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Wisconsin had 3.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending April 21, 2024 according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Wet and cool conditions continued to delay significant row crop planting in most of the state. Field activities included spring tillage, readying equipment, alfalfa planting, potato planting, oat seeding, manure hauling, and fertilizer application as conditions allowed. Some scattered corn and soybean planting was reported in southern Wisconsin.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 5 percent very short, 16 percent short, 69 percent adequate and 10 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 5 percent very short, 23 percent short, 64 percent adequate and 8 percent surplus.

Oat planting progress was 19 percent complete, 5 days ahead of last year and 1 day ahead of the 5-year average. Emergence has begun and was 7 percent complete.

Potato planting was 25 percent complete. This was 1 week ahead of last year and 5 days ahead of average.

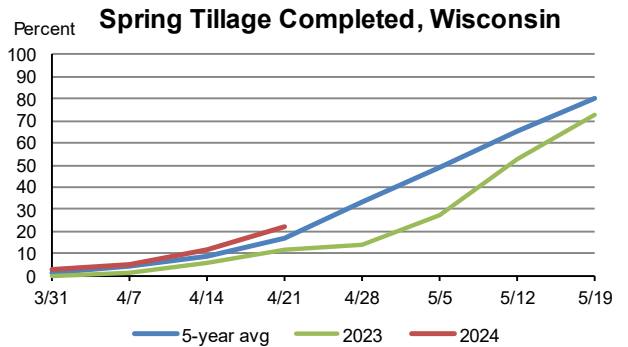
Spring tillage was 22 percent complete, 9 days ahead of last year and 3 days ahead of average.

Winter wheat condition was rated 82 percent good to excellent statewide, up 4 percentage points from last week.

Pasture and range condition was rated at 37 percent good to excellent statewide, up 5 percentage points from last week.

Crop Condition as of April 21, 2024

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range	3	12	48	27	10
Wheat, winter	0	2	16	64	18



Crop Progress as of April 21, 2024

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)
Oats planted	4	2	3	13	15	11	47	31	24	19	10	12	18
Oats emerged	0	0	0	2	1	3	24	15	3	7	2	0	3
Spring tillage	16	10	10	19	22	13	41	32	17	22	12	12	17

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 April 21, 2024

Item	Districts									State		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year
Days suitable	(days) 4.1	(days) 2.3	(days) 2.2	(days) 3.9	(days) 4.5	(days) 3.7	(days) 2.6	(days) 3.5	(days) 2.8	(days) 3.4	(days) 3.3	(days) 1.9
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	9	16	5	0	3	6	1	6	0	5	9	0
Short	21	20	7	29	22	11	15	10	3	16	15	2
Adequate	64	60	67	69	48	76	79	73	70	69	65	68
Surplus	6	4	21	2	27	7	5	11	27	10	11	30
Subsoil moisture												
Very short	13	9	5	1	5	6	4	7	0	5	10	0
Short	31	28	15	47	24	8	29	10	2	23	22	2
Adequate	54	62	70	47	49	78	61	77	69	64	60	72
Surplus	2	1	10	5	22	8	6	6	29	8	8	26

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals
April 15, 2024 to April 21, 2024

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 15, 2024 to April 21, 2024

