

Winnebago County Crops Quick Update

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Wisconsin Crop Progress: September 21 2009. Source: USDA, NASS, Wisconsin Field Office

Full report at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/wi/>

Soil Moisture		
	East Central Wisconsin	State Average
Very Short	37	21
Short	50	51
Adequate	13	28
Surplus	0	0

Wisconsin Weekly Weather								
City	Temperature		GDD (50 base)		Last Week	Since Sept 1	Precipitation Sept 1 dep. from normal	Year to date
	Avg.	Avg. dep. from normal	March 1 to Sept. 19	Normal				
Green Bay	63	4	2109	2205	0	0	n.a.	-4.68
Madison	64	3	2383	2578	0	0	n.a.	0.51

Wisconsin Crop Progress					
Crop and percent of acreage	Central		State Average		
	Central	East Central	This Year	Last Year	5-Year
Corn in dent	70	46	66	62	77
Corn silage harvested	11	10	12	31	47
Soybean dropping leaves	13	23	24	44	52
Fourth cut hay	40	44	45	37	35

Crop Conditions: Corn: Very Poor=3%, Poor=9%, Fair=27%, Good=43%, Excellent=18%

Soybeans: Very Poor=3%, Poor=7%, Fair=26%, Good=49%, Excellent=15%

Observations of the week: Corn Silage Dry-down Summary:

Two more corn silage dry-down dates were held since the last update. With approximately 50 samples submitted for dry-down in Winnebago County, this was a successful service that I look forward to providing and improving in the future. State wide dry-down data is summarized at the following website: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/ag/silagedrydown/index.cfm>

Please note there are always exceptions to those samples harvested for the table below. If a field hasn't begun to dent and you can squeeze water out of the sample (we had corn like this on the 16th) it will still be too wet for even a bunker or bag.

Hybrid Relative Maturity	Planting Date	Projected STARTING Harvest Date Range		
		Bunker /Bag	Concrete Stave	O2 Limiting
District 4, Includes Winnebago and FDL Counties				
full-season (100 RM+)	Before May 15	Sept 6-11	Sept 16-21	Sep 26-Oct 1
full-season (100 RM+)	After May 15	Sept 8-18	Sept 18-28	Sept 28-Oct 8
short-season (<100 RM)	Before May 15	Aug 28-Sept 12	Sept 7-22	Sept 17-Oct 2
short-season (<100 RM)	After May 15	Sept 7-14	Sept 17-24	Sept 27-Oct 3
Ideal Moisture %:	Bunker=65-70%			
	Bag=60-70%			
	Stave Silo=60-65%			
	Oxygen Limiting=50-60%			

No New Pest Update or Soy Report This Week.