



Wisconsin Ag News – Crop Progress & Condition

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Wisconsin had 5.6 **days suitable for fieldwork** for the week ending May 15, 2022, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. The week brought unseasonably warm temperatures to the entire state, averaging 13.8 degrees above normal. Periodic rainstorms later in the week delayed some fieldwork in the northern part of the state, but many farmers were able to make significant progress on planting and tillage. Several reporters in southern Wisconsin remarked they had never seen so much acreage planted in one week.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 2 percent very short, 11 percent short, 74 percent adequate and 13 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 2 percent very short, 11 percent short, 77 percent adequate and 10 percent surplus.

Spring tillage was reported as 57 percent complete, over 2 weeks behind last year and 5 days behind the 5-year average.

Corn planting was 34 percent complete, 10 days behind last year and 5 days behind the average. Three percent of corn had emerged, 9 days behind last year and 6 days behind the average.

Soybean planting was 26 percent complete, 9 days behind last year and 2 days behind the average. Soybeans emerged was 1 percent, 12 days behind last year and 8 days behind the average.

Oats planted was reported as 54 percent complete, over 2 weeks behind last year and 1 week behind the average. Twenty percent of oats had emerged, over 2 weeks behind last year and 11 days behind the average.

Potato planting was reported as 69 percent complete, 9 days behind last year and 1 day behind the average.

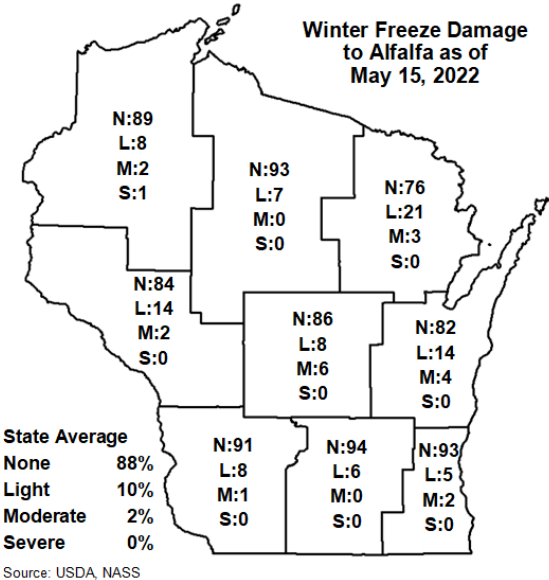
Winter wheat condition was rated 79 percent good to excellent statewide, up 1 percentage point from last week.

All hay condition was reported 70 percent good to excellent condition, up 10 percentage points from last week. Winter freeze damage to alfalfa was rated 2 percent moderate and 10 percent light.

Pasture condition was rated 57 percent good to excellent, up 9 percentage points from last week.

Crop Condition as of May 15, 2022

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Hay, all	1	4	25	50	20
Pasture and range ..	1	8	34	41	16
Wheat, winter	1	2	18	52	27



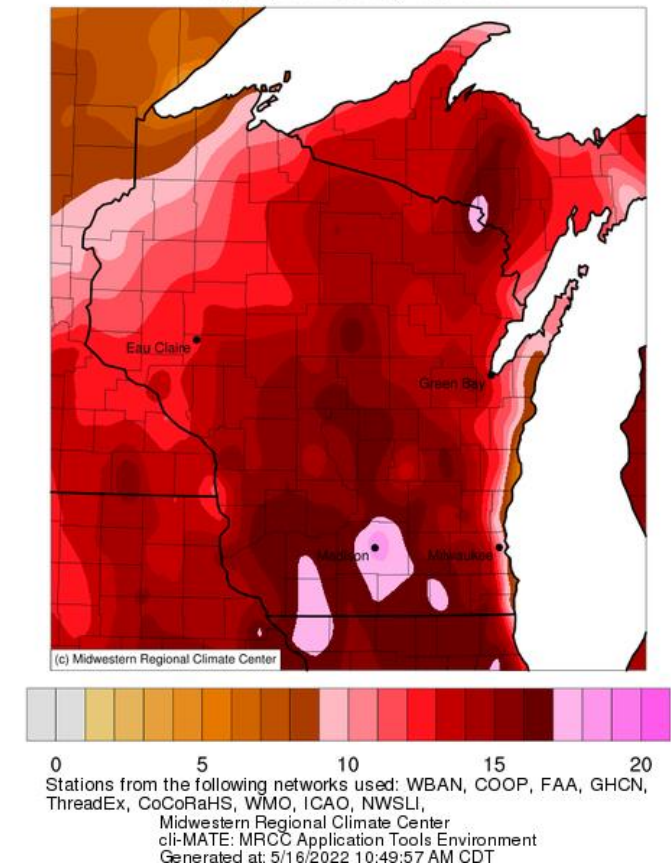
Crop Progress as of May 15, 2022

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	23	5	32	32	25	29	39	50	50	34	7	74	52
Oats planted	48	14	52	49	55	38	83	87	75	54	30	91	71
Oats emerged	14	1	15	6	19	7	46	49	32	20	7	65	41
Soybeans planted	5	4	25	25	30	20	38	35	29	26	6	59	31
Spring tillage	52	23	44	57	61	42	78	70	69	57	29	92	71

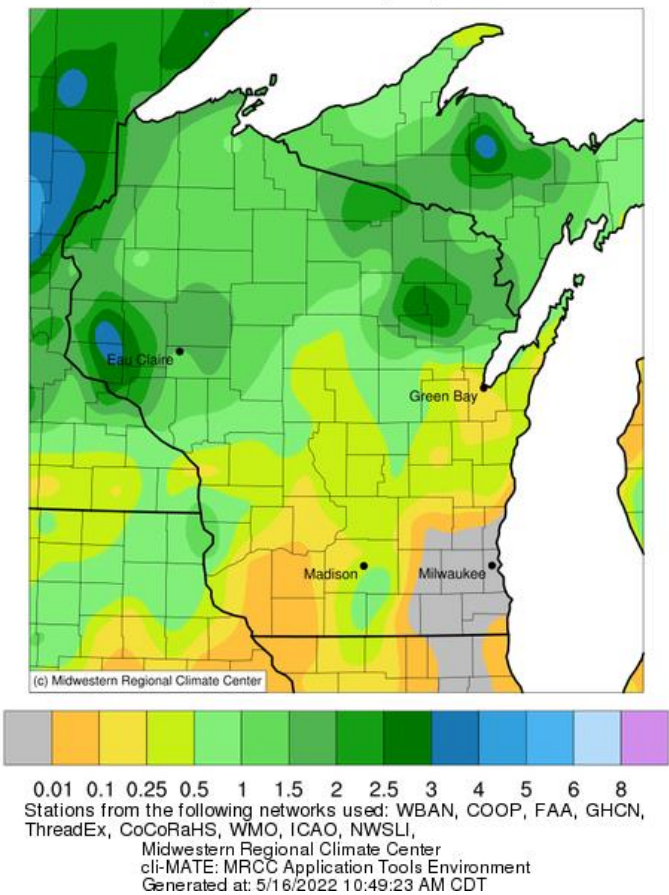
Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of May 15, 2022

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	4.5	4.8	5.0	4.6	6.0	6.1	6.1	6.5	6.6	5.6	3.7	6.6
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture												
Very short	1	0	0	0	2	0	4	2	15	2	1	15
Short	4	0	7	2	18	4	17	21	20	11	6	28
Adequate	76	86	72	74	72	73	79	77	51	74	75	55
Surplus	19	14	21	24	8	23	0	0	14	13	18	2
Subsoil moisture												
Very short	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	17	2	1	11
Short	4	1	13	15	14	2	13	16	18	11	10	25
Adequate	79	86	60	80	72	78	85	81	57	77	76	60
Surplus	16	13	27	5	14	20	0	1	8	10	13	4

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals
May 09, 2022 to May 15, 2022



Accumulated Precipitation (in)
May 09, 2022 to May 15, 2022



Weather Information: Week Ending May 15, 2022

District and State	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days ¹	
	Average	Departure from Normal ²	Total	Departure from Normal ²	Since April 1	Departure from Normal ²
Northwest	63.9	10.3	1.77	1.04	114	28
North Central	67.0	14.5	1.30	0.63	130	56
Northeast	67.0	14.1	1.68	1.05	128	54
West Central	69.1	12.3	1.53	0.79	159	18
Central	71.2	15.2	0.49	-0.21	170	44
East Central	68.2	13.5	0.47	-0.19	144	45
Southwest	73.1	15.7	0.46	-0.29	197	41
South Central	73.6	16.3	0.18	-0.59	198	45
Southeast	71.5	15.3	0.05	-0.69	181	43
Wisconsin	68.6	13.8	1.06	0.36	151	41

¹ Base 50° F.
² Normal based on 1991-2020 data.