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Wisconsin had 4.8 **days suitable for fieldwork** statewide for the week ending September 1, 2024, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The week's rain was welcome, but it hampered fieldwork in some areas. Field activities when able included harvesting small grains, potatoes, picking apples and cutting hay.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 2 percent very short, 14 percent short, 72 percent adequate and 12 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 0 percent very short, 11 percent short, 79 percent adequate and 10 percent surplus.

Corn in the dough stage reached 82 percent, 1 day behind last year but 1 day ahead of the 5-year average. Forty-three percent of corn has reached the dent stage. Scattered reports of corn silage harvesting were observed. Corn condition remained at 65 percent good to excellent.

Ninety-five percent of the **soybean** crop was setting pods. Soybeans coloring reached 18 percent, 2 days ahead of last year and 1 day ahead of average. Soybean condition was rated 61 percent good to excellent, down 2 percentage points from last week.

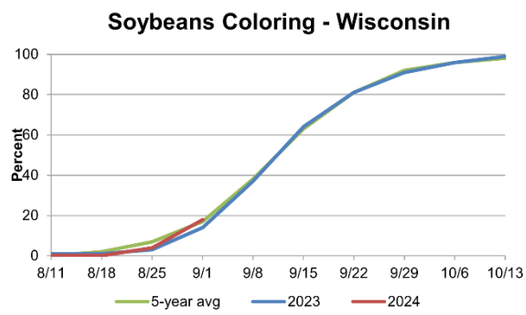
Oats were 92 percent harvested, remaining ahead of last year and the average. **Winter wheat** planting has begun and was 5 percent complete.

The third cutting of **alfalfa hay** was 93 percent complete and fourth cutting was 30 percent complete. **All hay** condition was rated 78 percent good to excellent, up 3 percentage points from last week.

Potato harvest was 34 percent complete. Potato condition remained at 90 percent good to excellent. **Pasture and range** condition was rated 61 percent good to excellent, up 4 percentage points from last week

Crop Condition as of September 1, 2024

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	2	7	26	46	19
Hay, all	0	4	18	56	22
Pasture and range	2	5	32	47	14
Potatoes	1	2	7	86	4
Soybeans	2	6	31	46	15



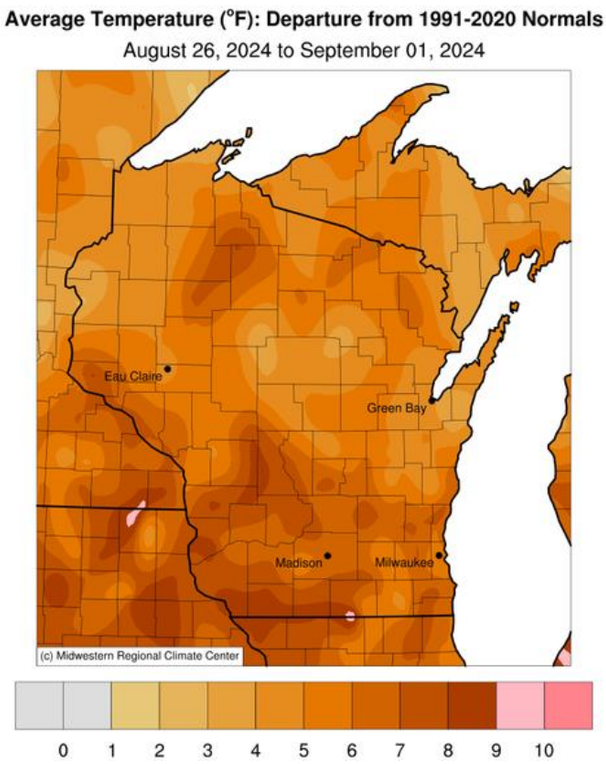
Crop Progress as of September 1, 2024

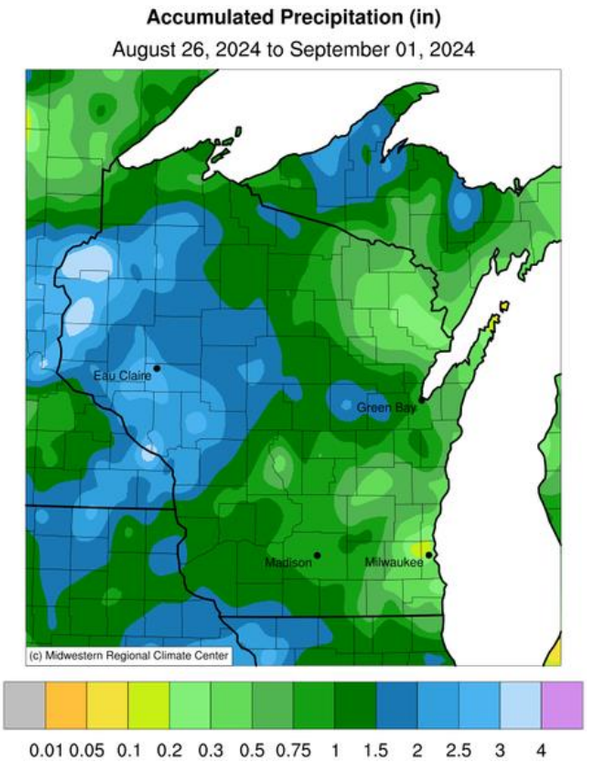
Item	Districts									State			
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn dough	72	53	76	81	84	80	96	84	91	82	73	83	80
Corn dented	6	2	23	36	50	46	82	41	71	43	25	35	39
Hay, alfalfa, 3rd cutting	85	81	96	95	79	99	96	97	98	93	89	95	90
Hay, alfalfa, 4th cutting	22	11	21	35	31	31	34	39	19	30	20	50	36
Oats harvested for grain	92	77	96	98	90	87	100	99	97	92	86	88	86
Soybeans setting pods	96	97	98	89	98	98	98	96	93	95	90	93	92
Soybeans coloring	7	2	11	13	19	14	42	22	10	18	4	14	17
Wheat, winter, planted	10	3	13	12	2	9	1	1	0	5	1	5	6

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 September 1, 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	4.2	1.5	5.6	3.6	5.4	5.2	5.0	6.2	6.2	4.8	6.5	6.7
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture												
Very short	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	3	0	2	3	18
Short	2	0	16	9	18	5	26	23	27	14	15	40
Adequate	70	66	78	79	74	88	65	61	72	72	74	42
Surplus	28	34	6	12	8	7	1	13	1	12	8	0
Subsoil moisture												
Very short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	23
Short	4	0	2	3	14	19	19	18	10	11	12	39
Adequate	80	71	87	90	74	78	79	63	89	79	77	38
Surplus	16	29	11	7	12	3	2	17	1	10	10	0





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