoil Moisture												
Very Short	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Short	5	1	1	0	0	6	3	4	0	2	3	20
Adequate	78	17	80	78	64	69	80	59	72	67	79	72
Surplus	15	82	19	22	36	25	17	37	28	31	18	5
Subsoil Moisture												
Very Short	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	n.a.
Short	11	0	12	9	1	3	6	6	0	5	10	n.a.
Adequate	81	90	59	87	89	77	91	70	84	82	81	n.a.
Surplus	6	10	29	4	10	20	1	24	16	12	8	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.

BARRON-D.B.: Crops way behind normal due to wet conditions. Need warm and dry weather.

BURNETT-J.D.: Cloudy last week, but no rain. Dry enough to do almost anything.

WASHBURN-R.H.: Saw some alfalfa spotty where it froze out last winter. Alfalfa coming up nice. Potatoes planted a week ago. Commercial operators planting soybeans.

ONEIDA-B.E.: Temperatures were a bit below average this past week, and we had to sprinkle irrigate to protect from frost on several nights. Many of the early season weeds are coming in now, including bunch grasses and some of the sedges, and the leather leaf is beginning to bloom. The cranberry buds are swelling, and some have begun to open, but the vines have still not turned from dormant cranberry color to green. We received less than 0.5 inches of rain this past week.

VILAS-R.K.: Potatoes 10 percent planted.

SHAWANO-B.R.: We were spared the frost the other night and the fruit trees look very good with blossoms. Corn is starting to poke out of the ground. Still have numerous wet spots in many fields.

BUFFALO-R.S.: Three to four inches of rain reported for the week - that stopped all field activity. Runoff caused serious erosion - even no till corn fields have ditches. Most oats and some corn have emerged. Some corn may have to be replanted. Very little corn planted yet. Hay harvest getting close, but there is still manure to spread, oats to seed - all at the same time. We escaped frost May 24th. Still seeing winter killed alfalfa.

EAU CLAIRE-D.J.: Very cold and slow coming spring.

JUNEAU-J.W.: Progress was made early in the week but now we have a lot of standing water from the weekend rains and rain is forecasted for most this week. There will be a lot of people switching from corn to soybeans. There will definitely be some prevented and late planted crops. Forages have really taken off and weather permitting I'm sure there will be some first crop coming off by next week.

WOOD-M.L.: It is very wet here. Fields need to dry out before more work can be done. One of the latest springs in memory.

FOND DU LAC-B.B.: Just as corn and bean planting picked up speed 2.2 inches rain mid-week put a halt to all field operations. Winter rye is our best pasture species thus far. Other grasses and alfalfa moving slow and in need of better warmth.

SHEBOYGAN-E.P.: A lot of field work was completed during the week. Oats are all planted. Corn and soybeans are next.

GRANT-E.B.: Cold and wet.

VERNON-K.Y.: Crops emerging are looking yellow due to cool wet conditions. Farmers struggling to get corn planted and some valley fields will probably remain idle this year. Farmers needing to start 1st crop hay are anxious. Feed supplies very low. Some vegetables have been planted.

DANE-J.K.: Field conditions are getting too wet at this time. Finally, plenty of moisture. Planting at a standstill, all crops are in and emerging very well. Veggies and potatoes are pretty much planted and they are emerging. Fruit trees and vines are setting fruit. Some are in blossom yet. Crop farming is very slow now due to excessive moisture.

GREEN-J.T.: Some are cutting hay because they need the feed. Winter rye forage has been harvested, and corn is planted on those acres. Planting is winding down with most corn and beans complete.

OZAUKEE-K.A.: Seen a little field of corn emerge - looks yellow. There is not much activity over in the heavy soil. Lighter soil some planting is done - not many acres. Heavy rain Wednesday and Thursday put everything at a standstill. Alfalfa and wheat are very spotty. I hope we can harvest some wheat and hay.

WAUKESHA-K.T.: Wet and cold conditions continue to delay planting of corn and soybeans. Just started 1st crop hay.

Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on May 26, 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 May 25	Mar. 1 To May 25 normal*	Last Week	Since Mar. 1	Mar. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	69	50	85	33	59	0	309	374	3.20	12.83	+5.29	15.40	+6.01
Green Bay	69	49	82	37	59	+1	292	314	0.70	8.61	+1.94	13.26	+4.37
La Crosse	71	54	86	41	63	+1	366	432	2.38	13.10	+5.07	15.50	+5.31
Madison	71	51	85	35	61	+2	383	425	0.92	12.23	+4.08	17.51	+6.84
Milwaukee	67	50	86	38	58	0	293	n.a.	1.04	11.74	+2.92	17.94	+5.66

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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