



# Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition

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Wisconsin had 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending August 2, 2020, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. A relatively dry and cool week made conditions more comfortable for livestock and outdoor workers. Daytime highs ranged from the 70s to low 90s and overnight lows fell into the upper 40s in northern Wisconsin. Skies were predominantly clear through the week but scattered showers provided moisture in some areas. This made it an excellent week for combining small grains and drying hay. Corn and soybeans were developing ears and pods. Reporters noted crop on shallow and sandy soils in some areas were beginning to look dry.

**Topsoil moisture** condition was rated 2% very short, 14% short, 78% adequate and 6% surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition was rated 1% very short, 11% short, 81% adequate and 7% surplus.

**Corn silking** was 84%, 16 days ahead of last year and 6 days ahead of the 5-year average. Corn at dough stage was 19%, 11 days ahead of last year and 4 days ahead of the average. Corn condition was rated 81% good to excellent statewide, down 1 percentage point from last week.

**Soybeans blooming** was 89%, 24 days ahead of last year and 8 days ahead of the average. Soybeans setting pods was 63%, 16 days ahead of last year and 5 days ahead of the average. Soybean condition was rated 83% good to excellent statewide, down 1 percentage point from last week.

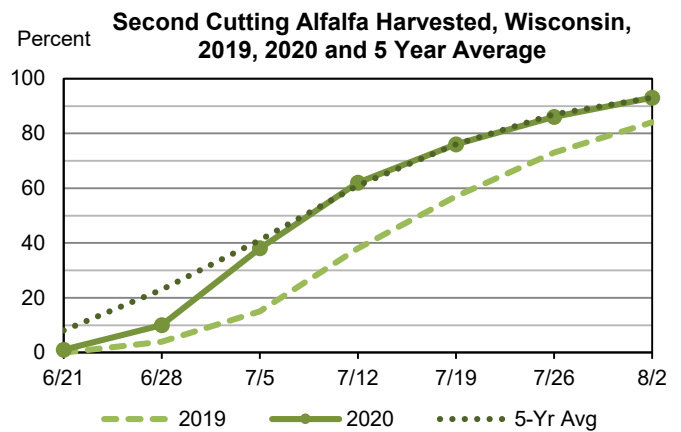
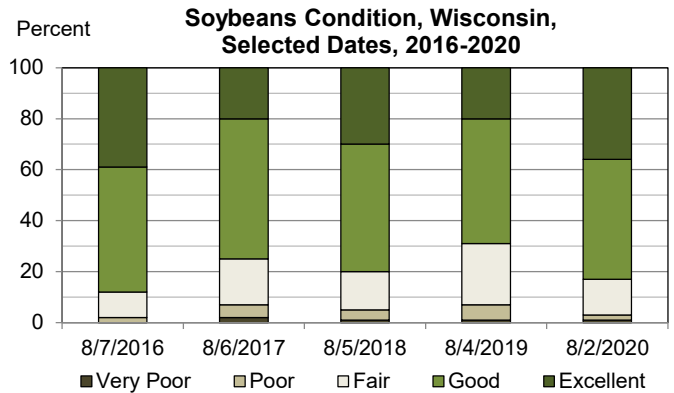
**Oats coloring** was 95%, 24 days ahead of last year and 9 days ahead of the average. Oats harvested was 34%, a week ahead of last year and 2 days ahead of the average. Oat condition was rated 82% good to excellent statewide, down 2 percentage points from last week.

**Potato harvest** was reported as 7% complete, 4 days ahead of last year but 3 days behind the average. Potato condition was rated 92% good to excellent statewide, up 3 percentage points from last week.

**Winter wheat harvested for grain** was 62%, a week ahead of last year and a day ahead of the average. Winter wheat condition was rated 78% good to excellent statewide, down 1 percentage point from last week.

Second cutting of **alfalfa** was reported as 93% complete, 9 days ahead of last year and equal to the average. Third cutting of alfalfa was reported as 38% complete, 8 days ahead of last year but a day behind the average. **All hay** condition was reported 80% good to excellent statewide, down 3 percentage points from last week.

**Pasture** condition was rated 71% good to excellent statewide, down 8 percentage points from last week.



Crop Condition as of August 2, 2020

Item	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Corn .....	2	3	14	46	35
Hay, All .....	1	3	16	51	29
Oats .....	1	3	14	51	31
Pasture & range .....	2	5	22	45	26
Potatoes .....	1	1	6	66	26
Soybeans .....	1	2	14	47	36
Winter wheat .....	1	3	18	50	28

## Crop Progress as of August 2, 2020

Item	Districts									State			
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year	5-yr average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay, second cutting ..	89	73	97	96	90	96	95	95	99	93	86	84	93
Alfalfa hay, third cutting .....	24	10	53	48	21	41	43	46	42	38	17	18	39
Corn silking .....	75	85	59	95	76	65	95	90	93	84	62	46	74
Corn dough .....	2	1	1	33	12	11	26	29	15	19	8	3	11
Oats coloring .....	86	86	95	99	95	93	99	97	98	95	88	69	87
Oats harvested .....	12	12	16	48	38	10	67	64	71	34	9	19	28
Soybeans blooming .....	90	99	83	91	82	84	92	88	95	89	81	61	80
Soybeans setting pods .....	52	95	56	65	42	44	79	67	67	63	51	24	50
Winter wheat harvested .....	15	25	40	60	51	51	61	80	88	62	34	36	60

## Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of August 2, 2020

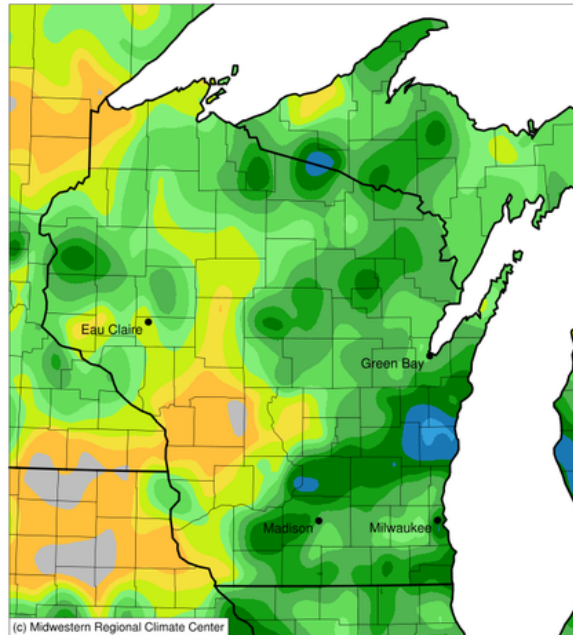
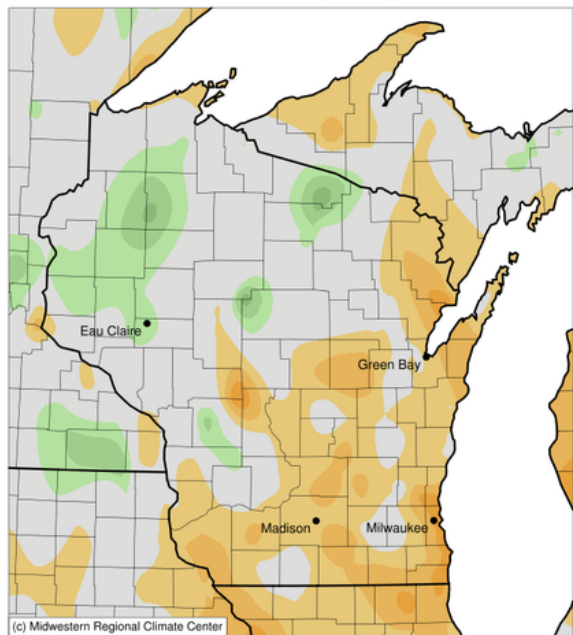
Item	Districts									State		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year
	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)
Days suitable .....	5.3	6.3	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.3	6.9	6.0	6.2	5.9	5.6	6.0
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Topsoil moisture</b>												
Very Short .....	0	0	1	3	0	0	8	2	1	2	1	2
Short .....	6	1	14	25	23	7	18	13	13	14	8	12
Adequate .....	86	92	75	69	75	79	73	78	80	78	80	76
Surplus .....	8	7	10	3	2	14	1	7	6	6	11	10
<b>Subsoil moisture</b>												
Very Short .....	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	1
Short .....	6	1	2	16	17	6	12	11	25	11	5	5
Adequate .....	87	92	76	80	78	79	85	79	70	81	82	82
Surplus .....	7	7	21	2	5	15	3	8	5	7	12	12

# Wisconsin Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending August 2, 2020

Maps from the Midwestern Regional Climate Center reflect data collected from 7:00 A.M. Central Time on July 27, 2020, through 7:00 A.M. Central Time on August 2, 2020.

**Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals**  
July 27, 2020 to August 02, 2020

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
July 27, 2020 to August 02, 2020



Stations from the following networks used: WBAN, COOP, FAA, GHCN, ThreadEx, CoCoRaHS, WMO, ICAO, NWSLI, Midwestern Regional Climate Center  
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Temperature and Precipitation Maps, courtesy of the Midwestern Regional Climate Center, are available at: <http://mrcc.isws.illinois.edu/CLIMATE/>  
National Weather Service data, courtesy of the Wisconsin State Climatology Office, is available at: <http://www.aos.wisc.edu/~sco/clim-watch/index.html>  
Growing Degree Days can be found at <https://mrcc.illinois.edu/U2U/gdd/>

## Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on August 2, 2020

City	Temperature						Growing degree days (modified base 50) <sup>1</sup>		Precipitation				
	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg. dep. from normal *	Mar. 1 to Aug. 2	Mar. 1 to Aug. 2 normal*	Last Week	Since Jun. 1	Jun. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	83	59	85	53	71	0	1731	1691	0.67	9.59	+1.42	18.06	+1.99
Green Bay	83	61	87	56	72	+3	1632	1448	0.39	7.54	+0.08	19.06	+4.20
La Crosse	88	64	91	58	76	+3	2023	1867	0.03	8.35	-0.44	16.16	-1.48
Madison	84	64	92	57	74	+3	1788	1682	1.55	12.60	+3.72	23.71	+5.74
Milwaukee	84	70	95	65	77	+5	1779	1566	0.12	7.32	-0.33	20.26	+3.41

<sup>1</sup>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 1981-2010 data. n.a.=not available. T=trace Source: NCEP/NOAA Climate Prediction Center <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>.

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