



Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition

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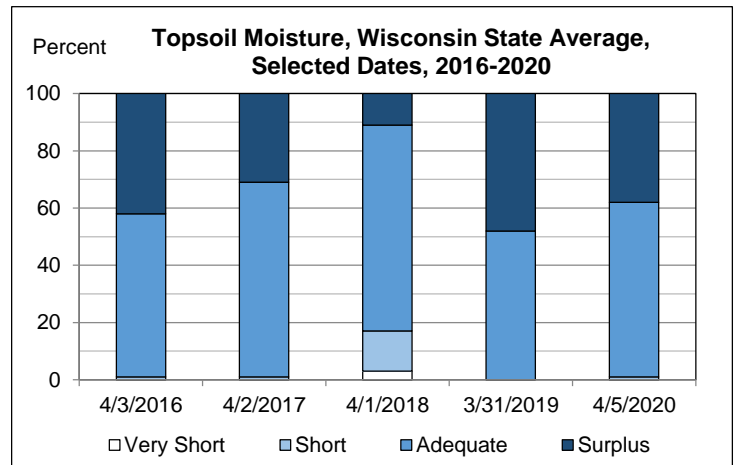
Wisconsin had 2.8 **days suitable for fieldwork** for the week ending April 5, 2020, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Above normal temperatures throughout March and the opening days of April melted snow cover and defrosted soils across most of the state. Farmers took advantage of favorable field conditions in the past few weeks to continue harvest activities not completed last fall. This included harvesting corn for grain and baling corn stalks and soybean straw. This week featured a mix of sunny days in the 50s and 60s with cooler, rainy days and a few overnight freezes. Parts of northwestern Wisconsin received light snow on Saturday. Fields in many areas were too wet to support machinery, though there were a few reports of oats planting and fertilizer spreading on well-drained soils. Some reporters noted that Amish farmers had begun plowing and mature spreading with horse-drawn equipment. Winter wheat, hay, and pastures greened up nicely this week in response to warm and sunny conditions.

Topsoil moisture condition was rated 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 61 percent adequate and 38 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition was rated 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 64 percent adequate and 36 percent surplus.

As of April 5, **spring tillage** was 1 percent complete statewide, equal to last year and the 5-year average. Reporters commented most fields were too wet to be worked.

Oats planted were reported as 2 percent complete, 1 percent ahead of last year and equal to the 5-year average.

Please note that due to changes in USDA policy we are no longer able to publish comments from individual reporters in the weekly *Wisconsin Crop Progress and Condition* report. We suggest that members of the media looking for first person reports about crop progress and condition contact their local University of Wisconsin Extension, USDA Farm Service Agency or USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service offices.



Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of April 5, 2020

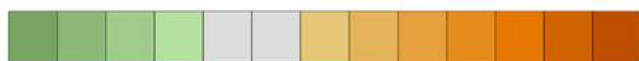
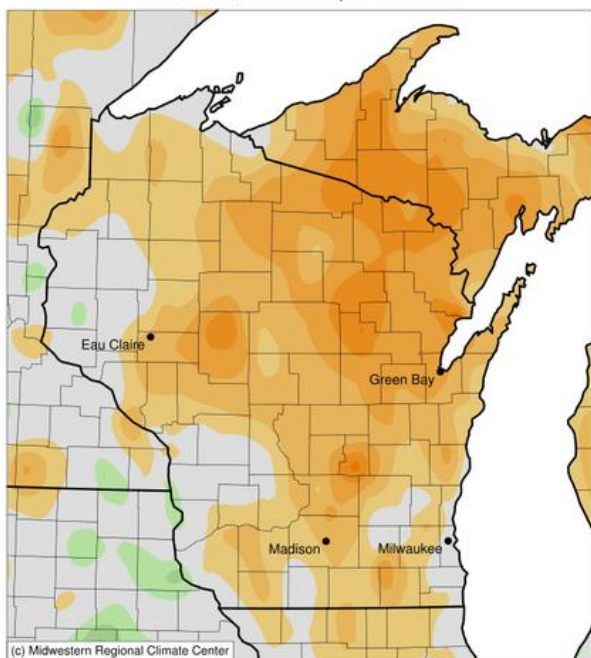
Item	Districts									State		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year
	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)
Days suitable.....	1.3	0.5	0.7	1.7	3.9	2.7	4.3	3.5	5.8	2.8	(NA)	1.7
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture												
Very Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(NA)	0
Short.....	0	0	4	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	(NA)	1
Adequate.....	48	20	46	61	63	46	84	80	81	61	(NA)	54
Surplus.....	52	80	50	39	36	53	15	20	19	38	(NA)	45
Subsoil moisture												
Very Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(NA)	0
Short.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	(NA)	0
Adequate.....	63	45	27	81	55	34	77	80	84	64	(NA)	57
Surplus.....	37	55	73	19	45	66	22	20	16	36	(NA)	43

(NA) Not available.

Wisconsin Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending April 5, 2020

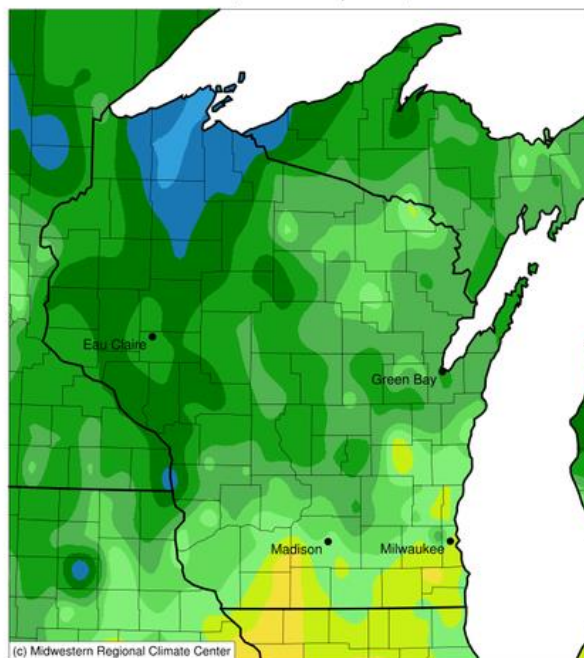
Maps from the Midwestern Regional Climate Center reflect data collected from 7:00 A.M. Central Time on March 30, 2020, through 7:00 A.M. Central Time on April 5, 2020.

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals
March 30, 2020 to April 05, 2020



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Stations from the following networks used: WBAN, COOP, FAA, GHCN, ThreadEx, CoCoRaHS, WMO, ICAO, NWSLI, Midwestern Regional Climate Center cli-MATE: MRCC Application Tools Environment
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Accumulated Precipitation (in)
March 30, 2020 to April 05, 2020



0.01 0.02 0.05 0.1 0.15 0.2 0.3 0.5 0.75 1 1.25 1.5 1.75
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Temperature and Precipitation Maps, courtesy of the Midwestern Regional Climate Center, are available at: <http://mrcc.isws.illinois.edu/CLIMATE/>

National Weather Service data, courtesy of the Wisconsin State Climatology Office, is available at: <http://www.aos.wisc.edu/~sco/clim-watch/index.html>

Growing Degree Days can be found at <https://mrcc.illinois.edu/U2U/gdd/>

Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on April 5, 2020

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 Apr. 4	Mar. 1 to Apr. 4 normal*	Last Week	Since Mar. 1	Mar. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	53	29	65	19	41	+2	32	37	0.56	2.48	+0.44	3.28	-0.62
Green Bay	50	35	58	30	42	+5	11	22	0.31	4.44	+2.28	6.96	+2.49
La Crosse	56	33	66	26	45	+3	48	50	0.78	3.48	+1.08	5.43	+0.78
Madison	54	33	67	29	44	+3	34	47	0.13	3.65	+1.04	6.46	+1.12
Milwaukee	49	36	57	31	43	+2	33	40	0.03	3.76	+1.03	6.80	+0.61

¹Formula 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 1981-2010 data. n.a.=not available. T=trace Source: NCEP/NOAA Climate Prediction Center <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>.

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