



Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition

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Wisconsin had 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending September 20, 2020, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Ideal conditions allowed farmers to make a lot of progress on fieldwork this week. Much of the state saw no precipitation and slightly below normal temperatures. Frosts continued in northern and central Wisconsin with killing frosts reported in some areas. Corn silage chopping advanced quickly, making up the majority of fieldwork done this week. Fourth cutting hay, manure applications and fall plantings were ongoing as well. Corn and soybeans were maturing and drying down rapidly. A few reporters noted early soybeans being combined, while many commented that the soybean and high moisture corn harvests would begin soon. Early varieties of cranberries were being harvested.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 4% very short, 16% short, 77% adequate and 3% surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 3% very short, 15% short, 78% adequate and 4% surplus.

Corn dented was 91%, over four weeks ahead of last year and 2 weeks ahead of the 5-year average. Forty-nine percent of corn was reported mature, 23 days ahead of last year and 9 days ahead of the average. Corn condition rated 77% good to excellent statewide, down 1 percentage point from last week. Corn for silage harvested was 62% complete, 28 days ahead of last year, and 11 days ahead of the average.

Soybeans coloring was 90%, 3 weeks ahead of last year and 8 days ahead of the average. Fifty-six percent of soybeans were dropping leaves, 15 days ahead of last year and 5 days ahead of the average. Soybean condition rated 79% good to excellent statewide, unchanged from last week.

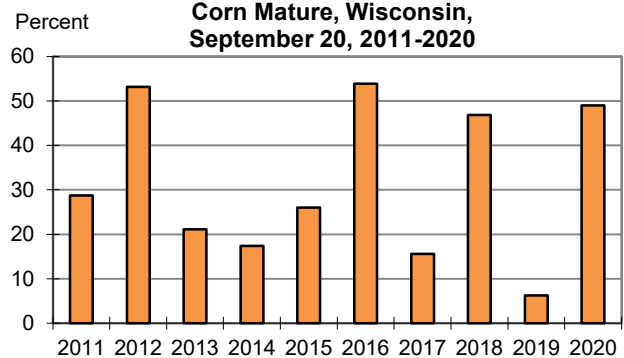
Potato harvest was reported as 57% complete, 9 days ahead of last year and 4 days ahead of the average.

Winter wheat planted was 48% complete, 28 days ahead of last year and 17 days ahead of the average. Sixteen percent of winter wheat was emerged, 13 days ahead of last year and 8 days ahead of the average.

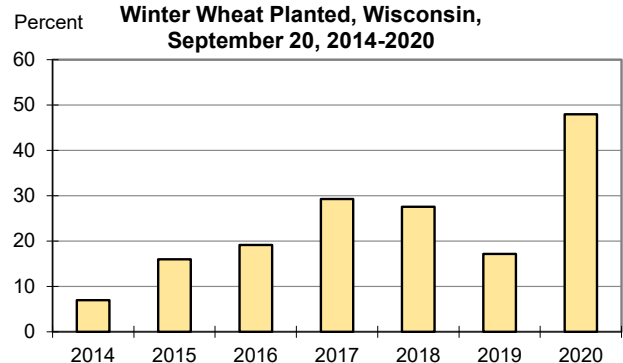
Fourth cutting of **alfalfa** was reported as 78% complete, 29 days ahead of last year and 6 days ahead of the average.

Pasture condition rated 62% good to excellent statewide, up 3 percentage points from last week.

Corn Mature, Wisconsin, September 20, 2011-2020



Winter Wheat Planted, Wisconsin, September 20, 2014-2020



Crop Condition as of September 20, 2020

Item	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Corn	2	5	16	47	30
Pasture & range	4	7	27	39	23
Soybeans	2	4	15	44	35

Crop Progress as of September 20, 2020

Item	Districts									State			
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year	5-yr average
Alfalfa hay, fourth cutting	68	67	79	83	66	78	88	79	82	78	63	45	71
Corn dented	86	82	93	93	84	90	97	92	99	91	77	55	78
Corn mature	34	30	30	54	58	50	46	56	58	49	26	6	30
Corn harvested for silage.....	45	20	59	76	54	69	87	63	72	62	39	13	34
Soybeans coloring.....	95	92	86	88	88	90	92	87	95	90	73	52	76
Soybeans dropping leaves ..	60	34	38	65	50	50	74	48	68	56	25	19	39
Winter wheat planted.....	54	19	54	45	29	57	67	35	33	48	33	17	22
Winter wheat emerged	25	13	29	8	16	16	28	10	13	16	4	7	7

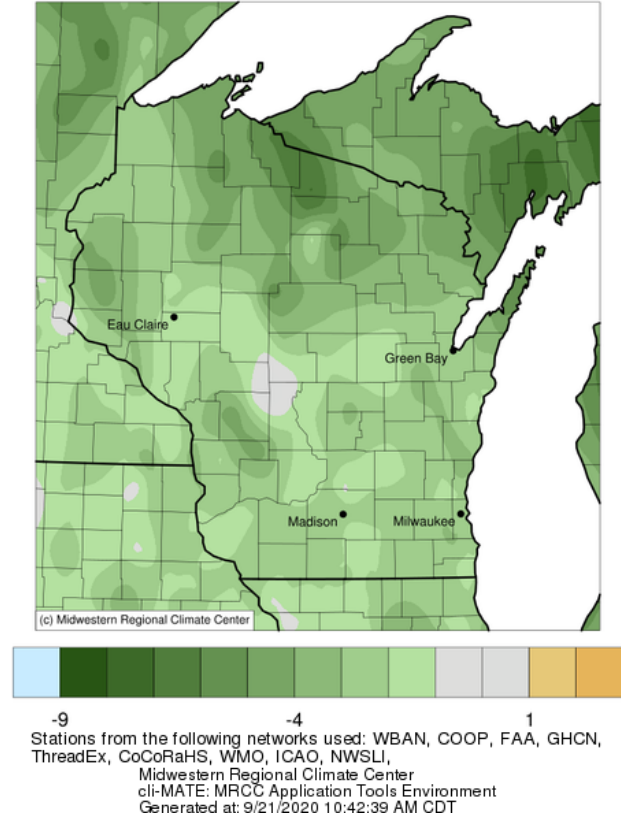
Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of September 20, 2020

Item	Districts									State		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year
Days suitable.....	5.9	6.4	5.8	6.5	6.3	6.5	6.7	6.1	6.6	6.3	3.2	3.4
Topsoil moisture	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)
Very Short	5	1	1	10	1	3	1	6	2	4	5	0
Short	13	11	11	17	11	18	13	19	34	16	14	2
Adequate.....	81	87	85	71	82	76	85	66	64	77	73	65
Surplus.....	1	1	3	2	6	3	1	9	0	3	8	33
Subsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	2	1	3	8	1	2	1	6	2	3	5	0
Short	15	2	16	20	5	18	14	18	28	15	14	2
Adequate.....	82	97	75	71	79	76	84	67	70	78	74	66
Surplus.....	1	0	6	1	15	4	1	9	0	4	7	32

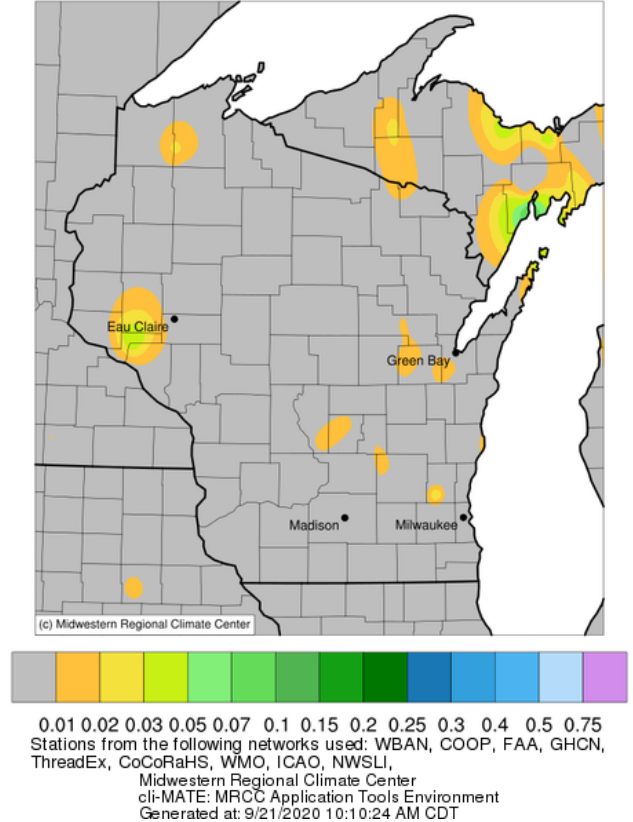
Wisconsin Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending September 20, 2020

Maps from the Midwestern Regional Climate Center reflect data collected from 7:00 A.M. Central Time on September 14, 2020, through 7:00 A.M. Central Time on September 20, 2020.

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals
September 14, 2020 to September 20, 2020



Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 14, 2020 to September 20, 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 September 20, 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 Sep. 19	Mar. 1 to Sep. 19 normal*	Last Week	Since Sep. 1	Sep. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	70	45	79	30	57	-3	2519	2524	0.00	1.05	-1.29	22.75	-1.76
Green Bay	69	46	78	33	58	-2	2423	2210	0.01	1.79	-0.12	25.73	+3.49
La Crosse	73	50	82	40	62	-1	2943	2791	0.00	2.16	-0.14	24.17	-2.13
Madison	70	48	78	37	59	-2	2589	2527	0.00	3.21	+1.17	32.65	+5.82
Milwaukee	69	55	80	42	62	-1	2730	2473	0.00	0.29	-1.68	29.61	+3.54

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. (NA)=not available. T=trace Source: NCEP/NOAA Climate Prediction Center <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>.

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