



Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition

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Wisconsin had 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending September 27, 2020, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Excellent conditions for fieldwork continued this week. Sunny, windy weather and above normal temperatures helped dry down field crops. Cooler air moved into the state for the weekend, bringing rain to some areas. Corn silage chopping and fourth crop hay cutting moved quickly. The soybean harvest got underway in southern and central Wisconsin and a few farmers started combining high moisture corn. Winter wheat planting and emergence were well ahead of normal. Fall tillage, cover crop planting and manure hauling were ongoing.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 3% very short, 13% short, 81% adequate and 3% surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 2% very short, 12% short, 82% adequate and 4% surplus.

Corn dented was 96%, over four weeks ahead of last year and 17 days ahead of the 5-year average. Seventy percent of corn was reported mature, 28 days ahead of last year and 12 days ahead of the average. Corn condition rated 77% good to excellent statewide, unchanged from last week. Corn harvest for silage was 80% complete, a month ahead of last year, and 15 days ahead of the average.

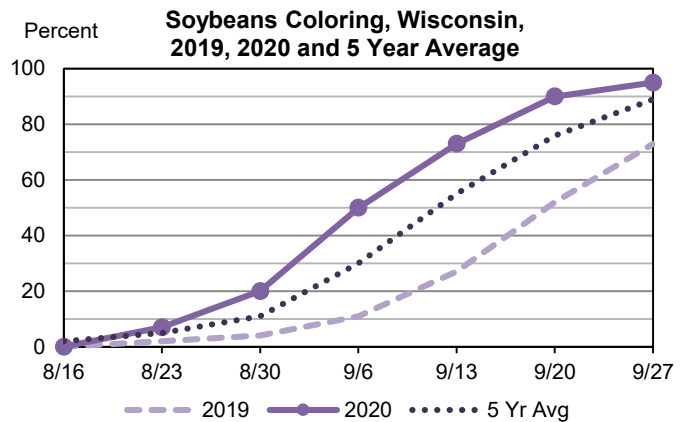
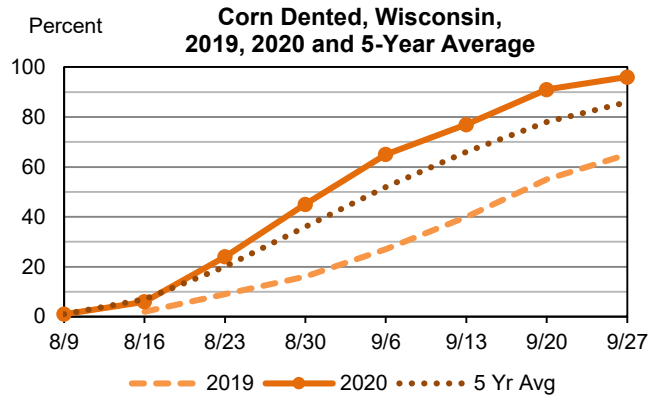
Soybeans coloring was 95%, 23 days ahead of last year and 8 days ahead of the average. Seventy-nine percent of soybeans were dropping leaves, 17 days ahead of last year and a week ahead of the average. Soybeans harvested was 10% complete, 13 days ahead of last year and 4 days ahead of the average. Soybean condition rated 79% good to excellent statewide, unchanged from last week.

Potato harvest was reported as 72% complete, 16 days ahead of last year and 5 days ahead of the average.

Winter wheat planted was 58% complete, 24 days ahead of last year and 12 days ahead of the average. Twenty-eight percent of winter wheat was emerged, 19 days ahead of last year and 10 days ahead of the average.

Fourth cutting of **alfalfa** was reported as 87% complete, more than 4 weeks ahead of last year and 11 days ahead of the average.

Pasture condition rated 63% good to excellent statewide, up 1 percentage point from last week.



Crop Condition as of September 27, 2020

Item	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Corn	2	5	16	47	30
Pasture & range	2	7	28	41	22
Soybeans	1	4	16	45	34

Crop Progress as of September 27, 2020

Item	Districts									State			
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year	5-yr average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay, fourth cutting	75	72	90	87	80	86	98	91	89	87	78	55	79
Corn dented	92	92	96	97	95	97	99	96	100	96	91	65	86
Corn mature	67	63	43	76	80	68	78	64	68	70	49	14	45
Corn harvested for silage.....	79	39	81	88	80	85	95	78	84	80	62	22	54
Soybeans coloring	99	100	92	93	93	95	99	92	96	95	90	73	89
Soybeans dropping leaves ..	79	75	70	82	75	75	92	72	86	79	56	37	63
Soybeans harvested.....	4	1	2	7	10	12	7	20	10	10	1	1	5
Winter wheat planted.....	61	26	72	52	35	66	78	48	41	58	48	23	33
Winter wheat emerged	28	13	42	25	20	32	40	21	21	28	16	12	14

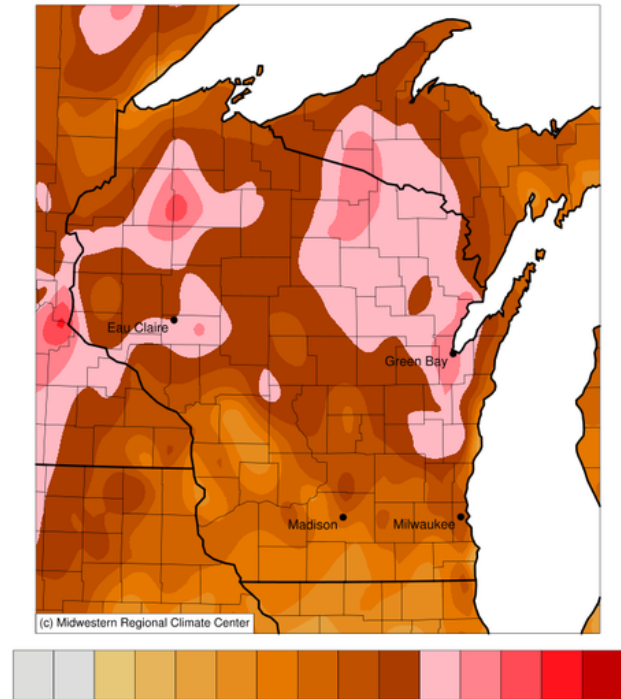
Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of September 27, 2020

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.....	5.4	5.7	5.3	6.2	5.1	6.0	5.8	5.7	6.6	5.8	6.3	3.5
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture												
Very Short	4	1	1	2	1	6	0	7	0	3	4	0
Short	8	11	12	14	3	17	10	15	38	13	16	1
Adequate.....	84	87	84	81	92	75	89	70	62	81	77	63
Surplus.....	4	1	3	3	4	2	1	8	0	3	3	36
Subsoil moisture												
Very Short	3	1	4	1	1	3	1	6	0	2	3	0
Short	9	1	14	13	3	14	11	15	26	12	15	1
Adequate.....	84	97	76	85	87	80	86	70	74	82	78	64
Surplus.....	4	1	6	1	9	3	2	9	0	4	4	35

Wisconsin Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending September 27, 2020

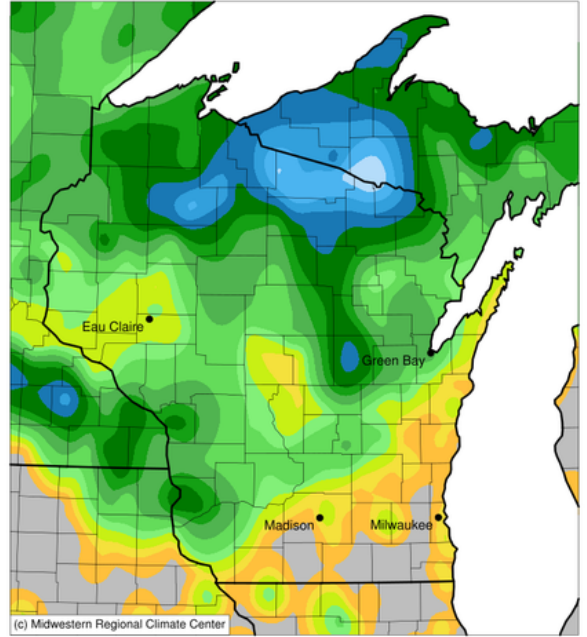
Maps from the Midwestern Regional Climate Center reflect data collected from 7:00 A.M. Central Time on September 21, 2020, through 7:00 A.M. Central Time on September 27, 2020.

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals
September 21, 2020 to September 27, 2020



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Stations from the following networks used: WBAN, COOP, FAA, GHCN, ThreadEx, CoCoRaHS, WMO, ICAO, NWSLI, Midwestern Regional Climate Center
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Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 21, 2020 to September 27, 2020



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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 September 27, 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. 26	Mar. 1 to Sep. 26 normal*	Last Week	Since Sep. 1	Sep. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	77	53	84	49	65	+8	2627	2593	0.29	1.34	-1.87	23.04	-2.33
Green Bay	76	54	83	41	65	+9	2534	2274	0.58	2.37	-0.28	26.31	+3.33
La Crosse	77	57	83	52	67	+8	3065	2871	1.34	3.50	+0.37	25.52	-1.60
Madison	75	53	78	42	64	+6	2693	2600	0.04	3.25	+0.48	32.69	+5.14
Milwaukee	77	57	80	46	67	+7	2853	2550	0.00	0.29	-2.47	29.61	+2.76

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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