



Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition



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Spring Planting Takes Off

There were 4.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending April 24, 2016, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Warm, sunny weather allowed planting to progress rapidly this week though scattered showers did interrupt fieldwork on some days. Some reporters in northeastern Wisconsin noted that fields were still too muddy to work. Meanwhile, some reporters in the central and western regions commented that soils were getting unfavorably dry and rain was needed. Oats, barley, potatoes, peas, vegetables, early corn and new hay seedings were all being planted this week. Manure spreading, spring tillage and fertilizer applications continued. Reports indicated that the condition of overwintered crops was improving steadily. Several reporters noted that soil temperatures were still cooler than is optimal for planting corn.

Statewide, **topsoil moisture** declined from the previous week, with 1 percent very short, 7 percent short, 71 percent adequate and 21 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** was 0 percent very short, 4 percent short, 78 percent adequate and 18 percent surplus.

As of April 24th, **spring tillage** was 37 percent complete statewide, 4 days ahead of last year and 12 days ahead of the five-year average.

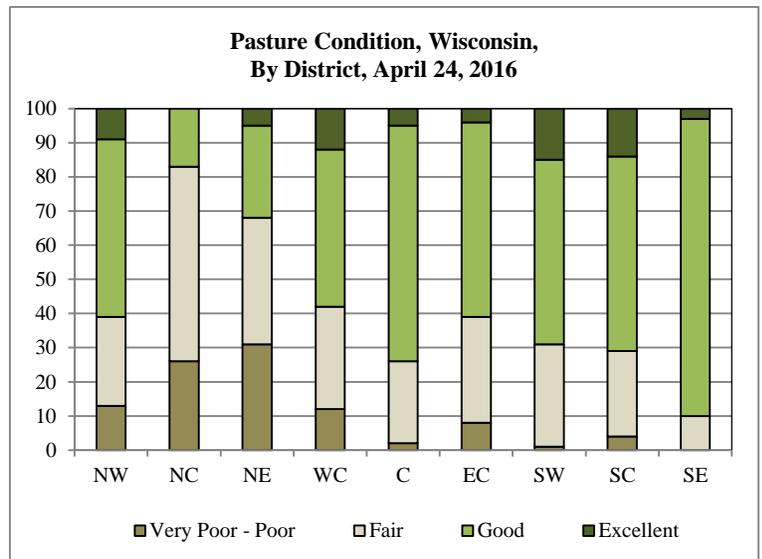
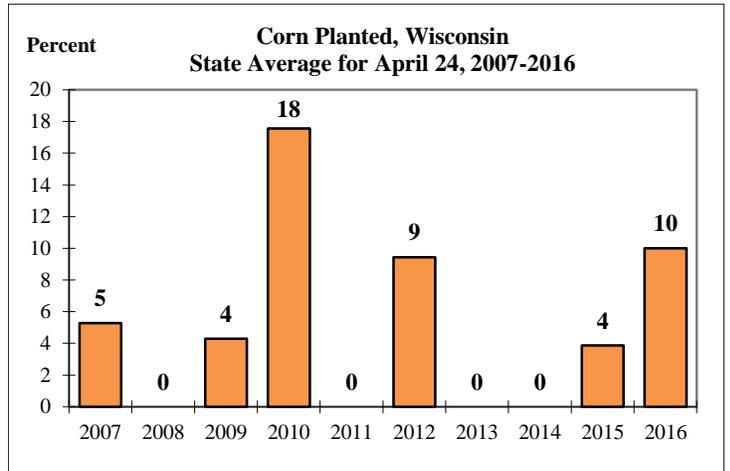
Corn planting was 10 percent complete, 3 days ahead of of last year, and 4 days ahead of the 5 year average.

Oats planting was reported as 37 percent complete, 1 day behind 2015, but 5 days ahead of the five-year average. Four percent of the oat crop has emerged.

Thirty percent of the **potato** crop was planted, 2 days behind last year.

Pasture condition was rated 81 percent fair to good, compared to 80 percent last week.

Winter wheat was rated 82 percent in good to excellent condition statewide, three percentage points above above the previous week.



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of April 24, 2016

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range	2	7	31	50	10
Winter Wheat.....	0	2	16	54	28

Wisconsin Crop Progress as of April 24, 2016

Crop and percent of acreage	District average									State average			
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
Oats Planted.....	29	10	11	47	48	10	64	63	47	37	16	40	26
Corn Planted.....	4	6	1	14	6	1	15	13	13	10	1	4	3
Potatoes Planted.....	9	1	1	48	35	n.a.	53	54	n.a.	30	9	35	n.a.
Spring Tillage.....	29	17	12	49	38	14	64	48	29	37	14	27	18

n.a.=not available

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Conditions as of April 24, 2016

Item	District average									State average		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last Year
Days Suitable	4.5	4.9	3.0	4.8	5.7	3.8	5.7	6.0	4.6	4.9	3.9	4.1
Topsoil Moisture	Percent									Percent		
Very Short.....	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	2
Short.....	4	0	4	6	14	0	19	10	0	7	4	20
Adequate.....	75	67	55	76	76	58	76	75	81	71	69	68
Surplus.....	21	33	41	18	8	42	4	14	19	21	27	10
Subsoil Moisture	Percent									Percent		
Very Short.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Short.....	1	0	0	3	8	0	9	9	0	4	2	20
Adequate.....	85	90	53	87	84	53	85	77	77	78	71	71
Surplus.....	14	10	47	10	8	47	6	14	23	18	27	6

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Selected Quotes from Farm Reporters and County Ag Agents

All comments are used in creating this report, but only a few are published below.

CHIPPEWA-J.C.: Corn planting is underway on lighter soils. Alfalfa and small grains planted throughout the county. Alfalfa stands look very good.

RUSK-G.P.: A decent week with some field work done. Rain over the weekend has put a stop to all field activity and it may be a bit before farmers get back in with more rain predicted and colder temps coming.

CLARK-A.K.: Ground is dry enough to till but it is too cold, 47 degrees. Much manure hauling and preparing planting equipment. Some oats are going in.

PRICE/TAYLOR-D.E.: Spring tillage began in earnest last week with manure going out and some fields planted to small grains and corn. Sunday's accumulation of about an inch of rain will slow things down for now.

FLORENCE/FOREST-T.B.: Manure being spread the past week but not much field work started. Cool, cloudy conditions keeping soils cold and wet.

TREMPEALEAU-D.D.: A few cattle are moving to pastures, some early peas are planted and most soils are drying rapidly on the surface.

ADAMS/MARQUETTE/WAUSHARA-D.B.: Center pivots were running already last week.

FOND DU LAC-B.B.: Pasture, alfalfa and wheat crops were much improved- pulling out of their wet funk. Tillage and planting was brought to full speed. It wouldn't hurt to stay a bit on the dry side to keep the field work moving.

OUTAGAMIE/SHAWANO-S.S.: Just finished combining soybeans from 2015.

IOWA/RICHLAND/SAUK-L.A.: Good progress over the past week. Need some rain, but not the cold temperatures that are predicted.

COLUMBIA-G.K.: Tractors were busy in the fields this past week, spreading manure, fertilizer, spraying, tilling, with some corn being planted. Soil moisture is good, but soil temps are still cool.

ROCK-C.O.: Planters running night and day.

WALWORTH-N.W.: Corn planters were starting to roll this weekend. Cold and rain in the forecast this week.

OZAUKEE/WASHINGTON-G.S.: Some field work being done. Still cool. Supposed frost/freeze warning tonight.

Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on April 24, 2016

City	Temperature						Growing degree days (modified base 50) 1/		Precipitation				
	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg. dep. from normal *	Mar. 1 to Apr. 23	Mar. 1 to Apr. 23 normal*	Last Week	Since Mar. 1	Mar. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	69	46	81	33	57	+10	186	90	0.26	5.47	+1.48	6.85	+1.00
Green Bay	65	41	82	35	53	+7	110	77	0.26	5.13	+1.13	7.61	+1.38
La Crosse	73	49	83	44	61	+11	225	119	0.12	4.92	+0.41	7.09	+0.41
Madison	68	44	80	34	56	+9	170	123	0.19	6.98	+2.17	9.21	+1.85
Milwaukee	60	42	78	38	51	+5	120	n.a.	0.19	5.54	+0.06	7.85	-1.17

1/ Formula used: GDD = (daily maximum (86°) + daily minimum (50°))/2-50°; where 86° is used if the maximum exceeds 86° and 50° is used if the minimum falls below 50°. *Normal based on 1971-2000 data. n.a.=not available. T=trace Source: NCEP/NOAA Climate Prediction Center <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>.

For more weather data, please reference the following sites: <http://www.noaa.gov/> <http://www.aos.wisc.edu/~sco/> <http://www.cocorahs.org/> <http://www.weather.gov/>