



Wisconsin Ag News – Crop Progress & Condition

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Wisconsin had 6.0 **days suitable for fieldwork** statewide for the week ending August 30, 2026, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Dry conditions persist across much of the state. Potatoes were being harvested and a little fall tillage was starting to take place.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 15 percent very short, 28 percent short, 56 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 11 percent very short, 27 percent short, 61 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

Corn in the dough stage reached 85 percent compared to the 5-year average of 80 percent. Corn in the dent stage reached 38 percent. Five percent of the corn crop was mature. Corn for silage harvest was 5 percent complete compared to the average of 3 percent. Corn condition was 62 percent good to excellent, down 3 percentage points from last week.

Soybeans setting pods reached 96 percent compared to the average of 93 percent. Five percent of soybeans were dropping leaves. Soybean condition was 61 percent good to excellent, down 2 percentage points from last week.

Oats were 90 percent harvested compared to the average of 88 percent.

The third cutting of **alfalfa hay** was 97 percent complete compared to the average of 92 percent.

Pasture and range condition was 45 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 August 30, 2026

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	4	9	25	52	10
Pasture and range	7	13	35	42	3
Soybeans	5	11	23	52	9

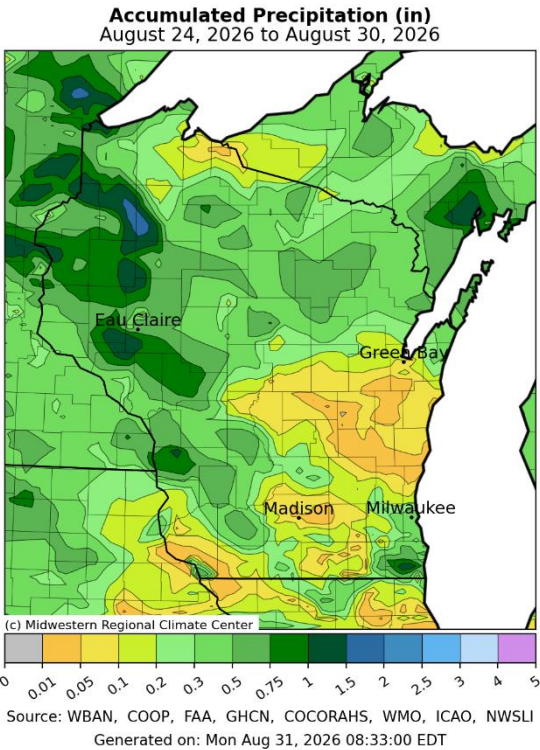
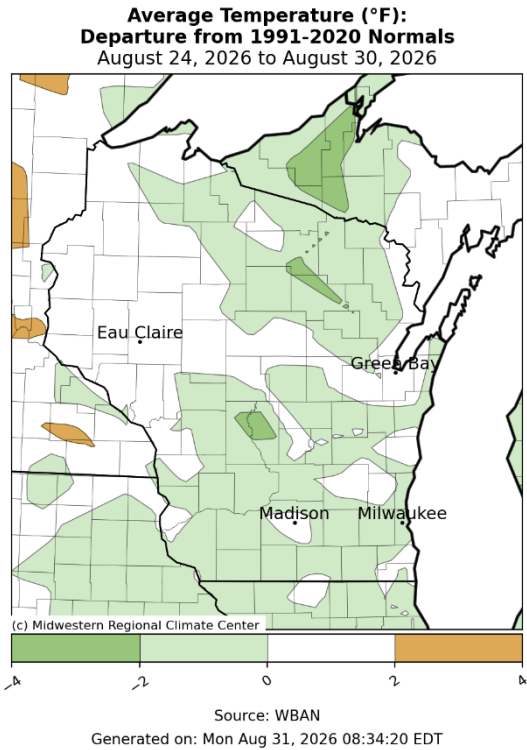
Crop Progress as of August 30, 2026

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 dough	72	58	65	87	87	89	91	92	86	85	70	78	80
Corn dented	27	12	21	36	34	38	47	49	51	38	19	36	36
Corn mature	0	0	0	5	6	4	9	9	3	5	1	4	2
Corn harvested for silage	14	1	1	13	8	1	7	5	11	5	2	4	3
Hay, alfalfa, 3rd cutting	97	87	97	96	98	98	97	99	98	97	92	92	92
Oats harvested for grain	91	68	85	97	96	91	98	99	99	90	83	94	88
Soybeans setting pods	95	97	98	95	96	96	94	97	95	96	91	91	93
Soybeans dropping leaves	12	0	3	11	5	3	3	4	3	5	1	1	1

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 30, 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)
	5.9	4.9	5.4	6.3	6.9	6.6	5.7	5.8	5.2	6.0	5.7	6.1
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	27	20	20	20	20	15	9	4	9	15	14	1
Short	31	30	27	25	21	36	30	25	30	28	27	11
Adequate	42	50	51	55	59	48	60	71	54	56	58	82
Surplus	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	7	1	1	6
Subsoil moisture												
Very short	16	14	12	12	13	10	7	9	11	11	10	1
Short	24	21	35	25	19	43	23	22	34	27	26	11
Adequate	60	65	52	63	68	47	69	69	49	61	63	83
Surplus	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	6	1	1	5



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/>