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Wisconsin Ag News – Crop Progress & Condition



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Wisconsin had 3.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending April 16, 2023, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. High temperatures and winds allowed for snow melt in the North and drier field conditions in the South. However, weekend precipitation brought back wet and snowy field conditions to some areas. Many producers are still waiting for consistent spring weather to begin planting.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 0 percent very short, 7 percent short, 67 percent adequate and 26 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture condition rated 1 percent very short, 10 percent short, 64 percent adequate and 25 percent surplus.

Spring tillage was reported as 8 percent complete, 8 days ahead of last year but 2 days behind the 5-year average.

Corn planting was 1 percent complete, 12 days ahead of last year and 3 days ahead of the average.

Six percent of the expected **oat** crop has been planted, 4 days ahead of last year but 5 days behind the average.

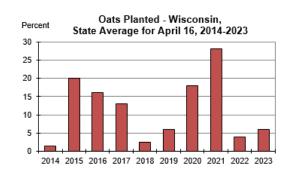
Potato planting was reported as 8 percent complete, 5 days ahead of last year and 4 days ahead of the average.

Winter wheat condition was rated 65 percent good to excellent statewide, up 8 percent from last week.

Pasture condition was rated 43 good to excellent statewide, up 2 percent from last week.

Crop Condition as of April 16, 2023

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	
Pasture and range . Wheat, winter	13 1	14 2	30 32	37 54	6 11	



Crop Progress as of April 16, 2023

	Districts									State			
Item	NW	NC	NE	WC	С	EC	SW	sc	SE	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)										
Oats planted	1	0	1	2	6	4	13	15	12	6	1	4	11
Spring tillage	1	0	2	7	9	6	16	10	11	8	1	4	10

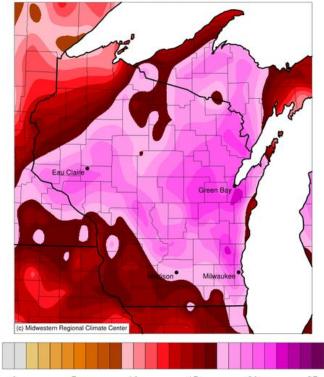
The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of April 16, 2023

	Districts								State			
Item	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year
	(days)	(days)										
Days suitable	2.8	1.9	3.0	4.1	4.9	3.7	4.0	4.5	5.0	3.9	1.2	1.6
	(percent)	(percent)										
Topsoil moisture												
Very short	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Short	0	0	1	2	0	5	17	18	6	7	0	8
Adequate	38	49	63	76	66	71	75	68	85	67	59	64
Surplus	62	51	36	22	34	24	6	14	9	26	41	26
Subsoil moisture												
Very short	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	1	0	2
Short	0	0	1	12	6	13	13	18	7	10	1	16
Adequate	42	60	64	69	50	57	78	68	86	64	62	65
Surplus	58	40	35	19	44	30	4	14	7	25	37	17

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals

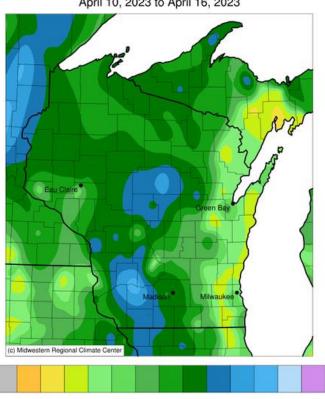
April 10, 2023 to April 16, 2023



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Accumulated Precipitation (in)

April 10, 2023 to April 16, 2023



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Weather Information: Week Ending April 16, 2023

District and State	Tempe	rature	Precip	itation	Growing Degree Days ¹			
	Average	Departure from Normal ²	Total	Departure from Normal ²	Since April 1	Departure from Normal ²		
Northwest	54.6	13.8	0.60	0.04	46	36		
North Central	55.2	15.8	0.57	-0.07	49	42		
Northeast	58.6	18.6	0.31	-0.39	64	57		
West Central	61.0	16.7	0.49	-0.18	86	67		
Central	62.3	18.9	0.53	-0.19	89	73		
East Central	62.1	19.4	0.16	-0.59	84	72		
Southwest	61.4	16.2	0.60	-0.24	88	66		
South Central	61.4	16.3	0.43	-0.45	84	62		
Southeast	61.9	17.3	0.19	-0.79	87	66		
Wisconsin	58.9	16.6	0.47	-0.24	70	57		

¹ Base 50° F.

² Normal based on 1991-2020 data.