



Wisconsin Ag News – Crop Progress & Condition

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Wisconsin had 6.6 **days suitable for fieldwork** statewide for the week ending May 31, 2026, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. A warm, dry week allowed farmers to make good progress on their first cutting of hay, but precipitation would be welcome due to the lack of widespread showers in the past couple weeks.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 9 percent very short, 25 percent short, 60 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 5 percent very short, 17 percent short, 68 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus.

Corn planting was 93 percent complete compared to the 5-year average of 89 percent. Corn was 65 percent emerged. Corn condition was 79 percent good to excellent. **Soybean** planting was 89 percent complete compared to the average of 85 percent. Soybeans were 59 percent emerged. Soybean condition was 80 percent good to excellent.

Oat planting was 95 percent complete compared to the average of 93 percent. Oats were 74 percent emerged and 5 percent headed. Oat condition was rated 77 percent good to excellent, up 1 percentage point from last week. **Winter wheat** fields were 26 percent headed compared to the average of 27 percent. Winter wheat condition was 66 percent good to excellent, up 1 percentage point from last week.

The first cutting of **alfalfa hay** was 38 percent complete compared to the average of 35 percent. **All hay** condition was 68 percent good to excellent, down 5 percentage points from last week.

Spring tillage was 97 percent complete compared to the average of 95 percent.

Pasture and range condition was 58 percent good to excellent, down 1 percentage point 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 31, 2026

Item	Very Poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Corn	0	3	18	69	10
Hay, all	2	4	26	56	12
Oats	0	2	21	71	6
Pasture and range	2	9	31	50	8
Soybeans	1	2	17	66	14
Wheat, winter	0	4	30	54	12

Crop Progress as of May 31, 2026

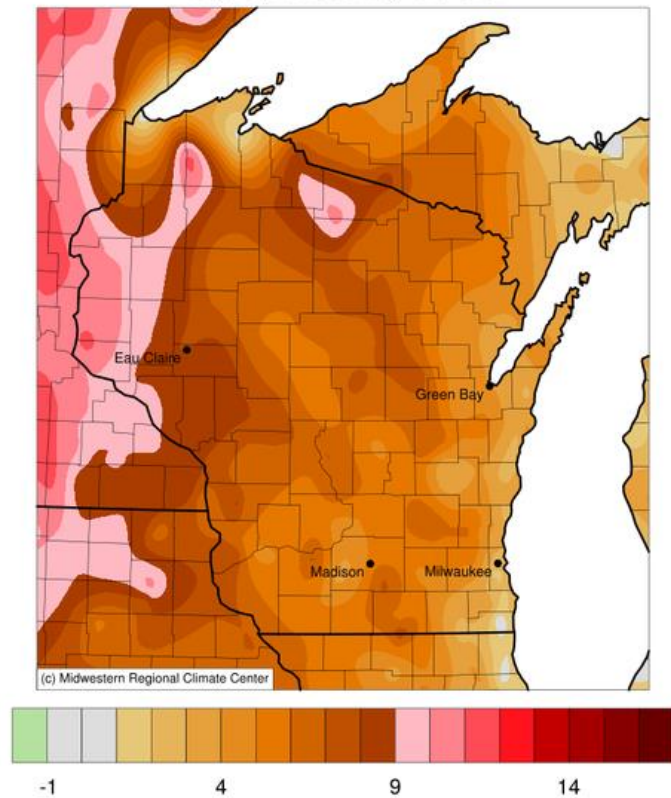
Item	Districts									State			
	NW (percent)	NC (percent)	NE (percent)	WC (percent)	C (percent)	EC (percent)	SW (percent)	SC (percent)	SE (percent)	This week (percent)	Last week (percent)	Last year (percent)	5-year avg (percent)
Corn planted	98	87	90	95	88	85	95	99	90	93	82	92	89
Corn emerged	63	47	54	63	52	48	76	86	63	65	37	67	66
Hay, alfalfa, 1st cutting	22	17	29	32	24	42	47	65	59	38	13	42	35
Oats planted	94	93	87	94	97	93	97	100	97	95	85	94	93
Oats emerged	82	51	56	82	68	59	91	96	84	74	56	77	77
Oats headed	3	0	0	0	3	0	16	10	9	5	0	4	6
Soybeans planted	89	74	92	92	82	90	84	97	88	89	75	89	85
Soybeans emerged	54	36	39	62	51	43	68	77	53	59	27	55	54
Spring tillage	96	94	96	98	94	95	97	99	97	97	93	96	95
Wheat, winter, headed	15	5	6	23	13	22	45	41	32	26	11	24	27

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

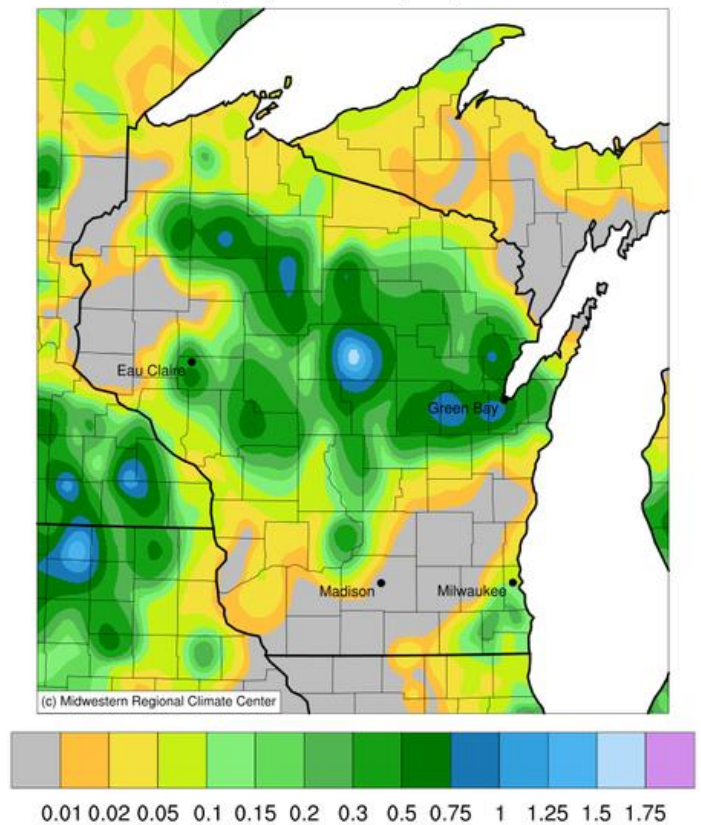
Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of May 31, 2026

Item	Districts									State		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year
Days suitable	(days) 6.8	(days) 5.3	(days) 6.9	(days) 6.9	(days) 5.9	(days) 6.5	(days) 6.9	(days) 6.9	(days) 7.0	(days) 6.6	(days) 5.4	(days) 5.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	4	0	0	7	2	5	6	22	28	9	2	2
Short	21	5	13	31	5	28	32	32	36	25	15	13
Adequate	75	79	72	62	84	54	59	45	34	60	68	79
Surplus	0	16	15	0	9	13	3	1	2	6	15	6
Subsoil moisture												
Very short	3	0	0	2	2	0	4	14	19	5	1	3
Short	9	0	4	26	5	17	24	22	30	17	9	16
Adequate	79	67	64	70	71	75	71	61	45	68	73	76
Surplus	9	33	32	2	22	8	1	3	6	10	17	5

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals
May 25, 2026 to May 31, 2026



Accumulated Precipitation (in)
May 25, 2026 to May 31, 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/>