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Wisconsin Ag News – Crop Progress & Condition

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Wisconsin had 5.4 **days suitable for fieldwork** statewide for the week ending May 24, 2026, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Despite spotty showers, planting continued apace, while spring tillage and fertilizer applications were wrapping up in many parts of the state.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 2 percent very short, 15 percent short, 68 percent adequate, and 15 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 1 percent very short, 9 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 17 percent surplus.

Corn planting was 82 percent complete compared to the 5-year average of 79 percent. Corn was 37 percent emerged. **Soybean** planting was 75 percent complete compared to the average of 71 percent. Soybeans were 27 percent emerged.

Oat planting was 85 percent complete compared to the average of 87 percent. Oats were 56 percent emerged. Oat condition was rated 76 percent good to excellent, unchanged from last week. **Winter wheat** fields were 11 percent headed compared to the average of 11 percent. Winter wheat condition was 65 percent good to excellent, up 3 percentage points from last week.

The first cutting of **alfalfa hay** was 13 percent complete compared to the average of 13 percent. **All hay** condition was 73 percent good to excellent, up 1 percentage point from last week.

Spring tillage was 93 percent complete compared to the average of 88 percent.

Pasture and range condition was 59 percent good to excellent, up 2 percentage points from last week.

Crop Progress and Condition charts can be found at
https://www.nass.usda.gov/Charts_and_Maps/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2026/WI_2026.pdf

Crop Condition as of May 24, 2026

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Hay, all	1	2	24	60	13
Oats	0	1	23	69	7
Pasture and range	2	9	30	49	10
Wheat, winter	0	4	31	53	12

Crop Progress as of May 24, 2026

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	90	66	79	88	70	64	88	95	70	82	62	83	79
Corn emerged	30	17	27	35	34	21	51	50	39	37	13	48	44
Hay, alfalfa, 1st cutting	2	0	0	3	2	12	25	43	37	13	3	18	13
Oats planted	90	70	72	93	90	75	94	97	92	85	68	89	87
Oats emerged	67	23	39	72	42	33	81	78	72	56	36	65	64
Soybeans planted	79	53	72	86	64	61	71	87	76	75	54	78	71
Soybeans emerged	24	7	13	30	32	13	33	35	28	27	9	39	33
Spring tillage	92	91	90	97	87	87	93	98	96	93	83	91	88
Wheat, winter, headed	7	2	1	8	3	8	25	20	10	11	4	14	11

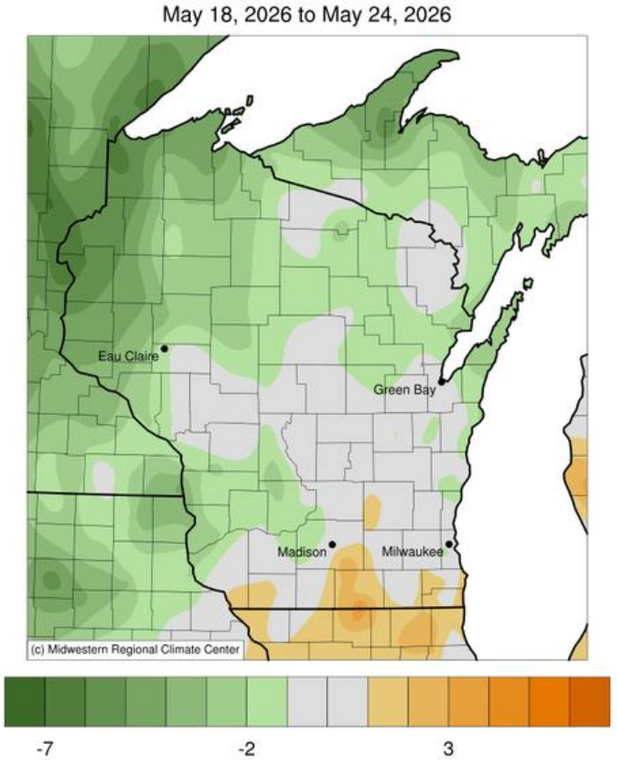
The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of May 24, 2026

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	4.7	4.0	5.9	5.8	4.2	5.7	5.6	5.9	6.2	5.4	6.1	3.6
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture												
Very short	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	5	12	2	1	2
Short	4	1	6	17	6	17	25	22	23	15	13	8
Adequate	86	66	55	80	82	46	71	68	46	68	63	79
Surplus	10	33	39	2	11	35	4	5	19	15	23	11
Subsoil moisture												
Very short	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	9	1	0	3
Short	4	0	4	10	2	7	13	16	18	9	7	13
Adequate	74	57	52	86	67	77	81	73	57	73	72	76
Surplus	20	43	44	4	30	16	6	7	16	17	21	8

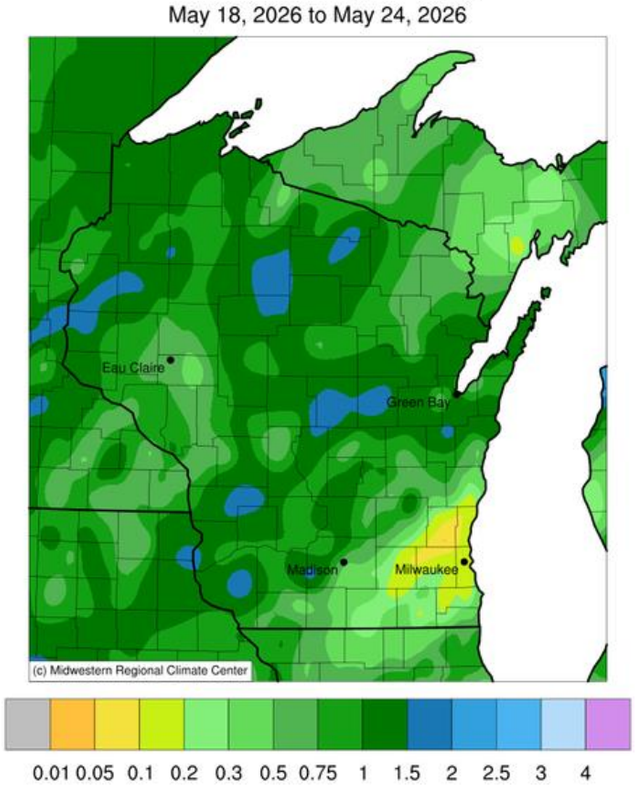
Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals

May 18, 2026 to May 24, 2026



Accumulated Precipitation (in)

May 18, 2026 to May 24, 2026



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

Additional soil moisture data are available at: https://cloud.csiss.gmu.edu/Crop-CASMA/