



Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition

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Wisconsin had 6.1 **days suitable for fieldwork** for the week ending August 9, 2020, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Conditions were ideal for haying and combining small grains this week as dry and mild weather continued. Daytime highs barely made it into the 70s on Monday but ramped up steadily, drying soils more quickly as the week went on. Scattered showers brought moisture to some areas on the weekend; some reporters noted a good soaking rain while others saw only trace amounts. Rain is needed in areas missed by these storms, particularly in western Wisconsin. There were a few reports that pasture growth had halted due to dry conditions. Cover crops were being planted on cleared fields.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 6% very short, 18% short, 71% adequate and 5% surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 4% very short, 15% short, 75% adequate and 6% surplus.

Corn was 93% silked, 25 days ahead of last year and 7 days ahead of the 5-year average. Corn at dough stage was 38%, twelve days ahead of last year and 4 days ahead of the average. Corn condition rated 81% good to excellent statewide, the same as last week.

Soybeans blooming was 94%, over 4 weeks ahead of last year and 9 days ahead of the average. Seventy-three percent of soybeans had set pods, 16 days ahead of last year and 3 days ahead of the average. Soybean condition rated 83% good to excellent statewide, the same as last week.

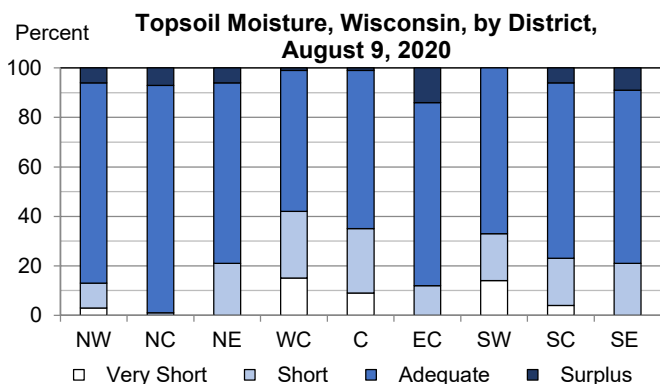
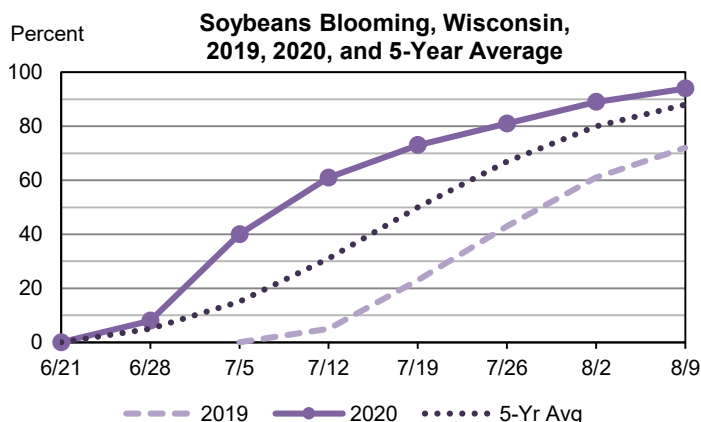
Oats harvested was 56% complete, 9 days ahead of last year and 4 days ahead of the average. Oat condition rated 82% good to excellent statewide, the same as last week.

Potato harvest was reported as 10% complete, 4 days ahead of last year but 5 days behind the average. Potato condition rated 90% good to excellent statewide, down 2 percentage points from last week.

Winter wheat harvested for grain was 83% complete, 8 days ahead of last year and 1 day ahead of the average.

Second cutting of **alfalfa** was reported as 97% complete, 8 days ahead of last year and 1 day ahead of the average. Third cutting of alfalfa was reported as 55% complete, 8 days ahead of last year but 1 day behind the average. **All hay** condition rated 78% good to excellent statewide, down 2 percentage points from last week.

Pasture condition rated 68% good to excellent statewide, down 3 percentage points from last week.



Crop Condition as of August 9, 2020

Item	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Corn	1	3	15	47	34
Hay, All	1	3	18	50	28
Oats	1	3	14	50	32
Pasture & range	3	8	21	42	26
Potatoes	1	2	7	67	23
Soybeans	1	2	14	46	37

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Item	Districts									State			
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year	5-yr average
Alfalfa hay, second cutting..	96	91	98	99	95	98	98	97	100	97	93	91	96
Alfalfa hay, third cutting	45	28	70	57	40	60	60	61	66	55	38	37	58
Corn silking	87	94	84	99	93	82	97	95	97	93	84	67	86
Corn dough	21	11	26	54	37	25	49	46	28	38	19	11	28
Oats harvested	36	28	53	71	58	30	85	81	81	56	34	35	47
Soybeans blooming	94	100	90	96	87	94	93	93	97	94	89	72	88
Soybeans setting pods	63	100	61	71	60	62	81	80	73	73	63	44	68
Winter wheat harvested	31	63	89	75	77	75	79	94	99	83	62	62	81

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of August 9, 2020

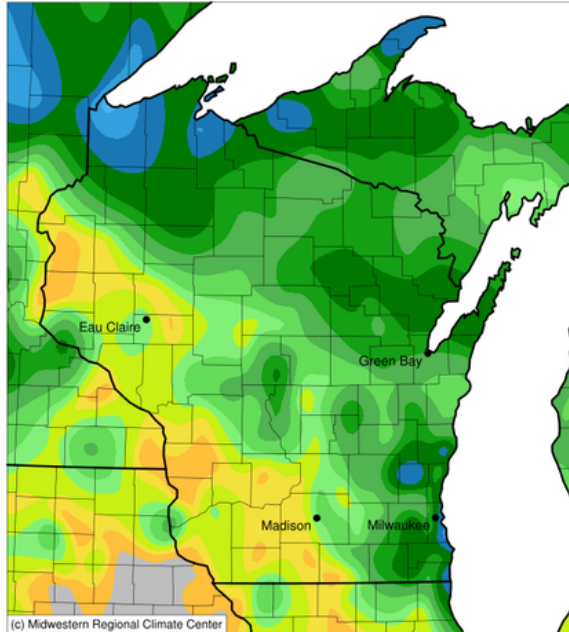
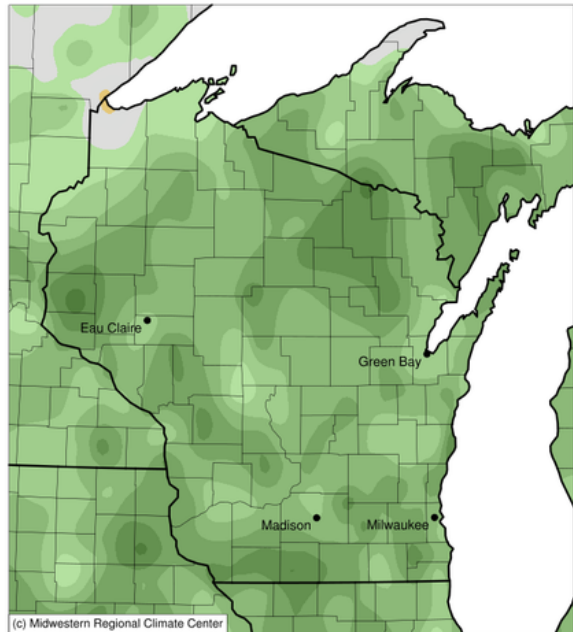
Item	Districts									State		
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Days suitable	5.4	6.9	5.6	6.6	6.0	5.2	6.8	6.2	5.6	6.1	5.9	5.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	3	0	0	15	9	0	14	4	0	6	2	1
Short	10	1	21	27	26	12	19	19	21	18	14	7
Adequate	81	92	73	57	64	74	67	71	70	71	78	80
Surplus	6	7	6	1	1	14	0	6	9	5	6	12
Subsoil moisture	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)
Very Short	2	0	0	6	7	1	11	2	1	4	1	0
Short	9	1	5	24	26	8	12	17	24	15	11	5
Adequate	84	92	74	69	64	76	76	74	70	75	81	81
Surplus	5	7	21	1	3	15	1	7	5	6	7	14

Wisconsin Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending August 9, 2020

Maps from the Midwestern Regional Climate Center reflect data collected from 7:00 A.M. Central Time on August 3, 2020, through 7:00 A.M. Central Time on August 9, 2020.

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals
August 03, 2020 to August 09, 2020

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 03, 2020 to August 09, 2020



Stations from the following networks used: WBAN, COOP, FAA, GHCN, ThreadEx, CoCoRaHS, WMO, ICAO, NWSLI, Midwestern Regional Climate Center
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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 August 9, 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 Aug. 8	Mar. 1 to Aug. 8 normal*	Last Week	Since Jun. 1	Jun. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	78	54	86	45	66	-5	1844	1831	0.33	9.92	+0.70	18.39	+1.26
Green Bay	77	54	83	48	65	-3	1742	1576	0.79	8.33	+0.09	19.85	+4.22
La Crosse	82	59	93	50	70	-3	2159	2021	0.03	8.39	-1.43	16.19	-2.46
Madison	77	56	88	51	67	-4	1904	1822	0.50	13.09	+3.25	24.21	+5.28
Milwaukee	77	60	88	57	69	-3	1908	1713	4.79	12.11	+3.53	25.05	+7.29

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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