



Wisconsin Ag News – Crop Progress & Condition

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Wisconsin had **5.7 days suitable for fieldwork** statewide for the week ending August 23, 2026, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Dry conditions continued to affect crops, especially in northwestern portions of the state. Snap beans were being harvested and some farmers started on their fourth cutting of hay.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 14 percent very short, 27 percent short, 58 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 10 percent very short, 26 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

Corn in the dough stage reached 70 percent compared to the 5-year average of 69 percent. Corn in the dent stage reached 19 percent. Corn condition was 65 percent good to excellent, down 2 percentage points from last week.

Soybeans setting pods reached 91 percent compared to the average of 87 percent. Soybean condition was 63 percent good to excellent, down 3 percentage points from last week.

Oats were 83 percent harvested compared to the average of 77 percent.

The third cutting of **alfalfa hay** was 92 percent complete compared to the average of 87 percent.

Pasture and range condition was 48 percent good to excellent, down 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 August 23, 2026

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	4	8	23	54	11
Pasture and range	5	13	34	44	4
Soybeans	4	10	23	53	10

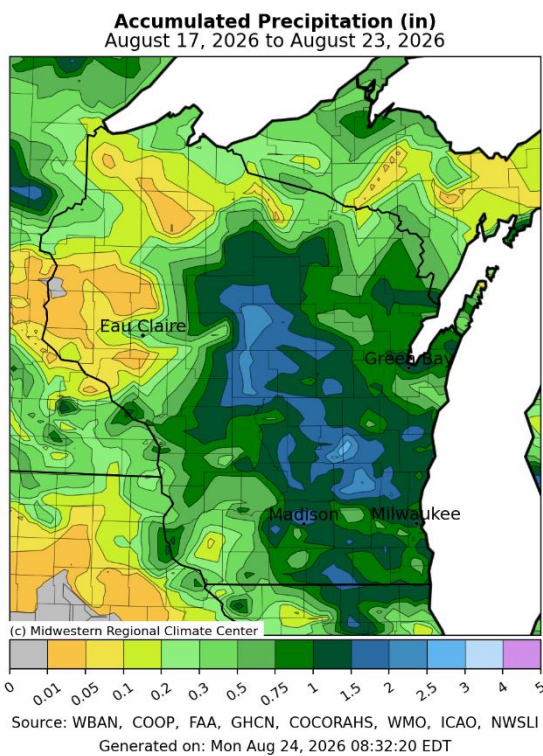
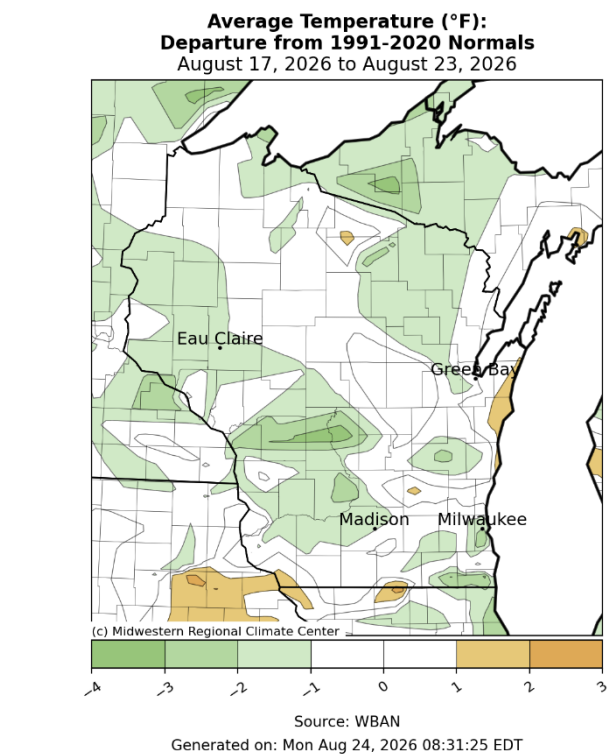
Crop Progress as of August 23, 2026

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 dough	52	43	50	70	75	69	77	82	71	70	53	65	69
Corn dented	13	4	5	16	16	15	24	28	33	19	9	21	20
Hay, alfalfa, 3rd cutting	93	80	92	90	90	97	93	96	95	92	85	88	87
Oats harvested for grain	82	58	75	95	89	82	96	95	94	83	73	79	77
Soybeans setting pods	88	85	95	91	88	91	90	94	89	91	81	85	87

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 August 23, 2026

Item	Districts									State		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year
	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)
Days suitable	6.9	5.3	4.8	6.9	5.8	6.2	5.3	4.8	4.4	5.7	5.9	5.6
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture												
Very short	23	17	19	17	18	14	9	4	11	14	12	1
Short	30	29	27	24	20	36	29	24	26	27	26	8
Adequate	47	54	52	59	62	48	61	72	52	58	61	82
Surplus	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	0	11	1	1	9
Subsoil moisture												
Very short	13	12	11	10	11	10	6	9	12	10	8	1
Short	23	20	34	24	18	42	22	22	32	26	24	9
Adequate	64	62	53	66	71	46	71	69	49	63	67	82
Surplus	0	6	2	0	0	2	1	0	7	1	1	8



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/>