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Wisconsin had 5.8 **days suitable for fieldwork** statewide for the week ending September 22, 2024, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Above normal temperatures sped advancement in corn and soybean maturity. Mostly dry weather helped farmers make progress harvesting corn silage, cutting hay, and seeding winter wheat. Other field activities included harvesting potatoes, spreading manure, and fall tillage. Harvest of soybeans and corn for grain was underway in portions of the state.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 6 percent very short, 35 percent short, 57 percent adequate and 2 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 3 percent very short, 30 percent short, 66 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus.

Corn in the dough stage was nearly complete at 97 percent. Eighty-two percent of corn has reached the dent stage, 3 days behind last year but equal to the 5-year average. Thirty-nine percent of the corn crop was mature. Corn for silage harvest was 49 percent complete, 1 day ahead of last year and 2 days ahead of average. Corn condition was 64 percent good to excellent, up 1 percentage point from last week.

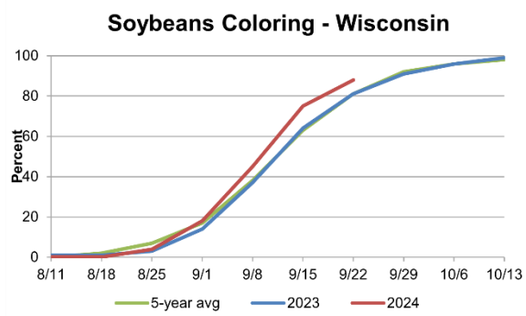
Soybeans coloring reached 88 percent. Sixty-five percent of soybeans were dropping leaves, 7 days ahead of last year and 5 days ahead of average. The soybean harvest was 9 percent complete. Soybean condition was at 63 percent good to excellent, up 1 percentage point from last week.

Winter wheat planting was 34 percent complete with 18 percent emerged. The fourth cutting of **alfalfa hay** was 79 percent complete.

Potato harvest was 62 percent complete. Fall tillage was 6 percent complete. **Pasture and range** condition was rated 49 percent good to excellent, down 5 percentage points from last week

Crop Condition as of September 22, 2024

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	1	8	27	45	19
Pasture and range .	2	10	39	40	9
Soybeans	2	8	27	47	16



Crop Progress as of September 22, 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 dough	99	94	99	94	93	96	100	99	100	97	94	97	95
Corn dented	79	49	72	85	77	66	98	92	98	82	73	85	82
Corn mature	29	7	10	22	25	21	70	68	48	39	18	42	37
Corn harvested for silage	42	26	38	52	32	37	82	89	79	49	23	48	46
Fall tillage	6	9	4	6	5	10	6	3	2	6	1	1	4
Hay, alfalfa, 4th cutting	72	62	74	83	58	92	87	75	87	79	63	86	77
Soybeans coloring	91	73	70	87	68	85	97	96	91	88	75	81	81
Soybeans dropping leaves	49	30	34	63	43	56	88	91	61	65	41	45	47
Soybeans harvested	1	0	6	8	5	6	13	17	6	9	1	1	2
Wheat, winter, planted	62	57	47	74	28	46	34	15	12	34	23	36	35
Wheat, winter, emerged	44	23	30	41	8	29	14	5	5	18	8	14	14

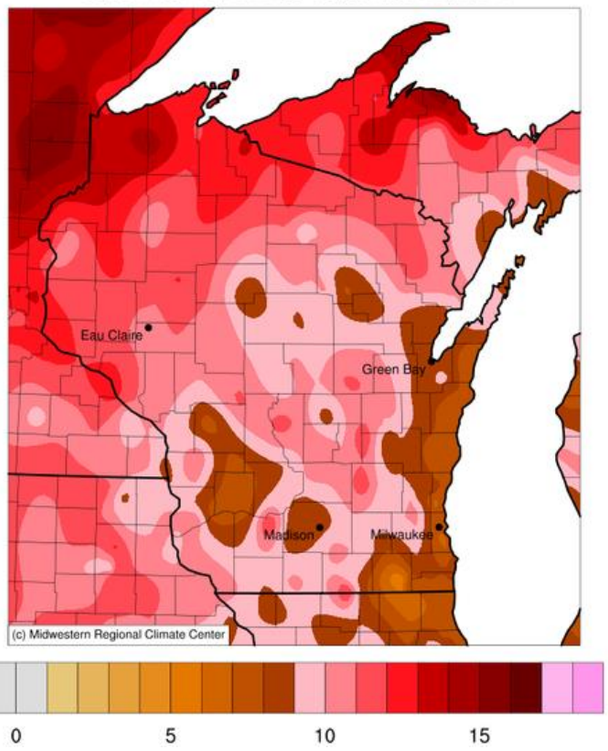
The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of September 22, 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	5.4	6.0	5.3	6.0	5.7	6.1	5.0	6.4	6.2	5.8	6.8	5.8
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture												
Very short	2	11	2	1	0	11	12	5	3	6	5	22
Short	24	22	14	49	17	21	41	56	42	35	35	38
Adequate	72	67	81	50	82	64	45	38	54	57	59	40
Surplus	2	0	3	0	1	4	2	1	1	2	1	0
Subsoil moisture												
Very short	2	11	0	2	0	1	5	5	2	3	3	27
Short	9	22	8	31	17	35	32	50	39	30	23	40
Adequate	89	67	86	66	78	63	63	44	59	66	72	33
Surplus	0	0	6	1	5	1	0	1	0	1	2	0

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

September 16, 2024 to September 22, 2024



Accumulated Precipitation (in)

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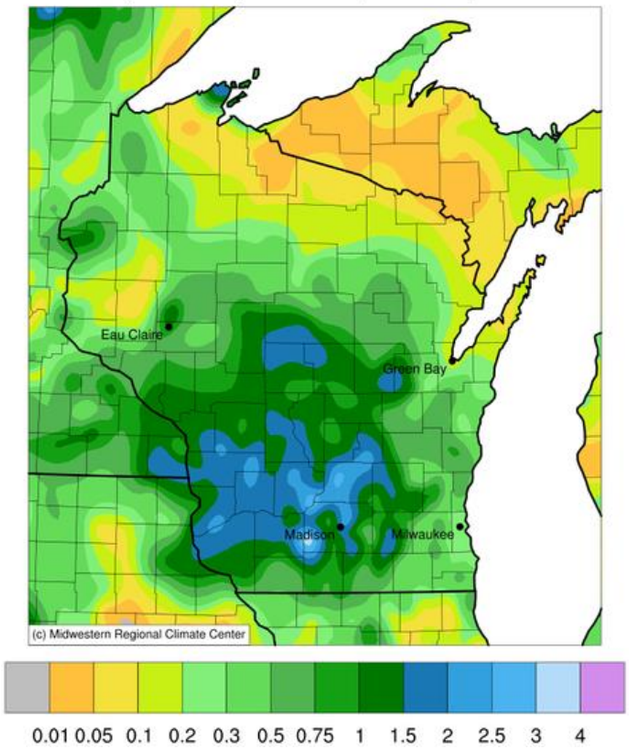

Temperature and Precipitation Maps, courtesy of the Midwestern Regional Climate Center, are available at: https:/mrcc.purdue.edu/CLIMATE/