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## Wisconsin Ag News – Crop Progress & Condition



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Wisconsin had 3.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending October 1, 2023, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Heavy rains across much of the state improved soil moisture and pasture conditions while limiting fieldwork. Fieldwork included harvesting corn for grain and silage, planting winter wheat, and cutting hay.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 11 percent very short, 31 percent short, 57 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture condition rated 18 percent very short, 37 percent short, 45 percent adequate and 0 percent surplus.

Ninety-two percent of the corn crop was dented. Fifty-nine percent of the corn crop was mature, 1 day behind last year and 1 day behind the five-year average. The corn for grain harvest was 5 percent complete. Corn condition was 50 percent good to excellent, up 1 percent from last week. Corn for silage harvest was 68 percent complete, 5 days ahead of last year and 1 day ahead of the average.

Soybeans coloring was at 94 percent. Seventy-one percent of soybeans are dropping leaves, 1 day behind last year and 2 days behind the average. Soybean condition was 49 percent good to excellent, equal to last week.

Fifty percent of the winter wheat crop has been planted, 1 day behind last year but 1 day ahead of average. Twenty-nine percent of the winter wheat crop has emerged.

Seventy-two percent of the **potato** crop has been harvested, 5 days ahead of last year and 4 days ahead of the average.

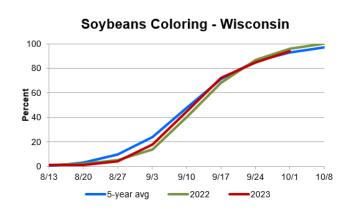
The fourth cutting of **alfalfa** was 92 percent complete, 2 days behind last year but 15 days ahead of the average.

**Pasture** condition was rated 25 good to excellent statewide, up 3 percent from last week.

**Fall tillage** was 7 percent complete, 7 days behind last year and 5 days behind the average.

Crop Condition as of October 1, 2023

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	
Corn Pasture and range .	4 13	16 26	30 36	38 23	12 2	
Soybeans	4	14	33	39	10	



Crop Progress as of October 1, 2023

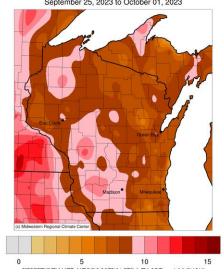
	Districts									State			
Item	NW	NC	NE	WC	С	EC	sw	sc	SE	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)										
Corn dented	92	73	95	99	95	88	98	87	91	92	87	93	91
Corn mature	62	34	34	63	59	49	85	58	58	59	46	65	62
Corn harvested for grain	5	1	2	6	4	2	5	8	1	5	2	3	6
Corn harvested for silage		34	66	74	80	58	95	87	77	68	53	56	67
Fall tillage	8	5	7	5	12	6	7	9	3	7	1	16	12
Hay, alfalfa, 4th cutting	94	66	96	97	89	97	96	87	95	92	88	93	83
Soybeans coloring	99	85	95	97	88	96	95	94	90	94	85	96	93
Soybeans dropping leaves	80	56	51	74	62	57	87	76	59	71	52	77	76
Wheat, winter, planted		55	37	78	66	62	52	35	22	50	39	52	48
Wheat, winter, emerged	41	15	21	43	48	32	38	19	14	29	16	33	27

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

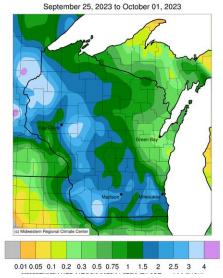
## Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of October 1, 2023

	Districts								State			
Item	NW	NC	NE	WC	С	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year
	(days)	(days)										
Days suitable	3.0	3.3	5.8	2.7	2.4	5.9	4.6	3.0	3.1	3.7	5.8	6.1
	(percent)	(percent)										
Topsoil moisture												
Very short	0	0	10	10	28	4	10	23	13	11	22	2
Short	6	7	24	38	31	37	41	36	41	31	38	14
Adequate	89	93	65	50	41	59	49	41	45	57	40	78
Surplus	5	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	6
Subsoil moisture												
Very short	3	0	14	19	27	9	21	36	18	18	27	1
Short	35	33	22	39	40	27	42	43	51	37	40	15
Adequate	60	67	63	41	33	64	37	21	31	45	33	80
Surplus	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4









Weather Information: Week Ending October 1, 2023

District and State	Tempe	rature	Precip	itation	Growing Degree Days 1			
	Average	Departure from Normal <sup>2</sup>	Total	Departure from Normal <sup>2</sup>	Since April 1	Departure from Normal <sup>2</sup>		
Northwest	63.3	10.7	2.32	1.70	2,266	306		
North Central	61.6	10.1	1.37	0.52	2,028	193		
Northeast	62.5	10.1	0.81	-0.01	2,122	230		
West Central	66.2	10.4	1.49	0.82	2,728	308		
Central	65.0	9.5	1.33	0.64	2,577	259		
East Central	64.6	8.5	0.41	-0.26	2,417	175		
Southwest	66.9	10.0	1.78	1.15	2,772	258		
South Central	66.2	8.9	1.69	0.97	2,729	206		
Southeast	65.8	7.9	1.37	0.59	2,663	156		
Wisconsin	64.3	9.8	1.47	0.75	2,418	242		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Base 50° F. <sup>2</sup> Normal based on 1991-2020 data.