



Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition



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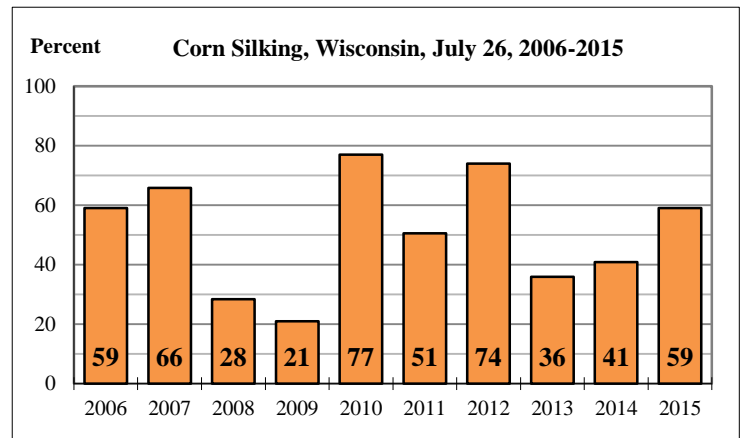
Clear Weather Advances Hay and Small Grains Harvests

There were 6.0 **days suitable for fieldwork** during the week ending July 26, 2015, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. It was a hot and humid week, with temperatures close to the average for late July and some scattered showers midweek. The clear, hot weather proved favorable for baling dry hay and harvesting small grains. A few reporters noted that previous storm damage to small grain fields may interfere with harvest activities. Corn and soybeans were soaking up the heat and progressing well through their pollination cycles, though timely rain will be needed soon to ensure good cob and pod development. Reporters statewide commented that crops were in great condition overall.

On average, topsoil moistures were rated 19 percent short to very short, compared to 9 percent the previous week. Subsoil moistures were 15 percent short to very short compared to 9 percent last week. Some reporters noted that crops on light soils were in need of moisture.

As of July 26, fifty-nine percent of **corn** had reached the silking stage or beyond, 6 days ahead of last year and 1 day ahead of the five year average. The corn crop was rated 82 percent good to excellent, compared to 83 percent the previous week. Sixty-seven percent of **soybeans** were at or beyond the blooming stage statewide, 2 days ahead of last year and 3 days ahead of the five-year average. Twenty-eight percent of soybeans had begun setting pods, 2 days ahead of last year and 4 days ahead of the five-year average. Eighty-four percent of the soybean crop was rated good to excellent. Eighty-six percent of the **oat** crop had begun turning color, just over a week ahead of last year. The oat crop was 12 percent harvested, 1 day behind last year but over a week behind the five-year average. Oats condition was rated 83 percent good to excellent, down 1 percentage point from last week. Six percent of **potatoes** have been harvested statewide. **Potato** condition was rated 91 percent good to excellent, compared to 95 percent last week.

Ninety-eight percent of **winter wheat** has turned color, 1 day ahead of last year. Winter Wheat was 22 percent harvested, 1 day ahead of last year. Winter wheat was rated 81 percent in good to excellent condition, unchanged from the previous week. **Pasture** condition was rated 79 percent good to excellent, down 3 percentage points from last week. The **second cutting of alfalfa** was 91 percent harvested and the **third cutting of alfalfa** was 20 percent harvested. This haying season continues at the second fastest pace in more than 35 years, trailing only 2012. **All hay condition** was 85 percent in good to excellent condition. Several reporters throughout the state reported that insect pressure remained low and below a "treatable threshold."



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of July 26, 2015

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
Corn.....	0	4	14	53	29
Hay, All.....	0	2	13	56	29
Oats.....	0	3	14	57	26
Pasture & Range..	0	4	17	58	21
Potatoes.....	0	1	8	68	23
Soybeans.....	0	2	14	57	27
Winter Wheat.....	1	3	15	53	28

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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													
Alfalfa hay, second cutting....	91	81	92	87	92	95	96	92	95	91	79	79	82
Alfalfa hay, third cutting.....	27	10	17	18	14	23	20	27	25	20	5	7	14
Corn silking.....	48	38	34	68	53	49	70	74	43	59	23	41	56
Oats turning color.....	86	89	71	94	75	83	88	95	88	86	66	65	n.a.
Oats harvested.....	7	3	2	34	8	4	10	12	32	12	5	11	23
Potatoes harvested.....	2	5	4	6	8	n.a.	1	1	n.a.	6	1	0	n.a.
Soybeans blooming.....	62	50	78	69	71	65	65	74	70	67	49	62	61
Soybeans setting pods.....	29	20	28	34	28	22	21	40	24	28	11	23	19
Winter wheat turning color....	91	96	98	96	95	99	98	99	98	98	94	97	n.a.
Winter Wheat harvested.....	9	15	7	32	11	17	21	35	30	22	2	19	n.a.

n.a.=not available

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Conditions as of July 26, 2015

Item	District average									State average		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last Year
Days												
Days Suitable	5.3	6.0	6.5	5.3	6.6	6.2	6.1	6.3	6.2	6.0	4.6	6.0
Percent												
Topsoil Moisture												
Very Short.....	0	0	7	0	1	7	2	2	1	2	0	3
Short.....	5	5	22	9	24	36	19	14	15	17	9	18
Adequate.....	87	95	67	80	69	53	52	78	79	72	79	71
Surplus.....	8	0	4	11	6	4	27	6	5	9	12	8
Subsoil Moisture												
Very Short.....	0	0	0	0	1	5	1	2	1	1	0	1
Short.....	5	0	22	8	14	29	17	15	15	14	9	11
Adequate.....	91	100	78	83	77	64	82	78	79	82	85	80
Surplus.....	4	0	0	9	8	2	0	5	5	3	6	8

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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.: Good timing between storm events has allowed many growers to make some dry hay. Storms did lodging damage to many small grain crops top heavy with grain and it will probably cause harvest issues. Most of the crops look very good with pest issues minimal. Pastures look very good for this time of the season with the exception of over grazing.

CHIPPEWA-J.C.: Sunny, dry weather allowed dry hay to be made with third crop harvest underway on some fields. Corn beginning to pollinate in many fields.

CLARK-A.K.: We could use a shower in this area. Beans and corn are really coming along. Some wheat was harvested and some oats were cut and shocked by the Amish.

FLORENCE-T.B.: Hot, dry conditions allowing for good hay production. We do need some rain soon. Corn showing signs of stress in sandy areas and high ridges.

LANGLADE-A.K.: Need a shot of rain, but overall never seen so many different crops in such good condition at the same time.

DUNN-M.B.: Overall, crops are looking very good.

ST CROIX-D.K.: Lots of second and third crop hay was baled this week with one of the best drying weeks all summer. Snap bean harvest is going with very good yields at the present time.

JUNEAU-J.W.: There were no significant storms or amounts of precipitation this week but the adequate moisture in the topsoil and heat units really allowed the crops to advance. A lot of hay was also made during the week. There are some reports of nematodes in the soybeans and rust in some of the wheat. One producer did say he averaged 60-70 bushels per acre on his wheat that was harvested. Another producer said his wheat that was planted on some marginal soil got weedy and didn't do very well. Wheat harvest should pick up a little more in the next week and oats for grain won't be too far behind.

PORTAGE-D.Z.: Some winter wheat and rye down to 20 percent moisture. Warm weather is helping the overall corn crop.

DOOR-T.S.: Beets look really good.

MANITOWOC-M.R.: Winter wheat harvest started this past week and will be in full force this coming week. Third crop alfalfa harvest also was under way along with some second harvest of new seeding.

CRAWFORD-J.B.: Warm temperatures have really helped the growth of corn and soybeans. It's been a very good week for harvesting dry hay. Wheat harvest should begin within the next week or so. All major crops throughout the county seem to be doing well. Fruits and vegetables also seem to be doing well.

DANE-F.P.: Crops in this area look very good compared to areas in Central Wisconsin.

ROCK-C.O.: Wheat harvest is delayed due to long lines at the elevator while loads are checked for toxins. Reports of scab issues reducing yields.

WALWORTH-N.W.: This last week we picked up a lot of heat units and the forecast looks like more on the way. Finally a good week to make dry hay also.

Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on July 26, 2015

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. 25	Mar. 1 to Jul. 25 normal*	Last Week	Since Jun. 1	Jun. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	83	61	87	54	72	+0	1530	1430	0.63	8.29	+0.89	17.74	+0.00
Green Bay	83	60	87	55	72	+2	1478	1313	0.00	5.03	-1.10	11.99	-3.78
La Crosse	85	64	89	58	74	+0	1861	1606	0.36	6.60	-0.81	19.20	+0.92
Madison	83	63	88	58	73	+1	1657	1562	0.00	6.75	-0.43	17.47	-1.11
Milwaukee	83	65	85	60	74	+2	1349	n.a.	0.00	4.09	-2.30	14.30	-5.02

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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