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Wisconsin had 4.8 **days suitable for fieldwork** statewide for the week ending August 18, 2024, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Rainfall later in the week limited an otherwise productive week. Field activities included harvesting small grains, potatoes, and cutting hay.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 1 percent very short, 6 percent short, 81 percent adequate and 12 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 1 percent very short, 3 percent short, 79 percent adequate and 17 percent surplus.

Corn silking was 90 percent complete. Corn in the dough stage reached 61 percent, 1 day ahead of last year and 2 days ahead of the 5-year average. Sixteen percent of the corn was in the dent stage. Corn condition was rated 64 percent good to excellent, up 1 percentage point from last week.

Ninety-five percent of the **soybean** crop was blooming. Eighty-three percent of soybeans were setting pods, 5 days ahead of last year and 4 days ahead of average. Soybean condition remained at 62 percent good to excellent.

Oats were 79 percent harvested, 9 days ahead of last year and 8 days ahead of average.

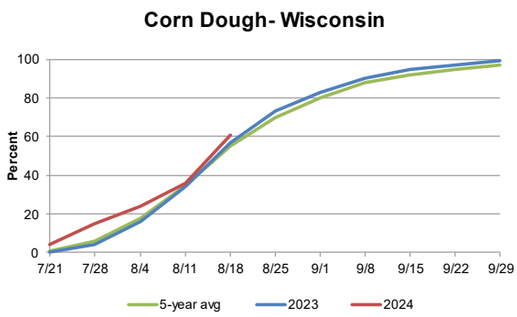
Winter wheat harvested for grain was 97 percent complete.

The third cutting of **alfalfa hay** was 82 percent complete and fourth cutting was 12 percent complete. **All hay** condition was rated 77 percent good to excellent, down 1 percentage point from last week.

Potato harvest was 20 percent complete. Potato condition was 92 percent good to excellent. **Pasture and range** condition was rated 60 percent good to excellent, down 7 percentage points from last week

Crop Condition as of August 18, 2024

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	2	8	26	42	22
Hay, all	0	4	19	52	25
Pasture and range	2	7	31	44	16
Potatoes	1	1	6	85	7
Soybeans	2	7	29	44	18



Crop Progress as of August 18, 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	89	74	93	93	81	76	97	100	97	90	84	94	93
Corn dough	48	34	41	44	71	67	77	70	67	61	36	57	55
Corn dented	0	0	2	9	27	20	32	17	21	16	5	7	9
Hay, alfalfa, 3rd cutting	69	68	86	84	66	96	80	94	88	82	68	85	76
Hay, alfalfa, 4th cutting	0	0	15	12	20	13	14	19	7	12	5	21	10
Oats harvested for grain	60	56	75	93	76	69	95	98	95	79	58	65	63
Soybeans blooming	89	99	99	93	97	91	98	98	90	95	88	93	93
Soybeans setting pods	77	74	92	79	94	77	96	89	68	83	66	75	78
Wheat, winter, harvested	92	87	98	91	94	96	99	100	99	97	94	93	92

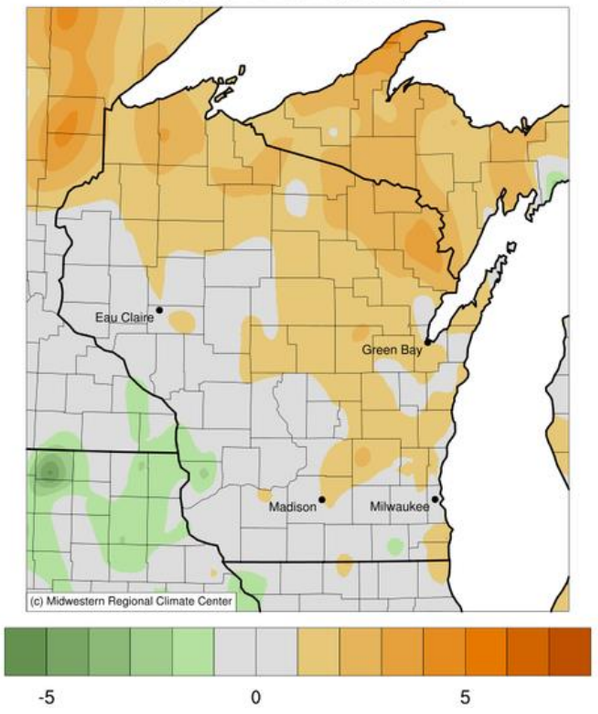
The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of August 18, 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	5.2	4.4	4.8	4.7	5.2	5.1	4.4	4.6	4.7	4.8	5.3	5.4
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture												
Very short	3	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	8
Short	5	0	23	6	4	7	10	5	0	6	9	32
Adequate	81	76	63	86	86	82	86	75	93	81	81	59
Surplus	11	24	10	8	10	11	4	19	7	12	9	1
Subsoil moisture												
Very short	3	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	16
Short	6	0	14	3	2	2	3	2	0	3	3	34
Adequate	81	72	60	90	76	74	94	69	94	79	82	49
Surplus	10	28	20	7	22	24	3	29	6	17	15	1

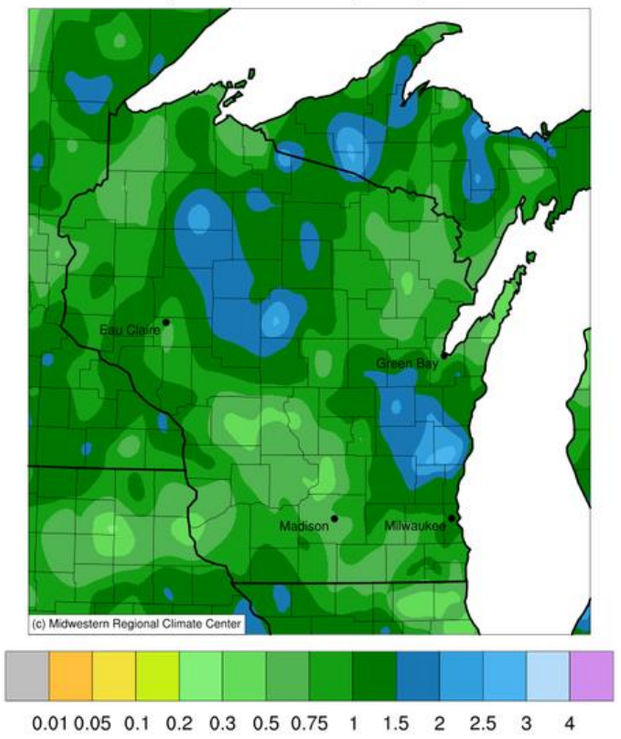
Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals

August 12, 2024 to August 18, 2024



Accumulated Precipitation (in)

August 12, 2024 to August 18, 2024



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