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Wisconsin had **3.7 days suitable for fieldwork** for the week ending May 8, 2022, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. The week again started off with temperatures well below normal, but by the end of the week temperatures had warmed up and for the week averaged only 2.5 degrees below normal. Many farmers in the northern part of the state were finally able to make good progress on their spring tillage and begin planting small grains and even some corn and soybeans. Statewide, hay fields and pastures continue to green up with the warmer weather and most reports indicate they survived the winter in good condition.

**Topsoil moisture** condition rated 1 percent very short, 6 percent short, 75 percent adequate and 18 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 1 percent very short, 10 percent short, 76 percent adequate and 13 percent surplus.

**Spring tillage** was reported as 29 percent complete, 3 weeks behind last year and 10 days behind the 5-year average.

**Corn** planting was 7 percent complete, 12 days behind last year and 11 days behind the average.

Six percent of **soybeans** were planted, 11 days behind last year and 6 days behind the average.

**Oats** planted was reported as 30 percent complete, over 2 weeks behind last year and 11 days behind the average. Seven percent of oats had emerged, 3 weeks behind last year and 2 weeks behind the average.

**Potato** planting was reported as 50 percent complete, 9 days behind last year and 1 day behind the average.

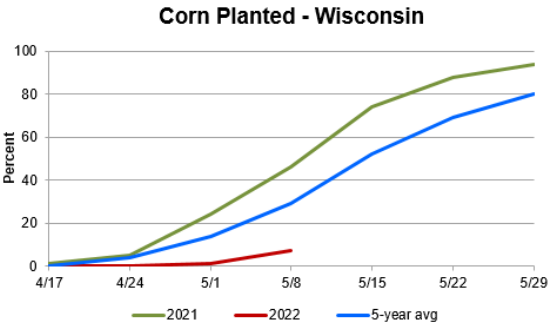
**Winter wheat** condition was rated 78 percent good to excellent statewide, up 2 percentage points from last week.

**All hay** condition was reported 60 percent good to excellent.

**Pasture** condition was rated 48 percent good to excellent, up 8 percentage points from last week.

Crop Condition as of May 8, 2022

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Hay, all .....	2	4	34	49	11
Pasture and range ..	4	11	37	40	8
Wheat, winter .....	1	2	19	56	22



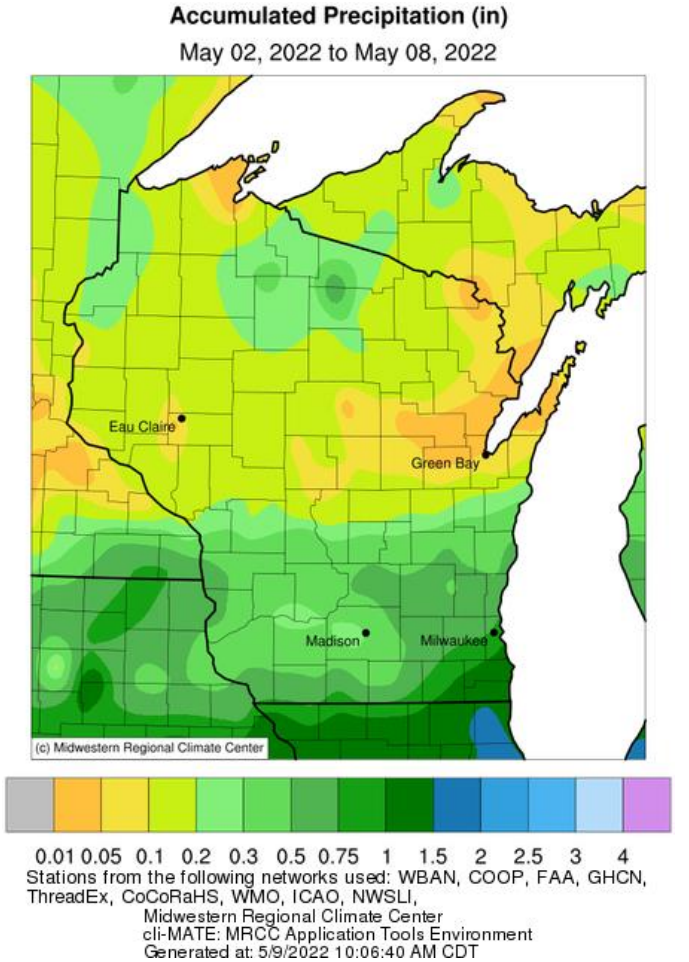
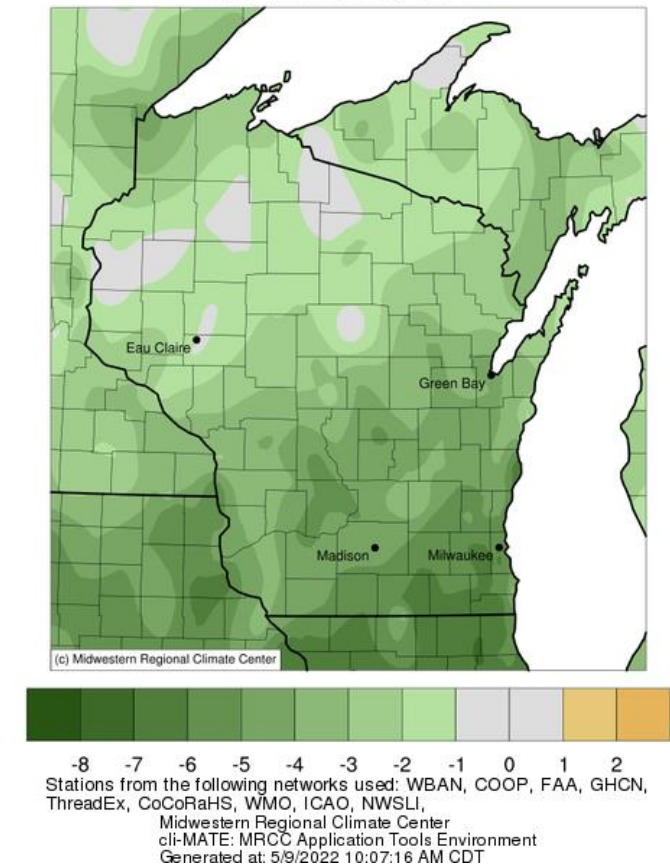
Crop Progress as of May 8, 2022

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 .....	7	0	9	6	6	0	7	15	2	7	1	46	29
Oats planted .....	27	4	24	19	19	9	66	62	40	30	15	80	54
Oats emerged .....	2	0	1	0	0	1	18	32	9	7	2	46	26
Soybeans planted .....	1	0	2	4	5	0	10	15	0	6	3	31	15
Spring tillage .....	21	7	15	30	32	11	57	41	21	29	15	82	53

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of May 8, 2022

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)
	4.2	2.9	4.1	3.6	5.2	3.5	4.2	3.2	2.8	3.7	2.6	5.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	15	1	1	6
Short .....	6	1	4	4	6	0	6	16	9	6	7	21
Adequate .....	66	76	66	75	80	68	90	77	53	75	68	69
Surplus .....	27	23	30	21	14	32	3	7	23	18	24	4
Subsoil moisture												
Very short .....	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	17	1	2	4
Short .....	8	1	5	21	6	0	10	16	16	10	10	22
Adequate .....	73	76	61	75	80	69	88	84	54	76	72	69
Surplus .....	18	23	34	4	14	31	1	0	13	13	16	5

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals  
May 02, 2022 to May 08, 2022



Weather Information: Week Ending May 8, 2022

District and State	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days <sup>1</sup>	
	Average	Departure from Normal <sup>2</sup>	Total	Departure from Normal <sup>2</sup>	Since April 1	Departure from Normal <sup>2</sup>
Northwest .....	49.7	-1.0	0.25	-0.40	19	-35
North Central .....	48.6	-0.7	0.23	-0.50	11	-35
Northeast .....	47.8	-1.7	0.13	-0.54	9	-37
West Central .....	51.2	-2.3	0.15	-0.63	26	-68
Central .....	49.2	-3.6	0.24	-0.41	22	-61
East Central .....	47.9	-3.6	0.20	-0.28	18	-46
Southwest .....	50.1	-4.1	0.48	-0.28	35	-71
South Central .....	49.1	-4.9	0.59	-0.09	33	-70
Southeast .....	47.8	-5.1	0.87	0.27	29	-64
Wisconsin .....	49.2	-2.5	0.30	-0.38	21	-51

<sup>1</sup> Base 50° F.  
<sup>2</sup> Normal based on 1991-2020 data.