



Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition



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Heavy Rains Leave Standing Water

There were 3.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending June 24, 2018, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Northern Wisconsin saw widespread flood damage to rural roads and infrastructure in the aftermath of heavy rains received from June 16 through 18. This was followed by sunny weather for the rest of the week, allowing fieldwork to resume by the weekend. Southern Wisconsin saw daily showers and thunderstorms, limiting access to fields. Reporters noted standing water and crops showing moisture stress in low spots. Haying and spraying were the main tasks for the week, though conditions continued to be poor for baling dry hay.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 82 percent adequate and 15 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 4 percent short, 85 percent adequate and 11 percent surplus.

Corn condition was 87 percent good to excellent, 3 percentage points below last week.

Ninety-five percent of the state's **soybeans** have emerged, 2 days ahead of last year and 5 days ahead of the average. Soybean condition was 84 percent good to excellent.

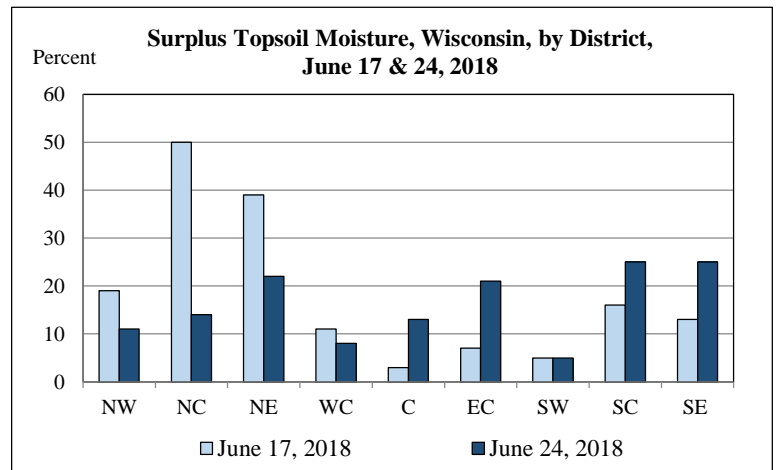
Oats headed was reported at 48 percent, 1 day ahead of last year, but 1 day behind the average. Oat condition was 86 percent good to excellent.

Potato condition was 82 percent good to excellent, 15 points below last week.

Winter wheat was 84 percent headed, 4 days behind last year. Winter wheat coloring was reported at 16 percent, 5 days behind last year. Winter wheat condition was 82 percent good to excellent.

The first cutting of **alfalfa** was reported as 92 percent complete, 2 days behind last year, but 6 days ahead of the average. The second cutting was 15 percent complete, 2 days ahead both of last year and the average. **All hay** condition was reported 82 percent in good to excellent condition, 4 points below last week.

Pasture condition was rated 83 percent in good to excellent condition, compared to 84 percent in good to excellent condition last week.



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of June 24, 2018

Item	Very Poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Corn	1	2	10	54	33
Hay, All	1	3	14	57	25
Oats.....	0	1	13	59	27
Pasture & Range .	0	2	15	56	27
Potatoes.....	0	1	17	54	28
Soybeans.....	1	3	12	56	28
Winter Wheat.....	0	2	16	56	26

Wisconsin Fieldwork and Crop Progress as of June 24, 2018

Item	District average									State average			
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
Alfalfa Hay, First Cutting ..	82	93	93	95	90	92	91	98	94	92	85	93	85
Alfalfa Hay, Second Cutting	5	5	6	16	7	6	31	22	14	15	4	11	11
Oats Headed.....	32	57	59	31	45	24	71	77	45	48	33	44	49
Soybeans Emerged.....	95	98	94	94	93	92	99	98	84	95	88	93	90
Winter Wheat Headed.....	79	92	85	63	65	87	80	98	82	84	72	91	n.a.
Winter Wheat Coloring.....	18	16	8	6	8	18	10	18	26	16	4	35	n.a.

n.a.=not available

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Supplies as of June 24, 2018

Item	District average									State average		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last Year
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	4.2	5.7	3.6	3.7	3.8	4.4	2.9	1.7	2.9	3.5	5.3	3.2
Topsoil Moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Short.....	0	3	2	3	2	9	2	2	3	3	12	3
Adequate.....	89	83	76	89	85	70	93	73	72	82	72	70
Surplus	11	14	22	8	13	21	5	25	25	15	15	27
Subsoil Moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Short.....	1	3	3	4	0	7	6	3	2	4	8	2
Adequate.....	93	87	68	91	90	85	93	75	68	85	79	72
Surplus	6	10	29	5	10	8	1	22	30	11	12	26

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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.

BURNETT/WASHBURN-P.H.: Lots of first crop hay done this week. Close to starting second crop for dairy producers. Most corn over knee high. Soybeans still small. Oats and spring wheat are heading out but short due to lack of rain in early May.

RUSK-G.P.: Corn is growing very nicely with the rain and some heat. Soybeans are looking better. Second crop hay is in full swing. Wheat and other small grains are looking fairly good as well.

ASHLAND/IRON-C.B.: Nice dry week after the severe rains last week. Progressing well on first crop hay harvest.

SHAWANO-B.R.: Heavy rains last weekend limited what could be accomplished in the fields this week. Four inches and more was received in much of the county. It is time to get the weeds sprayed and the side dressing of nitrogen on the corn, but it was too wet in the fields. Overall, crops look good but we are starting to see yellow areas in the corn fields. Second cutting of alfalfa is just beginning and winter wheat is slightly changing color.

LA CROSSE-I.H.: Rain this week slowed progress in the fields. Other than a little spraying, little else was accomplished.

ST CROIX-D.K.: Second crop dairy hay is beginning. Spraying soybeans is being done. We have been getting just the right amounts of rain to not cause any problems.

ADAMS/JUNEAU-J.W.: Last week was another good week with plenty of rain and warm temperatures. It was tough to bale any dry hay because of the rains but so far hay quantity and quality has been good. Lots of spraying was getting done during the past week as well.

PORTAGE-D.Z.: Rains from 5 to 9 inches last weekend have slowed everything to a crawl. Getting behind on spraying and sidedress nitrogen application.

CALUMET-K.P.: Although we needed rain, we didn't necessarily need the 3 to 5 inches that came early in the week, creating a lot of standing water. Abundant sunshine later in the week along with some wind helped to somewhat alleviate the situation. Second crop hay harvest has started. Oats are heading and starting to color. Wheat coloring is coming along nicely. Corn and soybeans are looking good except where water is standing.

VERNON-K.L.: A week of rain and drizzle made it hard for the farmers to get corn and soybeans sprayed. Soybeans needed the rain. However, the rain encouraged more weed growth. Corn varies from just planted to well above knee height. Not good weather for putting up dry hay this week. Overall, the crops in the county look good. Pastures still lush and green.

GREEN-T.Z.: Wet, wet and more wet weather. Between 4 and 7 inches of rain over the entire county this past week. It has been very tough to get first crop finished and started with second crop hay. Corn and soybeans are looking remarkable.

ROCK-D.C.: We have had a lot of rain. Some conditions are too wet.

WALWORTH-N.W.: Locations in the county received 5 to 6 inches of rain this last week. Flooding in low spots but otherwise corn and soybeans look good.

Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on June 24, 2018

City	Temperature (degrees F)						Growing degree days (modified base 50) ¹		Precipitation (inches)				
	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg. dep. from normal*	Mar. 1 to Jun. 23	Mar. 1 to Jun. 23 normal*	Last Week	Since Jun. 1	Jun. 1 dep. from normal*	Year to date	Year dep. from normal*
Eau Claire	80	62	92	55	71	+4	979	798	3.13	3.98	+0.72	17.10	+3.53
Green Bay	77	61	91	54	69	+3	864	712	2.62	4.79	+2.27	17.52	+5.44
La Crosse	81	66	98	62	74	+4	1174	907	2.03	3.58	+0.67	18.71	+4.86
Madison	77	63	91	56	70	+2	980	894	1.75	5.06	+2.07	23.65	+9.23
Milwaukee	75	60	93	55	68	+1	823	n.a.	2.33	4.26	+1.67	19.94	+4.37

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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