



# Wisconsin Ag News – Crop Progress & Condition

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Wisconsin had 4.1 **days suitable for fieldwork** statewide for the week ending May 3, 2026, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Where fields were dry enough, manure spreading, spring tillage and fertilizer applications took place. Planting of soybeans and corn continued, although soil temperatures remain on the cool side.

**Topsoil moisture** condition rated 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 55 percent adequate, and 42 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 68 percent adequate, and 30 percent surplus.

**Corn** planting was 10 percent complete compared to the 5-year average of 15 percent. **Oat** planting was 29 percent complete compared to the average of 41 percent. Ten percent of oats had emerged. **Soybean** planting was 10 percent complete compared to the average of 13 percent. **Spring tillage** was 35 percent complete compared to the average of 44 percent.

**Pasture and range** condition was 50 percent good to excellent, up 5 percentage points from last week.

**Winter wheat** condition was 56 percent good to excellent, up 3 percentage points 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 May 3, 2026

| Item                    | Very Poor<br>(percent) | Poor<br>(percent) | Fair<br>(percent) | Good<br>(percent) | Excellent<br>(percent) |
|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Pasture and range ..... | 3                      | 13                | 34                | 40                | 10                     |
| Wheat, winter .....     | 1                      | 6                 | 37                | 50                | 6                      |

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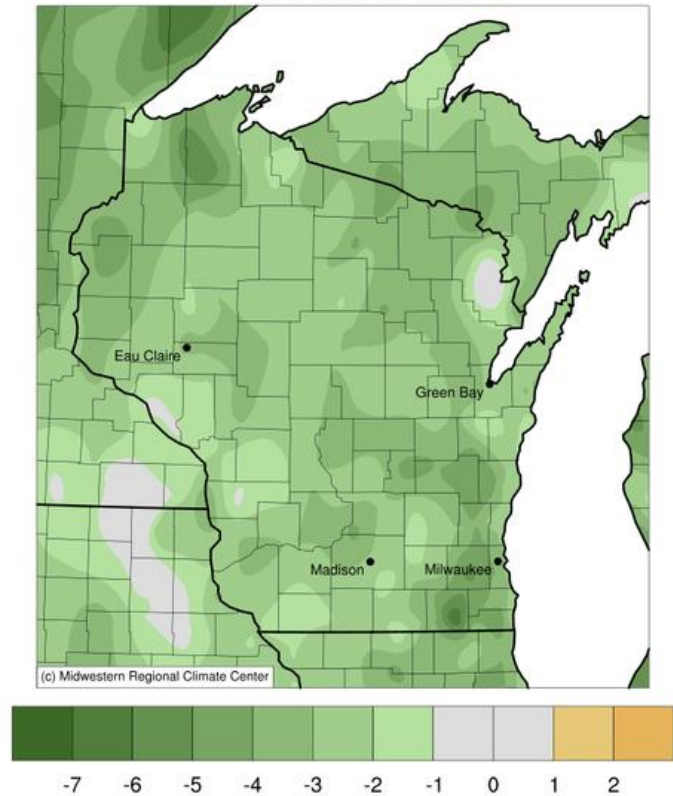
| Item                   | Districts       |                 |                 |                 |                |                 |                 |                 |                 | State                  |                        |                        |                         |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
|                        | NW<br>(percent) | NC<br>(percent) | NE<br>(percent) | WC<br>(percent) | C<br>(percent) | EC<br>(percent) | SW<br>(percent) | SC<br>(percent) | SE<br>(percent) | This week<br>(percent) | Last week<br>(percent) | Last year<br>(percent) | 5-year avg<br>(percent) |
| Corn planted .....     | 6               | 1               | 1               | 10              | 8              | 3               | 21              | 17              | 4               | 10                     | 3                      | 14                     | 15                      |
| Oats planted .....     | 21              | 9               | 14              | 31              | 27             | 10              | 54              | 54              | 26              | 29                     | 14                     | 35                     | 41                      |
| Oats emerged .....     | 7               | 0               | 1               | 9               | 3              | 1               | 25              | 27              | 11              | 10                     | 3                      | 9                      | 15                      |
| Soybeans planted ..... | 7               | 1               | 2               | 11              | 11             | 6               | 14              | 14              | 9               | 10                     | 3                      | 15                     | 13                      |
| Spring tillage .....   | 33              | 6               | 11              | 45              | 30             | 19              | 56              | 50              | 36              | 35                     | 17                     | 40                     | 44                      |

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

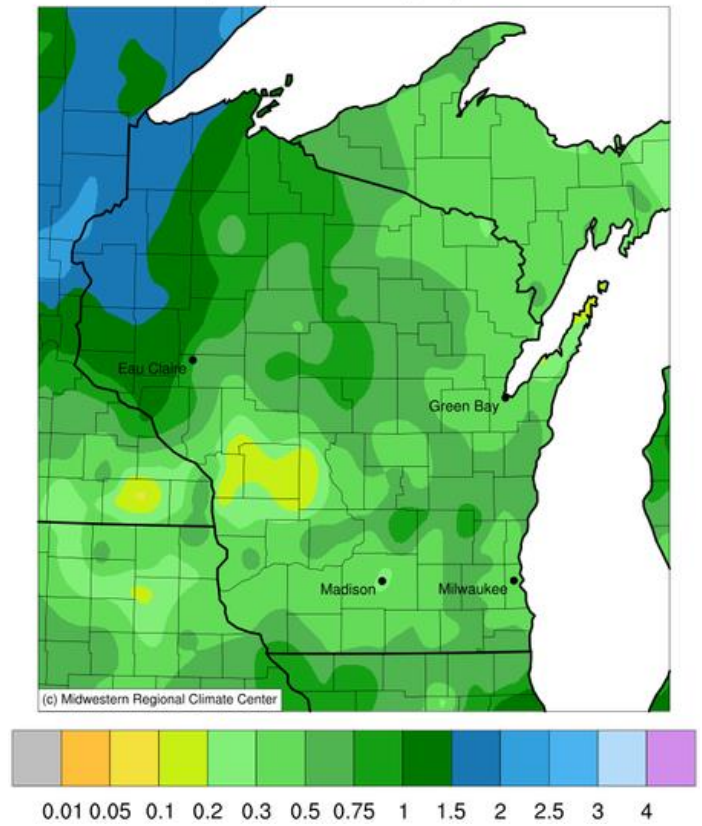
## Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of May 3, 2026

| Item                | Districts     |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | State         |               |               |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|                     | NW            | NC            | NE            | WC            | C             | EC            | SW            | SC            | SE            | This week     | Last week     | Last year     |
| Days suitable ..... | (days)<br>3.9 | (days)<br>1.5 | (days)<br>3.2 | (days)<br>4.9 | (days)<br>4.0 | (days)<br>4.7 | (days)<br>5.2 | (days)<br>3.9 | (days)<br>3.2 | (days)<br>4.1 | (days)<br>3.3 | (days)<br>3.2 |
| Topsoil moisture    | (percent)     | (percent)     | (percent)     | (percent)     | (percent)     | (percent)     | (percent)     | (percent)     | (percent)     | (percent)     | (percent)     | (percent)     |
| Very short .....    | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 1             | 0             | 1             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             |
| Short .....         | 2             | 0             | 0             | 3             | 3             | 1             | 2             | 6             | 4             | 3             | 1             | 7             |
| Adequate .....      | 61            | 41            | 38            | 78            | 47            | 31            | 72            | 60            | 36            | 55            | 51            | 66            |
| Surplus .....       | 37            | 59            | 62            | 19            | 49            | 68            | 25            | 34            | 60            | 42            | 48            | 27            |
| Subsoil moisture    |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| Very short .....    | 1             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 1             | 0             | 1             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 1             |
| Short .....         | 2             | 0             | 2             | 2             | 1             | 0             | 1             | 6             | 2             | 2             | 1             | 11            |
| Adequate .....      | 73            | 43            | 46            | 80            | 53            | 69            | 81            | 74            | 53            | 68            | 67            | 66            |
| Surplus .....       | 24            | 57            | 52            | 18            | 45            | 31            | 17            | 20            | 45            | 30            | 32            | 22            |

**Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals**  
April 27, 2026 to May 03, 2026



**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
April 27, 2026 to May 03, 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/>