



Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition

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Wisconsin had 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending August 30, 2020, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Daytime highs were in the upper 80s to low 90s at the beginning of this week before cooling to the mid-70s and lower for the weekend. Multiple rain events interrupted fieldwork but brought much needed moisture, particularly to central Wisconsin. A few reporters observed heavy downpours and localized flooding, with storm totals of 3-8 inches reported in isolated areas. Other reporters commented the storms had missed their areas and dry conditions had worsened. Corn silage chopping and winter wheat planting were underway as the small grain harvest neared completion. Summer vegetable harvesting continued. Apple orchards were beginning to pick early varieties.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 10% very short, 19% short, 65% adequate and 6% surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 8% very short, 20% short, 68% adequate and 4% surplus.

Corn at dough stage or beyond was 88%, over 4 weeks ahead of last year and 11 days ahead of the 5-year average. Corn dented was 45%, seventeen days ahead of last year and 4 days ahead of the average. Corn condition rated 80% good to excellent statewide, 1 percentage point below last week. Corn for silage harvest was 8% complete, 22 days ahead of last year, and 15 days ahead of the average.

Soybeans setting pods was 96%, over 4 weeks ahead of last year and 8 days ahead of the average. Twenty percent of soybeans were coloring, 12 days ahead of last year and 4 days ahead of the average. Soybean condition rated 82% good to excellent statewide, unchanged from last week.

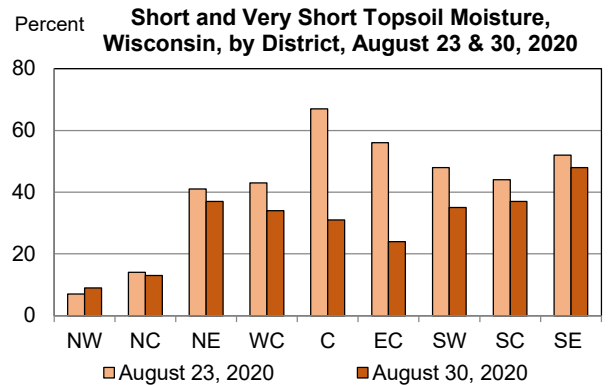
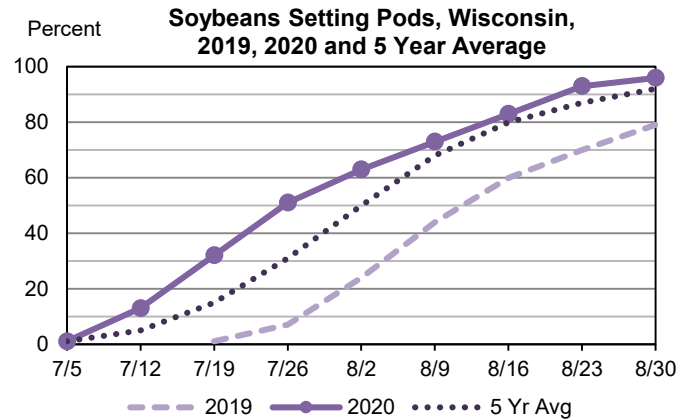
Oats harvested was 94% complete, more than a month ahead of last year and 13 days ahead of the average.

Potato harvest was reported as 28% complete, 10 days ahead of last year and 3 days ahead of the average. Potato condition rated 89% good to excellent statewide, down 4 percentage points from last week.

Winter wheat planted was 12% complete, 18 days ahead of last year and 13 days ahead of the average.

Third cutting of **alfalfa** was reported as 92% complete, 19 days ahead of last year and 6 days ahead of the average. Fourth cutting of alfalfa was reported as 22% complete, 4 days ahead of last year but 5 days behind the average. **All hay** condition rated 74% good to excellent statewide, down 2 percentage points from last week.

Pasture condition rated 62% good to excellent statewide, 1 percentage point above last week.



Crop Condition as of August 30, 2020

Item	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Corn	2	4	14	50	30
Hay, All	2	5	19	47	27
Pasture & range	2	9	27	40	22
Potatoes	2	2	7	67	22
Soybeans	2	3	13	48	34

Crop Progress as of August 30, 2020

Item	Districts									State			
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year	5-yr average
Alfalfa hay, third cutting	92	80	99	88	83	97	95	96	97	92	87	76	88
Alfalfa hay, fourth cutting	11	9	31	26	15	26	15	40	27	22	8	16	31
Corn dough	77	78	80	86	88	81	97	94	93	88	80	57	77
Corn dented	39	19	38	39	44	41	50	56	54	45	24	16	36
Corn mature	4	1	3	12	6	8	2	10	7	7	0	0	3
Corn harvested for silage	1	1	2	10	15	5	26	5	20	8	3	1	3
Oats harvested	87	83	99	97	98	89	99	99	99	94	87	71	84
Soybeans setting pods	92	100	97	95	91	96	96	97	96	96	93	79	92
Soybeans coloring	16	8	10	26	14	13	20	19	40	20	7	4	11
Winter wheat planted	7	5	18	3	5	18	9	3	7	12	1	1	2

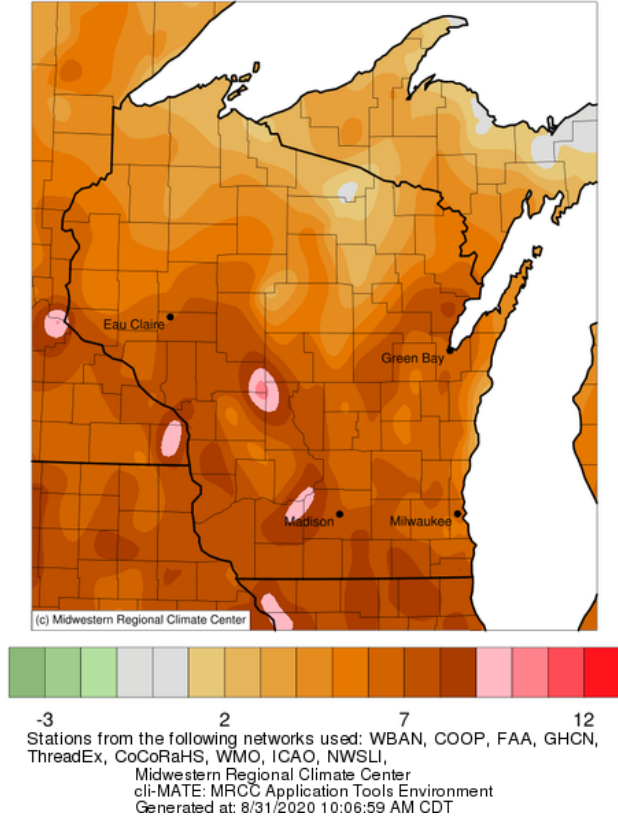
Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of August 30, 2020

Item	Districts									State		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year
Days suitable	5.0	5.4	5.6	5.6	4.8	4.5	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.3	6.6	5.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	1	0	9	8	15	7	25	12	8	10	15	0
Short	8	13	28	26	16	17	10	25	40	19	28	11
Adequate	87	86	63	50	63	71	63	56	50	65	55	84
Surplus	4	1	0	16	6	5	2	7	2	6	2	5
Subsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	3	0	4	11	14	7	12	11	3	8	9	0
Short	11	7	20	22	15	27	18	22	39	20	23	9
Adequate	83	93	70	64	68	59	67	59	56	68	66	83
Surplus	3	0	6	3	3	7	3	8	2	4	2	8

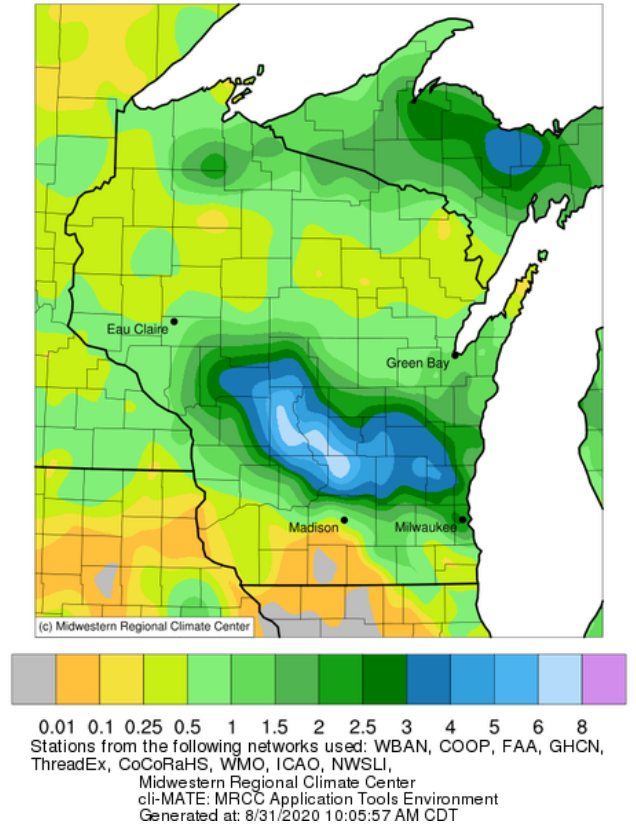
Wisconsin Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending August 30, 2020

Maps from the Midwestern Regional Climate Center reflect data collected from 7:00 A.M. Central Time on August 24, 2020, through 7:00 A.M. Central Time on August 30, 2020.

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals
August 24, 2020 to August 30, 2020



Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 24, 2020 to August 30, 2020



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 30, 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. 29	Mar. 1 to Aug. 29 normal*	Last Week	Since Jun. 1	Jun. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	85	65	91	54	75	+7	2302	2228	0.67	11.81	-0.41	21.09	-0.81
Green Bay	84	64	91	52	74	+8	2201	1937	1.46	9.83	-0.66	23.86	+3.74
La Crosse	92	69	97	58	80	+10	2679	2456	0.84	10.28	-2.41	20.03	-3.70
Madison	87	65	91	55	76	+8	2364	2219	1.00	14.74	+1.98	28.67	+4.14
Milwaukee	87	70	94	63	78	+8	2429	2140	0.56	13.33	+2.06	29.30	+5.44

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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