



# Wisconsin Ag News – Crop Progress & Condition

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Wisconsin had 1.1 **days suitable for fieldwork** statewide for the week ending April 19, 2026, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Much of the state received heavy rains throughout the week, bringing most field work to a halt. Drier conditions in the Northwestern corner of the state allowed for some limited spring tillage and planting of small grains.

**Topsoil moisture** condition rated 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 47 percent adequate, and 52 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 35 percent surplus.

**Corn** planting was 1 percent complete. **Oat** planting was 5 percent complete compared to the 5-year average of 16 percent. One percent of oats had emerged. **Spring tillage** was 9 percent complete compared to the average of 16 percent.

**Pasture and range** condition was 38 percent good to excellent, the same as last week.

**Winter wheat** condition was 49 percent good to excellent, up 1 percentage point 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](https://www.nass.usda.gov/Charts_and_Maps/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2026/WI_2026.pdf)

## Crop Condition as of April 19, 2026

Item	Very Poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Pasture and range .....	7	17	38	32	6
Wheat, winter .....	3	8	40	42	7

## Crop Progress as of April 19, 2026

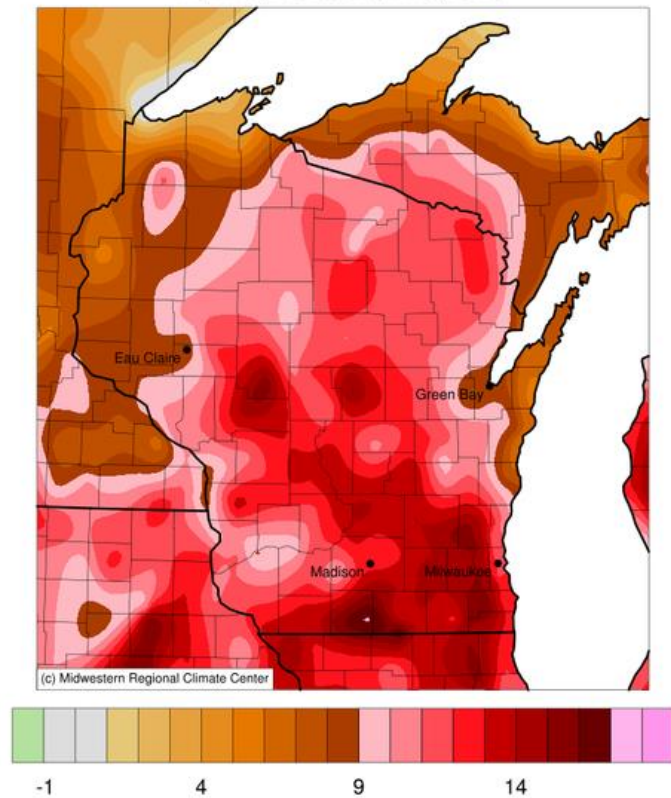
Item	Districts									State			
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Oats planted .....	3	0	0	8	2	1	10	12	2	5	4	16	16
Spring tillage .....	5	0	0	13	12	2	14	13	9	9	7	14	16

The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at [www.nass.usda.gov/Publications](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications).

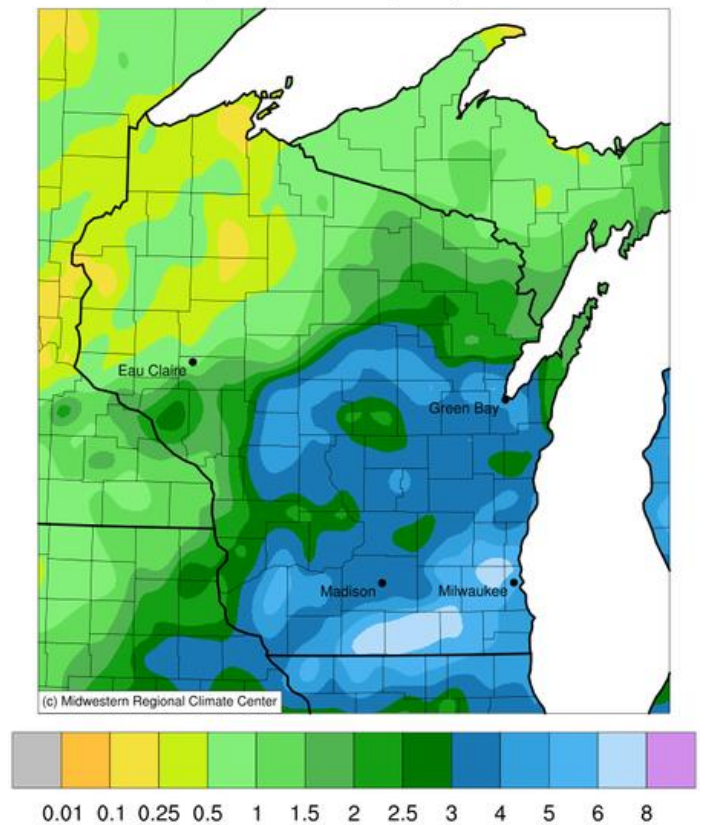
## Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of April 19, 2026

Item	Districts									State		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year
Days suitable .....	(days) 3.2	(days) 1.1	(days) 0.7	(days) 2.9	(days) 1.9	(days) 0.0	(days) 0.1	(days) 0.1	(days) 0.1	(days) 1.1	(days) 2.4	(days) 3.9
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Short .....	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	14
Adequate .....	58	40	29	69	39	20	64	51	27	47	55	65
Surplus .....	38	60	71	29	61	80	36	49	73	52	42	19
Subsoil moisture												
Very short .....	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
Short .....	4	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	20
Adequate .....	79	44	41	76	45	61	77	71	41	64	69	59
Surplus .....	15	56	55	22	55	39	23	29	59	35	26	17

**Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals**  
April 13, 2026 to April 19, 2026



**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
April 13, 2026 to April 19, 2026



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/>