



# Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition

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Wisconsin had 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending September 6, 2020, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Ideal conditions for fieldwork allowed farmers to continue harvesting corn silage and the fourth cutting of hay. Daytime highs were mostly in the 70s but didn't rise out of the 60s in northern Wisconsin. Overnight lows fell into the 40s and upper 30s. Scattered thunderstorms brought a small amount of moisture, though soils remained unfavorably dry in some areas. Corn and soybeans were maturing rapidly in response to dryer weather and shorter days. The snap bean and sweet corn harvests were winding down. Manure applications and winter wheat planting continued as fields were cleared.

**Topsoil moisture** condition rated 9% very short, 22% short, 66% adequate and 3% surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 8% very short, 20% short, 68% adequate and 4% surplus.

**Corn** at dough stage or beyond was 94%, over 4 weeks ahead of last year and 10 days ahead of the 5-year average. Corn dented was 65%, twenty-one days ahead of last year and a week ahead of the average. Corn condition rated 78% good to excellent statewide, down 2 percentage points from last week. Corn for silage harvested was 24% complete, 22 days ahead of last year, and 9 days ahead of the average.

**Soybeans** coloring was 50%, 2 weeks ahead of last year and 5 days ahead of the average. Twelve percent of soybeans were dropping leaves, 12 days ahead of last year and 5 days ahead of the average. Soybean condition rated 81% good to excellent statewide, down 1 percentage point from last week.

**Oats** harvested was 97% complete, more than a month ahead of last year and 2 weeks ahead of the average.

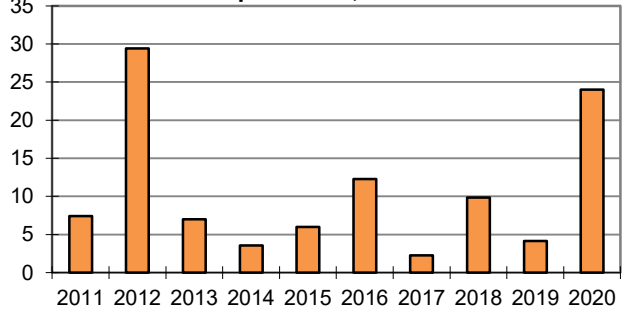
**Potato** harvest was reported as 40% complete, 10 days ahead of last year and a week ahead of the average. Potato condition rated 93% good to excellent statewide, up 4 percentage points from last week.

**Winter wheat** planted was 22% complete, 19 days ahead of last year and 2 weeks ahead of the average.

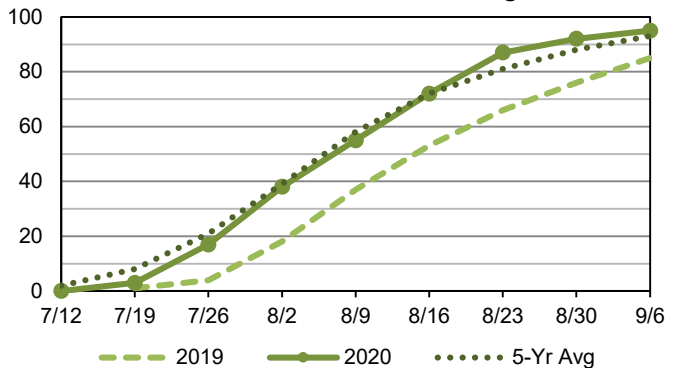
Third cutting of **alfalfa** was reported as 95% complete, 20 days ahead of last year and 4 days ahead of the average. Fourth cutting of alfalfa was reported as 46% complete, 15 days ahead of last year and 1 day ahead of the average. **All hay** condition rated 72% good to excellent statewide, down 2 percentage points from last week.

**Pasture** condition rated 59% good to excellent statewide, down 3 percentage points from last week.

**Corn Harvested for Silage, Wisconsin, September 6, 2011-2020**



**Third Cutting Alfalfa Harvested, Wisconsin, 2019, 2020 and 5 Year Average**



**Crop Condition as of September 6, 2020**

Item	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Corn .....	2	5	15	46	32
Hay, All .....	1	6	21	46	26
Pasture & range .....	4	10	27	38	21
Potatoes .....	0	1	6	72	21
Soybeans .....	1	4	14	44	37

## Crop Progress as of September 6, 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, third cutting .....	94	86	99	94	84	98	99	98	99	95	92	85	93	
Alfalfa hay, fourth cutting .....	47	45	50	47	26	50	48	52	51	46	22	27	45	
Corn dough .....	88	91	96	87	92	94	98	98	94	94	88	69	85	
Corn dented .....	56	33	65	57	70	64	71	77	73	65	45	27	52	
Corn mature .....	5	2	5	21	20	17	9	16	17	14	7	0	8	
Corn harvested for silage .....	6	7	15	31	30	16	48	38	42	24	8	4	7	
Oats harvested .....	93	89	100	99	99	98	100	99	100	97	94	77	90	
Soybeans coloring .....	45	19	27	46	52	45	54	63	66	50	20	11	30	
Soybeans dropping leaves .....	10	1	9	22	10	6	15	7	25	12	3	1	5	
Winter wheat planted .....	12	10	31	16	16	30	29	8	18	22	12	6	6	

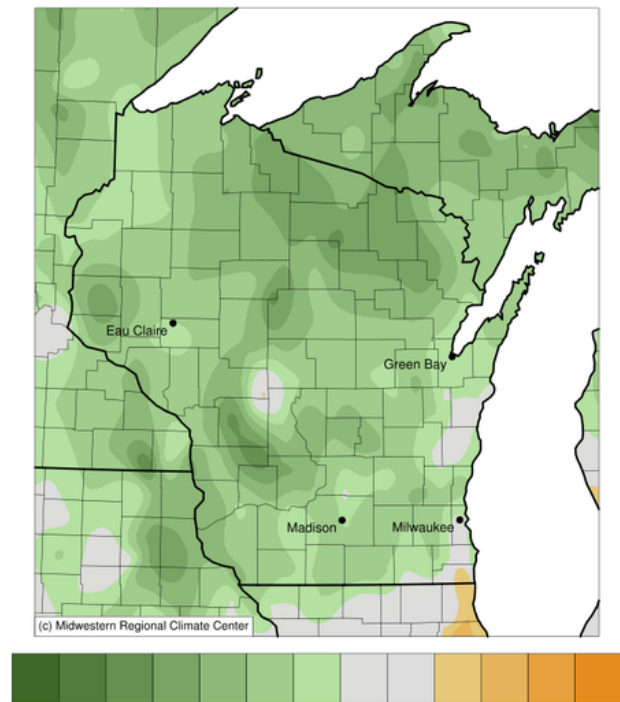
## Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of September 6, 2020

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 .....	5.5	6.7	5.4	5.7	5.4	5.9	6.1	5.3	6.5	5.8	5.3	5.1	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	
<b>Topsoil moisture</b>													
Very Short .....	3	0	11	12	13	6	10	10	16	9	10	0	
Short .....	11	13	34	28	13	23	17	22	44	22	19	8	
Adequate .....	83	86	55	59	72	66	73	60	40	66	65	83	
Surplus .....	3	1	0	1	2	5	0	8	0	3	6	9	
<b>Subsoil moisture</b>													
Very Short .....	3	0	4	11	11	7	11	10	9	8	8	0	
Short .....	10	7	20	24	11	32	16	21	39	20	20	7	
Adequate .....	85	92	68	64	75	55	71	60	52	68	68	83	
Surplus .....	1	2	8	1	3	6	2	9	0	4	4	10	

# Wisconsin Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending September 6, 2020

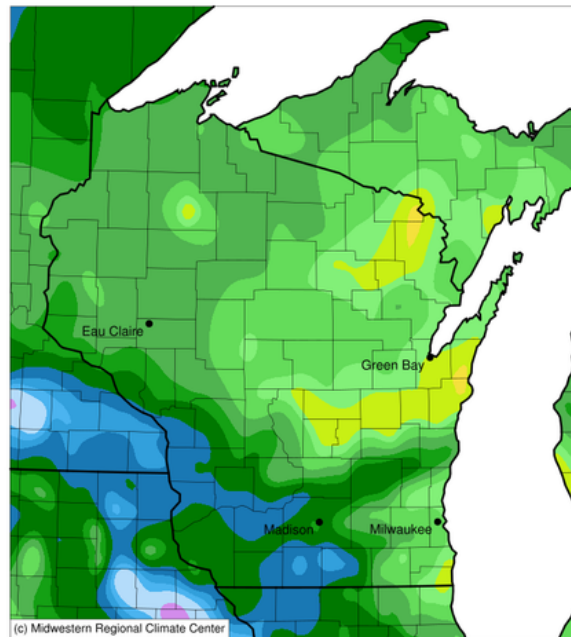
Maps from the Midwestern Regional Climate Center reflect data collected from 7:00 A.M. Central Time on August 31, 2020, through 7:00 A.M. Central Time on September 6, 2020.

**Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals**  
August 31, 2020 to September 06, 2020



Stations from the following networks used: WBAN, COOP, FAA, GHCN, ThreadEx, CoCoRaHS, WMO, ICAO, NWSLI, Midwestern Regional Climate Center  
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**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
August 31, 2020 to September 06, 2020



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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 September 6, 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 Sep. 5	Mar. 1 to Sep. 5 normal*	Last Week	Since Sep. 1	Sep. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	74	50	79	46	62	-4	2391	2341	0.62	0.01	-0.51	21.71	-1.07
Green Bay	75	50	79	48	62	-2	2292	2040	0.22	0.14	-0.35	24.08	+3.24
La Crosse	78	54	84	52	66	-2	2793	2583	1.98	0.00	(NA)	22.01	-2.58
Madison	76	52	81	46	64	-3	2462	2335	0.98	0.21	-0.36	29.65	+4.28
Milwaukee	77	60	83	55	69	-1	2560	2267	0.18	0.16	-0.35	29.48	+4.87

<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. (NA)=not available. T=trace Source: NCEP/NOAA Climate Prediction Center <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>.

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