

Wisconsin Ag News – Crop Progress & Condition



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Wisconsin had 6.1 **days suitable for fieldwork** statewide for the week ending September 28, 2025, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. A dry week for much of the state coupled with above average temperatures resulted in good harvest conditions for apples, corn silage and remaining vegetables. Cover crops were planted into the harvested silage fields and manure application was ongoing.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 6 percent very short, 18 percent short, 74 percent adequate and 2 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 5 percent very short, 18 percent short, 73 percent adequate and 4 percent surplus.

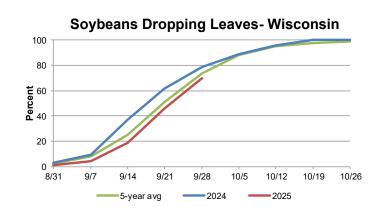
Ninety-three percent of **corn** had reached the dent stage. Corn was 49 percent mature, 1 day behind last year and 4 days behind the 5-year average. Corn for grain harvest was 4 percent complete. Corn condition was rated 81 percent good to excellent, unchanged from last week. Corn silage was 66 percent harvested. **Soybeans** coloring reached 94 percent. Seventy percent of soybean fields were dropping leaves, 4 days behind last year and 2 days behind the average. Soybeans were 6 percent harvested. Soybean condition rated 79 percent good to excellent, 1 percentage point below last week.

Potatoes were 72 percent harvested. **Winter wheat** was 43 percent seeded, 1 day behind last year and 3 days behind the average. Winter wheat emerged reached 20 percent.

The fourth cutting of **alfalfa hay** was 90 percent complete. **Pasture and range** condition was rated 61 percent good to excellent, down 2 percentage points from last week.

Crop Condition as of September 28, 2025

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	
Corn	1	4	14	57	24	
Pasture and range	1	9	29	47	14	
Soybeans	1	4	16	57	22	



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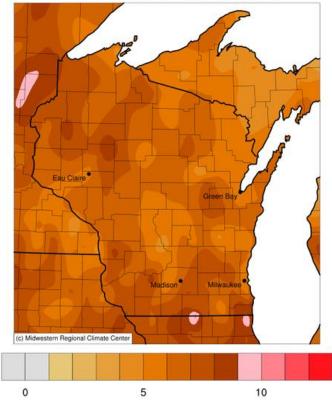
	Districts									State			
Item	NW	NC	NE	WC	С	EC	SW	sc	SE	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)									
Corn dented	94	84	89	88	90	93	97	98	89	93	82	90	93
Corn mature	37	18	17	34	45	41	68	75	49	49	28	53	60
Corn harvested for silage	62	28	53	62	58	68	89	93	75	66	41	64	68
Hay, alfalfa, 4th cutting	92	65	99	96	79	94	93	89	96	90	85	87	89
Soybeans coloring	99	85	94	93	88	95	95	97	89	94	82	93	94
Soybeans dropping leaves	78	35	62	68	59	69	71	86	64	70	46	79	74
Soybeans harvested	5	1	3	2	8	1	6	12	12	6	1	27	13
Wheat, winter, planted	73	55	41	71	67	45	39	30	25	43	29	45	48
Wheat, winter, emerged	30	26	16	49	51	16	28	10	9	20	10	27	26

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of September 28, 2025

			State									
Item	NW	NC	NE	WC	С	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year
	(days)	(days)										
Days suitable	6.7	6.4	6.4	6.1	5.9	5.6	5.9	6.4	6.1	6.1	5.7	6.2
	(percent)	(percent)										
Topsoil moisture												
Very short	2	1	3	1	0	4	16	14	7	6	4	7
Short	7	12	29	6	19	22	22	26	25	18	17	37
Adequate	85	87	67	88	78	74	61	59	66	74	76	56
Surplus	6	0	1	5	3	0	1	1	2	2	3	0
Subsoil moisture												
Very short	2	0	10	2	0	4	8	11	9	5	3	5
Short	7	14	25	7	19	25	18	26	26	18	16	31
Adequate	83	86	63	85	79	70	64	63	64	73	77	63
Surplus	8	0	2	6	2	1	10	0	1	4	4	1

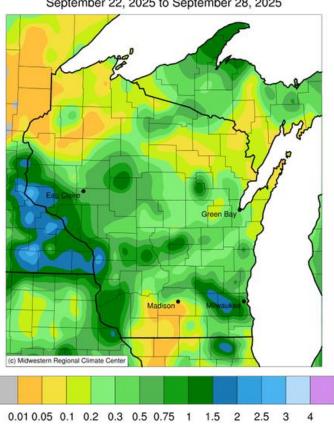
Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals

September 22, 2025 to September 28, 2025



Accumulated Precipitation (in)

September 22, 2025 to September 28, 2025



Temperature and Precipitation Maps, courtesy of the Midwestern Regional Climate Center, are available at: https://mrcc.purdue.edu/CLIMATE/

Additional soil moisture data are available at: https://nassgeo.csiss.gmu.edu/CropCASMA/