



Wisconsin Ag News – Crop Progress & Condition

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Wisconsin had 6.6 **days suitable for fieldwork** statewide for the week ending July 19, 2026, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Wildfire smoke blanketed the state for several days, making outdoor work difficult. Crops are starting to show stress due to the lack of recent precipitation in many parts of the State.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 5 percent very short, 15 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 4 percent very short, 15 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus.

Corn silking was 23 percent complete compared to the 5-year average of 26 percent. Corn condition was 79 percent good to excellent, down 4 percentage points from last week. **Soybeans** were 62 percent blooming compared to the average of 54 percent. Sixteen percent of soybeans were setting pods. Soybean condition was 74 percent good to excellent, down 4 percentage points from last week.

Oats were 94 percent headed. Oats were 70 percent coloring compared to the average of 66 percent. Oats were 10 percent harvested. Oat condition was rated 80 percent good to excellent, unchanged from last week. **Winter wheat** was 96 percent coloring. Winter wheat was 29 percent harvested compared to the average of 19 percent. Winter wheat condition was 81 percent good to excellent, unchanged from last week.

The second cutting of **alfalfa hay** was 86 percent complete compared to the average of 82 percent. The third cutting of alfalfa hay was 12 percent complete. **All hay** condition was 76 percent good to excellent, down 2 percentage points from last week.

Pasture and range condition was 61 percent good to excellent, down 3 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 July 19, 2026

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	2	3	16	59	20
Hay, all	1	3	20	62	14
Oats	1	1	18	67	13
Pasture and range	2	8	29	49	12
Soybeans	2	5	19	59	15
Wheat, winter	1	3	15	70	11

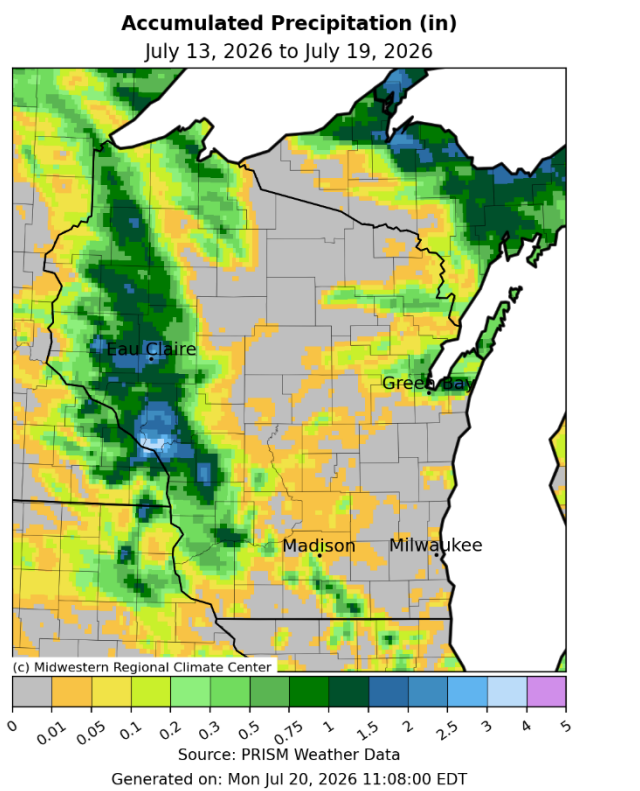
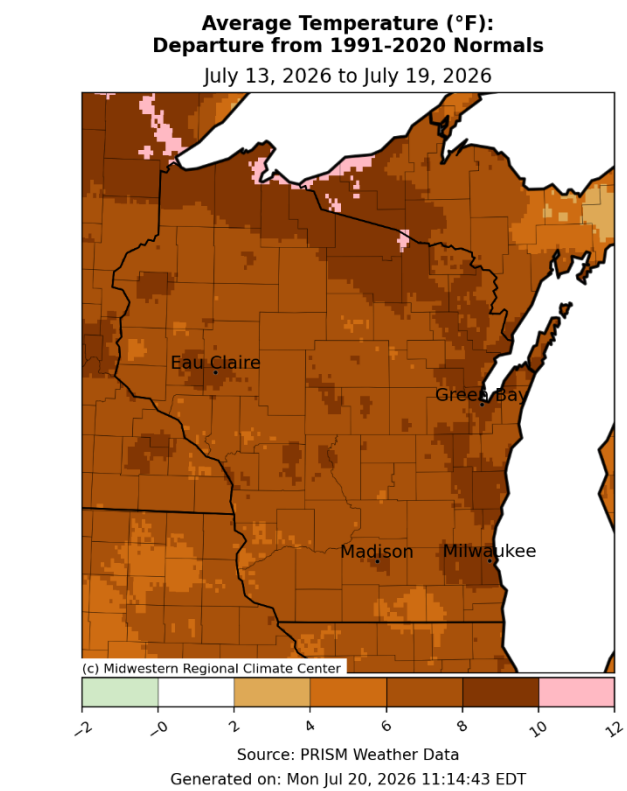
Crop Progress as of July 19, 2026

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 silking	8	5	10	20	21	17	36	35	30	23	4	28	26
Hay, alfalfa, 2nd cutting	81	68	87	83	85	94	86	96	96	86	69	79	82
Hay, alfalfa, 3rd cutting	2	0	0	9	13	15	21	21	17	12	2	12	10
Oats headed	98	75	92	98	91	97	100	100	98	94	89	93	94
Oats coloring	77	48	56	77	62	59	85	91	74	70	47	65	66
Oats harvested for grain	3	1	2	8	2	3	28	32	28	10	2	6	7
Soybeans blooming	46	48	50	68	55	59	68	74	57	62	42	57	54
Soybeans setting pods	4	8	9	20	10	13	17	25	18	16	2	15	16
Wheat, winter, coloring	95	74	89	99	93	95	95	100	100	96	89	96	96
Wheat, winter, harvested	6	1	10	5	7	15	50	50	60	29	5	12	19

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 July 19, 2026

Item	Districts									State		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year
Days suitable	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)
	6.4	7.0	6.3	6.3	7.0	6.5	6.7	6.3	6.9	6.6	5.9	4.9
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
	3	4	6	4	5	4	4	7	18	5	2	0
Very short	3	4	6	4	5	4	4	7	18	5	2	0
Short	7	6	18	10	13	30	12	16	28	15	11	9
Adequate	72	80	69	84	81	63	76	77	54	75	79	75
Surplus	18	10	7	2	1	3	8	0	0	5	8	16
Subsoil moisture												
	3	4	5	2	5	3	1	7	18	4	2	1
Very short	3	4	5	2	5	3	1	7	18	4	2	1
Short	9	4	19	13	10	30	10	16	29	15	13	11
Adequate	78	71	67	82	81	60	82	77	53	75	76	74
Surplus	10	21	9	3	4	7	7	0	0	6	9	14



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/>