



Wisconsin Ag News – Crop Progress & Condition

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Wisconsin had 3.2 **days suitable for fieldwork** statewide for the week ending May 4, 2025, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Rainy conditions, especially in northern areas of the state hampered planting efforts. Pastures, hay and small grains benefited from the moisture.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 0 percent very short, 7 percent short, 66 percent adequate and 27 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 1 percent very short, 11 percent short, 66 percent adequate and 22 percent surplus.

Corn planting was 16 percent complete, 2 days behind both last year and the 5-year average. Scattered corn emergence was reported in a few counties.

Soybeans were 17 percent planted, 2 days behind last year but 1 day ahead of the average.

Oat planting was 36 percent complete, 7 days behind last year and 5 days behind the average. Oats were 10 percent emerged.

Potato planting reached 55 percent complete, 9 days behind last year but nearly even with the average.

Spring tillage was 42 percent complete, 7 days behind last year and 3 days behind the average.

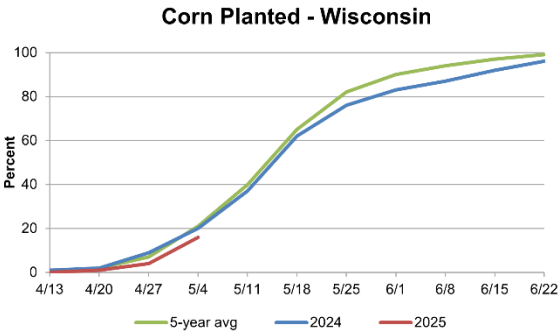
The first **all hay** condition rated 1 percent very poor, 6 percent poor, 25 percent fair, 55 percent good and 13 percent excellent.

Winter wheat condition was rated 63 percent good to excellent, up 5 percentage points from last week.

Pasture and range condition was rated 47 percent good to excellent, up 10 percentage points from last week.

Crop Condition as of May 4, 2025

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Hay, all	1	6	25	55	13
Pasture and range ..	4	14	35	40	7
Wheat, winter	1	7	29	52	11



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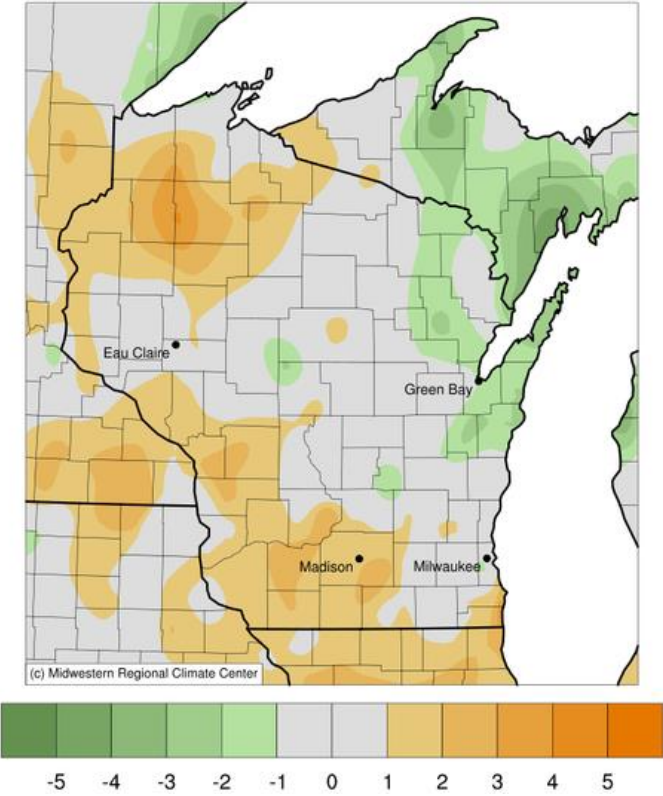
Item	Districts									State			
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn planted	4	1	0	10	4	5	24	37	24	16	4	20	21
Oats planted	13	3	11	38	10	22	75	78	59	36	26	52	47
Oats emerged	3	0	5	12	0	9	24	18	7	10	3	23	19
Soybeans planted	2	1	4	9	1	4	30	40	27	17	6	20	14
Spring tillage	31	7	8	34	42	31	61	71	61	42	26	58	50

The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications.

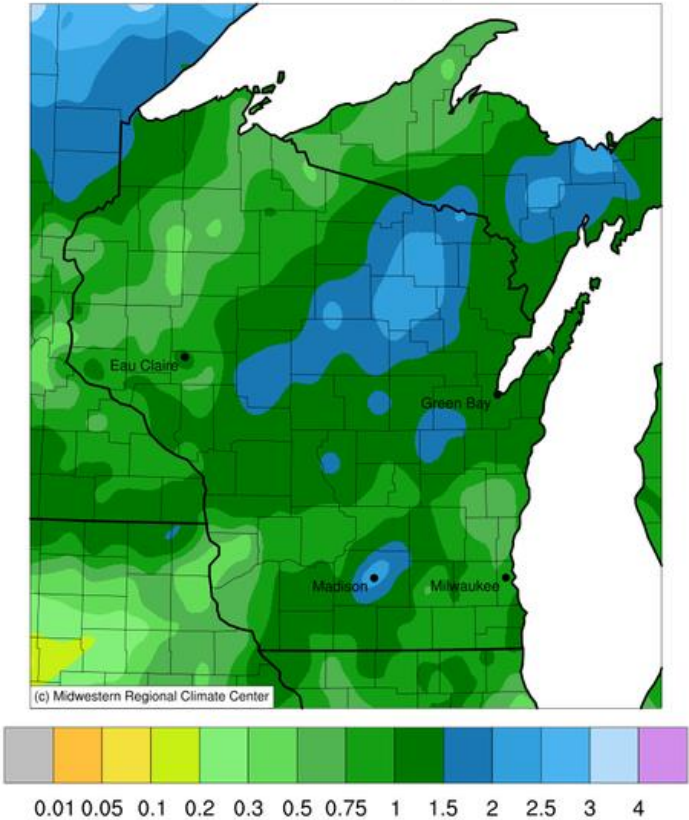
Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of May 4, 2025

Item	Districts									State		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year
Days suitable	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)
	3.3	1.2	1.6	3.0	3.2	3.5	3.2	4.0	4.3	3.2	3.3	3.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	0
Very short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	0
Short	6	0	0	1	0	11	13	13	15	7	10	10
Adequate	68	29	46	77	62	68	62	79	66	66	65	71
Surplus	26	71	54	22	38	21	25	6	17	27	24	19
Subsoil moisture												
	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	1	3	0
Very short	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	1	3	0
Short	11	2	0	6	2	16	16	19	6	11	14	13
Adequate	61	33	44	82	64	63	77	70	90	66	66	75
Surplus	28	65	56	11	34	21	7	8	4	22	17	12

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals
April 28, 2025 to May 04, 2025



Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 28, 2025 to May 04, 2025



Temperature and Precipitation Maps, courtesy of the Midwest Regional Climate Center, are available at: <https://mrcc.purdue.edu/CLIMATE/>

Additional soil moisture data are available at: <https://nassgeo.csiss.gmu.edu/CropCASMA/>