



Wisconsin Ag News – Crop Progress & Condition

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Wisconsin had 6.2 **days suitable for fieldwork** statewide for the week ending May 10, 2026, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. A week with little rainfall allowed the pace of field work to accelerate. Cold nights, however, have slowed corn emergence and left some growers concerned for frost damage to fruits and berries.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 0 percent very short, 8 percent short, 62 percent adequate, and 30 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 0 percent very short, 4 percent short, 71 percent adequate, and 25 percent surplus.

Corn planting was 31 percent complete compared to the 5-year average of 33 percent. **Oat** planting was 47 percent complete compared to the average of 57 percent. Oats were 23 percent emerged. **Soybean** planting was 28 percent complete compared to the average of 27 percent. **Spring tillage** was 61 percent complete matching the average.

Pasture and range condition was 54 percent good to excellent, up 4 percentage points from last week.

All hay condition was 71 percent good to excellent. **Winter wheat** condition was 59 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

Crop Condition as of May 10, 2026

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Hay, all	1	4	24	56	15
Pasture and range	3	11	32	45	9
Wheat, winter	1	5	35	50	9

Crop Progress as of May 10, 2026

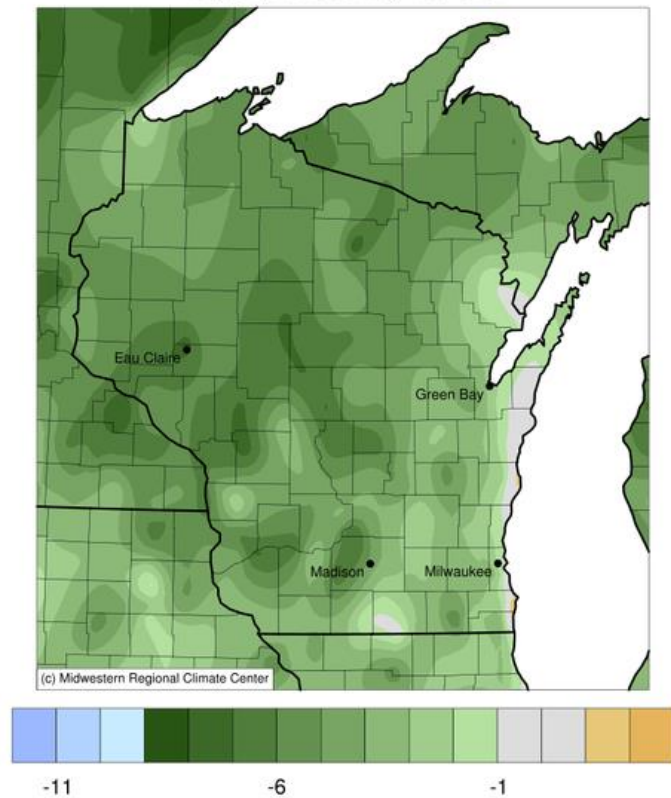
Item	Districts									State			
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn planted	35	15	21	34	19	12	45	46	24	31	10	40	33
Oats planted	50	20	32	61	40	24	70	78	53	47	29	58	57
Oats emerged	19	4	10	29	10	6	51	41	24	23	10	21	27
Soybeans planted	24	8	23	34	20	13	31	39	32	28	10	37	27
Spring tillage	62	27	39	73	51	40	78	80	69	61	35	67	61

The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications.

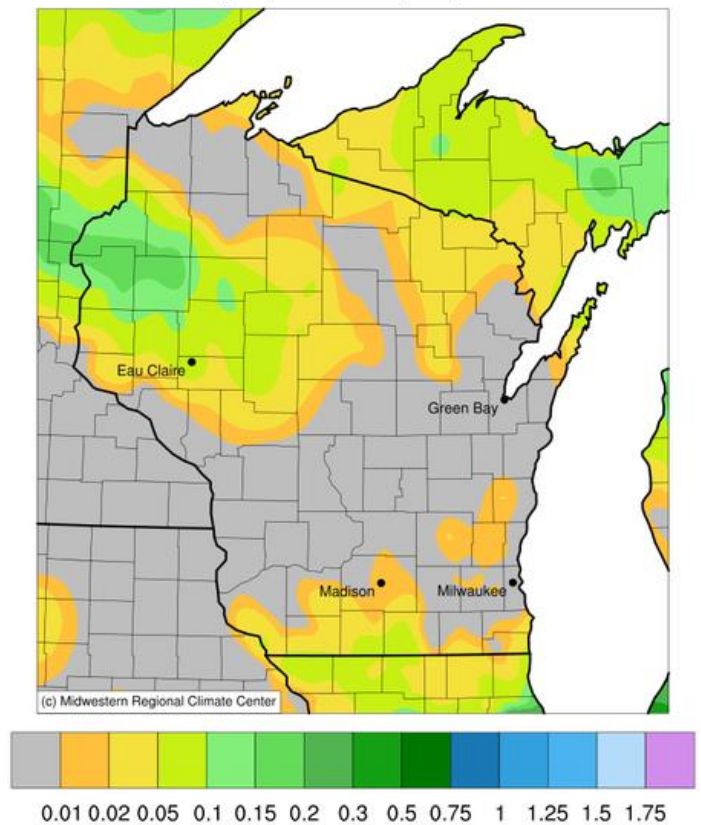
Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of May 10, 2026

Item	Districts									State		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year
Days suitable	(days) 6.3	(days) 6.7	(days) 5.7	(days) 6.5	(days) 5.4	(days) 6.6	(days) 6.5	(days) 5.8	(days) 6.3	(days) 6.2	(days) 4.1	(days) 6.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
Short	3	0	0	11	8	6	12	13	10	8	3	17
Adequate	72	55	52	75	54	40	73	67	40	62	55	70
Surplus	25	45	48	12	38	54	15	20	47	30	42	10
Subsoil moisture												
Very short	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4
Short	1	0	0	4	2	1	7	9	6	4	2	16
Adequate	74	49	51	81	59	74	82	78	54	71	68	70
Surplus	24	51	49	14	39	25	11	13	39	25	30	10

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals
May 04, 2026 to May 10, 2026



Accumulated Precipitation (in)
May 04, 2026 to May 10, 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/>