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Heavy rains reduced Wisconsin to just 2.5 **days suitable for fieldwork** for the week ending May 26, 2024, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The warmer weather was beneficial to crop development and hay growth. When able, the week's field activities included, tillage, planting crops and cutting hay.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 0 percent very short, 4 percent short, 61 percent adequate and 35 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 0 percent very short, 5 percent short, 70 percent adequate and 25 percent surplus.

Corn planting was 78 percent complete, 2 days behind last year but 1 day ahead of the 5-year average. Corn emergence was 48 percent complete.

Soybean planting was 74 percent complete, equal to last year but 4 days ahead of average. Soybean emergence was 44 percent complete.

Oat planting progress was 89 percent complete, equal to last year but 2 days ahead of average. Oat emergence was 67 percent complete.

Winter wheat was 23 percent headed, 5 days ahead of last year and 1 week ahead of average.

Potato planting is 94 percent complete, 6 days ahead of last year and 1 week ahead of average.

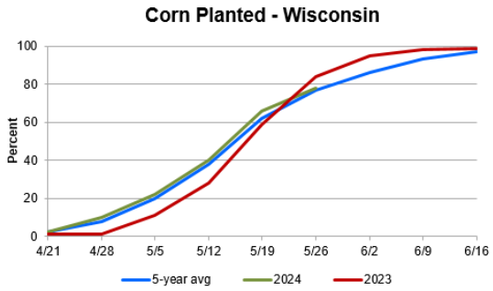
Spring tillage was 88 percent complete, 1 day behind last year but 1 day ahead of average.

The first cutting of **alfalfa hay** was 18 percent complete, 2 days behind last year but 3 days ahead of average.

Oat condition improved to 81 percent good to excellent statewide, up 10 percent from last week. **Winter wheat** condition remained at 86 percent good to excellent. **Potato** condition remained at 87 percent good to excellent. **All hay** condition improved to 80 percent good to excellent, up 5 percent. **Pasture and range** condition improved to 67 percent good to excellent, up 8 percent.

Crop Condition as of May 26, 2024

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Hay, all	0	2	18	60	20
Oats	0	1	18	62	19
Pasture and range	1	3	29	46	21
Potatoes	0	0	13	83	4
Wheat, winter	0	1	13	60	26



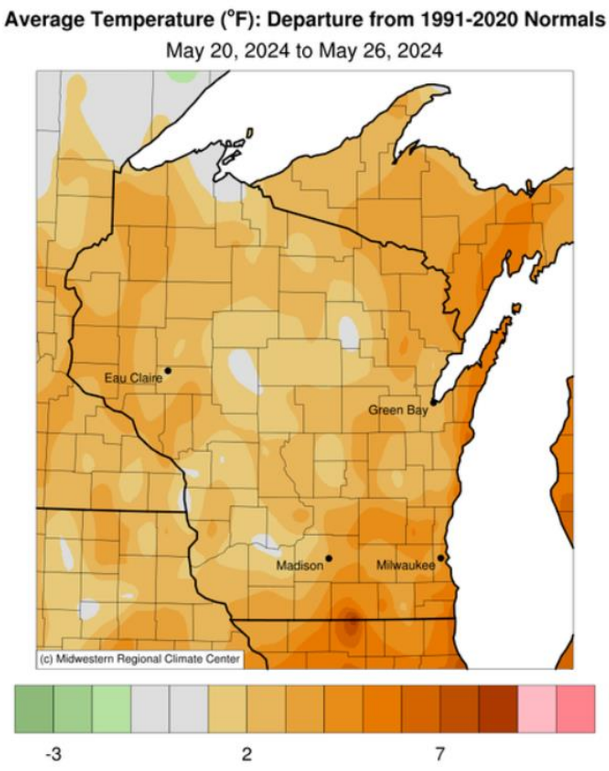
Crop Progress as of May 26, 2024

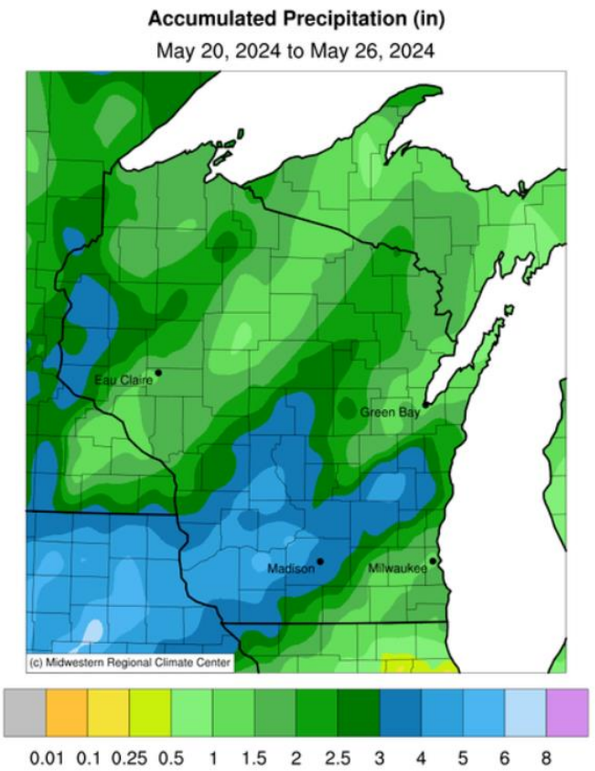
Item	Districts									State			
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn planted	85	47	61	84	55	69	86	92	84	78	66	84	77
Corn emerged	40	28	28	42	35	22	64	77	63	48	23	45	43
Hay, alfalfa, 1st cutting	5	5	11	15	8	20	21	43	33	18	8	25	11
Oats planted	97	77	87	96	81	79	98	99	79	89	81	89	87
Oats emerged	82	25	68	79	49	47	90	92	68	67	56	59	64
Soybeans planted	59	47	59	73	68	72	81	91	69	74	57	74	65
Soybeans emerged	29	17	26	37	38	17	56	78	45	44	21	33	29
Spring tillage	94	78	84	91	84	73	93	98	94	88	82	91	87
Wheat, winter, headed	33	17	17	21	37	17	46	25	19	23	5	8	8

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 May 26, 2024

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	3.9	1.6	1.7	3.4	1.6	2.9	1.7	2.7	1.9	2.5	5.2	6.9
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture												
Very short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10
Short	3	14	2	0	19	2	0	0	0	4	8	35
Adequate	77	51	49	79	48	56	62	67	28	61	74	53
Surplus	20	35	49	21	33	42	38	33	72	35	17	2
Subsoil moisture												
Very short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Short	10	16	1	0	19	2	2	3	0	5	10	23
Adequate	76	81	62	83	48	68	72	68	53	70	77	68
Surplus	14	3	37	17	33	30	26	29	47	25	13	5





Growing Degree Days and Temperature and Precipitation Maps, courtesy of the Midwestern Regional Climate Center, are available at: https:/mrcc.purdue.edu/CLIMATE/