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Wisconsin had 5.3 **days suitable for fieldwork** statewide for the week ending August 11, 2024, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Rain early in the week stalled fieldwork, especially in central Wisconsin. Field activities included harvesting small grains, potatoes, and cutting hay.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 1 percent very short, 9 percent short, 81 percent adequate and 9 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 82 percent adequate and 15 percent surplus.

Corn silking was 84 percent, 4 days behind last year and 2 days behind the 5-year average. Corn in the dough stage reached 36 percent. Five percent of the corn was in the dent stage. Corn condition was rated 63 percent good to excellent, up 2 percentage points from last week.

Eighty-eight percent of the **soybean** crop was blooming. Sixty-six percent of soybeans were setting pods, 3 days ahead of last year and 1 day ahead of average. Soybean condition improved to 62 percent good to excellent.

Oats coloring was at 95 percent and 58 percent of the oat for grain crop had been harvested, 3 days ahead of last year and 5 days ahead of average.

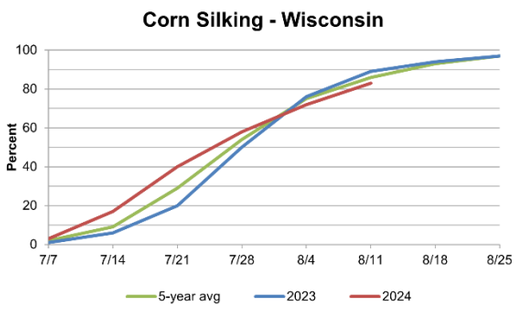
Winter wheat harvested for grain was 94 percent complete.

The second cutting of **alfalfa hay** was nearing completion, while the third cutting was 68 percent complete. The fourth cutting was 5 percent complete. **All hay** condition was rated 78 percent good to excellent, down 2 percentage points from last week.

Potato harvest was 17 percent complete. Potato condition remained at 91 percent good to excellent. **Pasture and range** condition was rated 67 percent good to excellent, down 7 percentage points from last week

Crop Condition as of August 11, 2024

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	2	8	27	43	20
Hay, all	0	5	17	55	23
Pasture and range	1	6	26	48	19
Potatoes	1	1	7	83	8
Soybeans	1	7	30	46	16



Crop Progress as of August 11, 2024

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 silking	83	59	76	86	75	68	94	96	94	84	72	89	86
Corn dough	6	2	17	32	51	20	69	46	39	36	24	34	35
Corn dented	0	0	1	8	14	1	12	4	2	5	3	1	2
Hay, alfalfa, 2nd cutting	93	95	99	96	86	100	95	99	100	96	92	97	97
Hay, alfalfa, 3rd cutting	46	57	73	63	55	81	70	91	60	68	48	72	62
Hay, alfalfa, 4th cutting	0	0	5	0	16	7	8	9	1	5	2	7	3
Oats coloring	87	82	82	99	99	99	99	99	99	95	91	97	95
Oats harvested for grain	40	26	43	68	64	47	88	86	87	58	45	52	47
Soybeans blooming	84	98	97	82	90	76	97	95	78	88	81	89	89
Soybeans setting pods	47	38	67	64	70	48	90	78	61	66	49	57	65
Wheat, winter, harvested	89	70	87	70	87	95	96	98	99	94	86	85	83

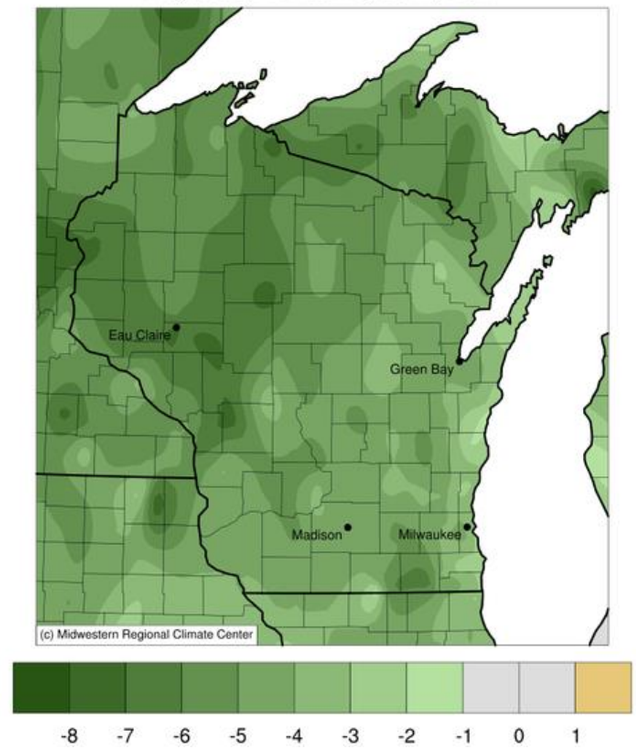
The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of August 11, 2024

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	4.9	5.3	5.2	5.0	5.1	5.4	5.9	5.5	5.6	5.3	5.1	5.9
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture												
Very short	2	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	11
Short	5	0	21	14	4	6	18	6	3	9	6	33
Adequate	76	87	66	77	88	85	78	82	90	81	82	55
Surplus	17	13	9	9	8	9	3	12	7	9	12	1
Subsoil moisture												
Very short	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
Short	3	0	10	5	2	2	6	1	2	3	3	35
Adequate	69	83	65	89	77	77	91	78	88	82	81	44
Surplus	26	17	21	6	21	21	3	21	10	15	16	1

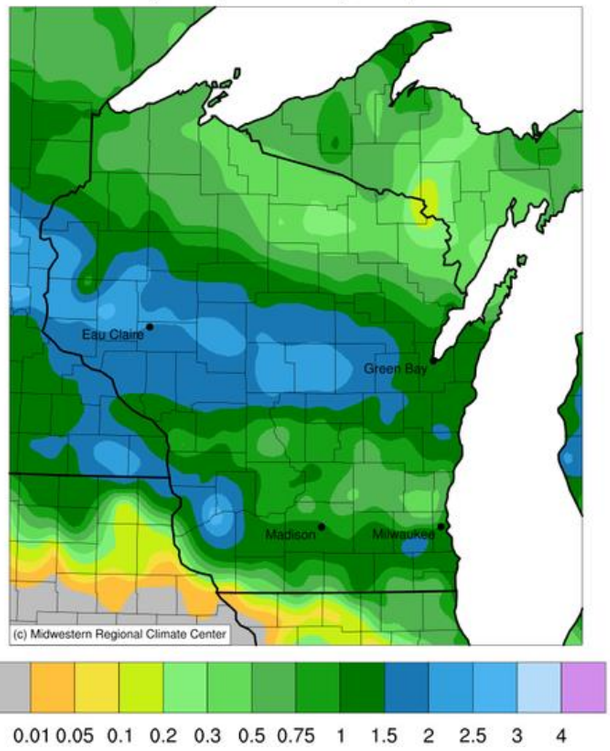
Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals

August 05, 2024 to August 11, 2024



Accumulated Precipitation (in)

August 05, 2024 to August 11, 2024



Growing Degree Days and Temperature and Precipitation Maps, courtesy of the Midwestern Regional Climate Center, are available at: https:/mrcc.purdue.edu/CLIMATE/