



# Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition

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## Chilly Nights Open September

There were 5.3 **days suitable for fieldwork** for the week ending September 3, 2017, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Another week of below-normal temperatures rounded out an overall cool month of August. Overnight lows dipped into the 40s across most of the state, with areas near the Michigan border dipping into the 30s. Scattered rains were more frequent in the eastern and central portions of the state. Some reporters there noted soils were once again too wet to support machinery. Reporters remained concerned that corn and soybeans were behind in maturity. Hay crop and forages were benefiting from the cool, wet weather, with good quality, quantity and regrowth.

**Topsoil moisture** supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 7 percent short, 85 percent adequate and 7 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 4 percent short, 87 percent adequate and 8 percent surplus.

Seventy-nine percent of Wisconsin's **corn** has reached the dough stage or beyond, 2 days behind the 5-year average. Thirty-three percent of the corn has reached the dented stage, 6 days behind the average. There were scattered reports of corn reaching maturity and being harvested for silage. Corn condition rated 72 percent good to excellent, 3 percentage points above last week.

Ninety-five percent of the state's **soybeans** were setting pods, 3 days behind the average. Leaves were turning color on 12 percent of the state's soybean acreage. Soybean condition rated 75 percent good to excellent, 2 percentage points above last week.

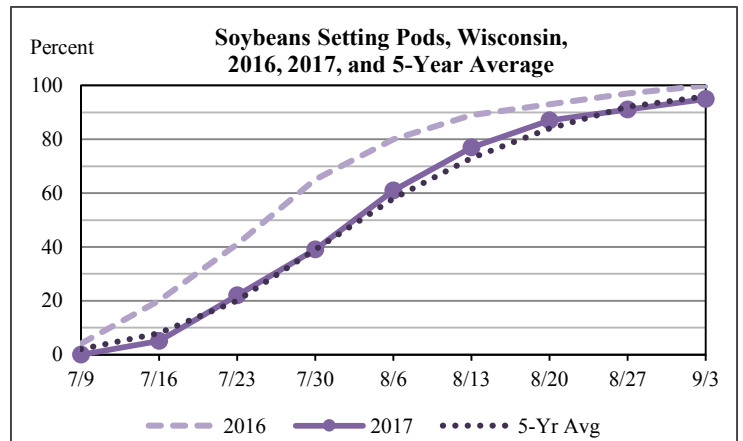
Harvesting of **oats** for grain was reported at 86 percent complete, over one week behind average.

**Winter wheat** being planting has begun.

**Potato** harvest remains ahead of last year at 35 percent complete. Potato condition was rated 72 percent good to excellent, 3 percentage points below last week.

**Pasture** condition was 72 percent good to excellent, 2 percentage points above last week.

The third cutting of **alfalfa** reached 94 percent complete, 6 days ahead of the average. The fourth cutting was reported at 45 percent complete, 3 days ahead of the average. **All hay** condition was reported 82 percent good to excellent, 3 percentage points above last week.



## Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of September 3, 2017

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
All Hay.....	0	3	15	57	25
Corn.....	3	7	18	51	21
Pasture & Range.	1	5	22	50	22
Potatoes.....	3	10	15	47	25
Soybeans.....	2	6	17	51	24

## Wisconsin Crop Progress as of September 3, 2017

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			
Alfalfa Hay, Third Cutting.....	92	95	96	92	96	95	91	97	97	94	89	96	90
Alfalfa Hay, Fourth Cutting.....	38	19	47	43	42	50	51	55	41	45	28	54	39
Corn Dough.....	77	62	71	74	74	71	94	85	90	79	68	90	82
Corn Dented.....	18	14	34	23	43	28	45	38	44	33	17	68	47
Oats Harvested.....	85	69	72	99	86	77	99	100	98	86	74	96	91
Potatoes Harvested.....	67	47	47	75	29	n.a.	22	18	n.a.	35	27	20	n.a.
Soybeans Setting Pods.....	96	99	100	98	95	88	95	98	90	95	91	100	96
Soybeans Coloring.....	7	6	13	18	19	6	21	10	8	12	3	29	25

n.a.=not available

## Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Conditions as of September 3, 2017

Item	District average									State average		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last Year
	Days									Days		
Days Suitable.....	5.0	5.7	3.9	4.8	5.4	4.7	6.1	5.5	5.6	5.3	5.2	5.8
	Percent									Percent		
Topsoil Moisture												
Very Short.....	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	1	1	1
Short.....	4	0	3	6	4	3	22	4	9	7	8	6
Adequate.....	89	98	66	89	88	92	75	83	84	85	79	85
Surplus.....	7	2	31	4	8	5	0	13	7	7	12	8
Subsoil Moisture												
Very Short.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	1
Short.....	3	0	0	7	4	1	10	2	2	4	3	6
Adequate.....	91	98	70	88	88	91	86	84	90	87	87	85
Surplus.....	6	2	30	5	8	8	0	14	8	8	10	8

**Selected Quotes from Farm Reporters and County Ag Agents**

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

**RUSK-G.P.:** Continuing concern over the progress of the crop. Fourth crop going now. Fall small grains starting to go in. Looks like some wheat will go in even with the low price.

**ASHLAND/IRON-C.B.:** Another bad week weather-wise. Rain again on already wet fields. Many small grain fields are overripe, but can't be harvested due to the wet conditions.

**MARINETTE/OCONTO-J.M.:** It has been a constant struggle for farmers all year trying to make dry hay. Corn and soybean crops seem to be maturing slower than normal, possibly due to cool/wet conditions.

**SHAWANO-B.R.:** More heavy rains this week. Water standing in every field including alfalfa fields. Most corn is just starting to dent but some farmers will want to start chopping even though the fields are now very wet. A few soybean fields are showing a little color change and it looks like this may be from white mold setting in. Alfalfa growing well but very difficult to get it off with soft fields and ruts left behind. Cool weather predicted for the next several days is not what we need as the crops have a long way to go to maturity.

**EAU CLAIRE-J.C.:** Fourth crop hay harvest underway with very good quality. Whole-plant corn silage moisture in the mid-70 percent range on early planted corn. Soybeans beginning to color.

**MONROE-B.H.:** The crops on the sandy soils really changed this past week due to the very dry August.

**ADAMS/JUNEAU-J.W.:** Crops look good but they have a long way to go before they are ready. The cool temps aren't helping the corn and soybeans mature very fast. Everyone has their fingers crossed that we don't have a frost until the end of October. Unfortunately, we've already had one night where the temperature was below 40 in parts of the county and high temperatures are supposed to only be the low to mid 60s this week.

**FOND DU LAC/WASHINGTON-B.B.:** Regrowth of post-fourth-crop alfalfa is excellent. It should enter dormancy later this fall in very good shape. Meanwhile, corn and beans putt along.

**KEWAUNEE-T.S.:** Heading into the first week of September, the spring planted crops are showing signs of maturing. Some of the corn is just starting to dry down and some of the soybeans are beginning to turn color. However, both crops are at the start of reaching maturity and have a ways to go. In the next couple of weeks, a local dry-down will be held to gauge the progress of the corn silage crop. It is possible by the end of September that the harvest will begin. Nearly all the corn is dented now. The soybean crop is doing well, but there are a few fields showing weed pressure. Ragweed is the main culprit. For one reason or another, those fields did not have adequate weed control done earlier. The soybean plants are quite tall and should yield very well this year. The third crop and fourth crop alfalfa harvest was going on this past week. With the rain in the last few weeks, the amount of hay harvested is good. There should be adequate supplies of the crop heading into winter in this area. Some manure hauling is taking place, but the main time for this task is still to come. Some fall tillage has already been done, mainly in the former winter wheat fields.

**VERNON-K.L.:** Cool weather has slowed the development of corn and soybeans. Minimal soybean crop is starting to turn color. Corn is denting, however, no silage being harvested in the county to date. Pasture growth has slowed. Fall-like weather in August has farmers concerned about what September weather will bring.

**ROCK-C.O.:** Cool weather has delayed crop maturity.

**Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on September 3, 2017**

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. 2	Mar. 1 to Sep. 2 normal*	Last Week	Since Sep. 1	Sep. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	74	53	82	42	64	-2	2143	2124	0.15	0.14	-0.17	27.70	+4.23
Green Bay	71	52	81	45	61	-4	2116	1987	1.56	0.33	+0.09	25.84	+5.34
La Crosse	79	59	87	50	69	+0	2728	2383	0.06	0.06	-0.22	31.84	+8.08
Madison	73	53	80	45	63	-3	2282	2321	0.57	0.07	-0.19	32.47	+8.42
Milwaukee	74	59	83	49	66	-2	2399	n.a.	1.00	0.14	-0.11	29.47	+5.12

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>.

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