



Wisconsin Ag News – Crop Progress & Condition

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Wisconsin had **5.9 days suitable for fieldwork** statewide for the week ending August 16, 2026, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Despite recent rainfalls, many crops continue to show signs of stress. Some northern counties reported that producers had started chopping corn due to the dry conditions.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 12 percent very short, 26 percent short, 61 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 8 percent very short, 24 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

Corn silking was 93 percent complete. Fifty-three percent of corn had reached the dough stage the same as the 5-year average. Corn in the dent stage reached 9 percent. Corn condition was 67 percent good to excellent, down 2 percentage points from last week.

Soybeans blooming reached 96 percent. Eighty-one percent of soybeans were setting pods compared to the average of 78 percent. Soybean condition was 66 percent good to excellent, down 2 percentage points from last week.

Oats were 73 percent harvested compared to the average of 62 percent. **Winter wheat** was 96 percent harvested compared to the average of 93 percent.

The third cutting of **alfalfa hay** was 85 percent complete compared to the average of 79 percent.

Pasture and range condition was 51 percent good to excellent, unchanged 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 August 16, 2026

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	3	8	22	55	12
Pasture and range	4	13	32	46	5
Soybeans	3	9	22	55	11

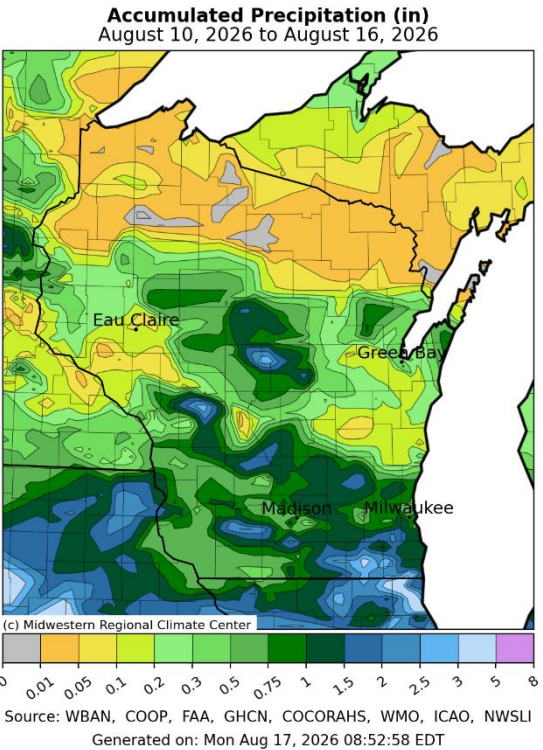
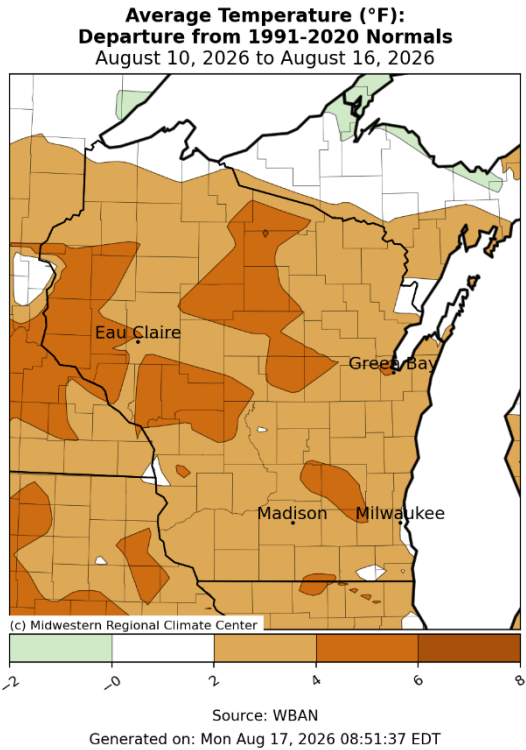
Crop Progress as of August 16, 2026

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	92	75	96	93	93	90	97	98	95	93	86	94	92
Corn dough	35	24	36	52	37	55	64	70	58	53	34	51	53
Corn dented	0	0	1	6	8	5	14	17	15	9	2	14	10
Hay, alfalfa, 3rd cutting	73	66	79	84	88	92	89	94	92	85	73	81	79
Oats harvested for grain	72	46	61	85	64	68	92	93	92	73	57	70	62
Soybeans blooming	94	89	94	97	91	96	99	98	97	96	93	93	94
Soybeans setting pods	77	76	80	82	74	80	79	89	78	81	70	80	78
Wheat, winter, harvested	89	64	88	87	91	97	98	99	100	96	85	93	93

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 August 16, 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	6.8	6.4	6.4	6.3	6.8	6.4	5.2	4.6	4.6	5.9	5.6	4.8
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture												
Very short	17	15	21	12	20	13	7	4	11	12	11	0
Short	27	26	27	21	22	38	26	20	25	26	25	8
Adequate	56	59	51	67	58	48	64	75	54	61	63	79
Surplus	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	1	10	1	1	13
Subsoil moisture												
Very short	10	9	11	7	11	7	4	8	13	8	8	0
Short	20	19	31	22	17	40	20	20	31	24	23	8
Adequate	70	63	57	71	72	52	75	72	50	67	67	81
Surplus	0	9	1	0	0	1	1	0	6	1	2	11



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/>