



Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition

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Wisconsin had 3.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending October 4, 2020, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Frequent showers and chilly, overcast conditions slowed fieldwork this week. Southern and central Wisconsin experienced their first frost of the season while overnight lows dipped into the mid-20s in parts of northern Wisconsin. High grain moistures and rain made it a poor week for combining corn and soybeans or cutting hay. Farmers were hauling manure and planting fall crops while they waited for standing crops to dry. The corn silage harvest was wrapping up in many areas. The cranberry harvest continued with variable color. Several reporters commented field conditions were much better than last year.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 2% very short, 11% short, 84% adequate and 3% surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 2% very short, 11% short, 83% adequate and 4% surplus.

Corn dented was 98%, over four weeks ahead of last year and 16 days ahead of the 5-year average. Eighty percent of corn was reported mature, 28 days ahead of last year and 11 days ahead of the average. Harvest of corn for grain was 8% complete, 16 days ahead of last year and 1 day ahead of the average. Corn condition rated 80% good to excellent statewide, up 3 percentage points from last week. Corn for silage harvested was 90% complete, more than 4 weeks ahead of last year, and 17 days ahead of the average.

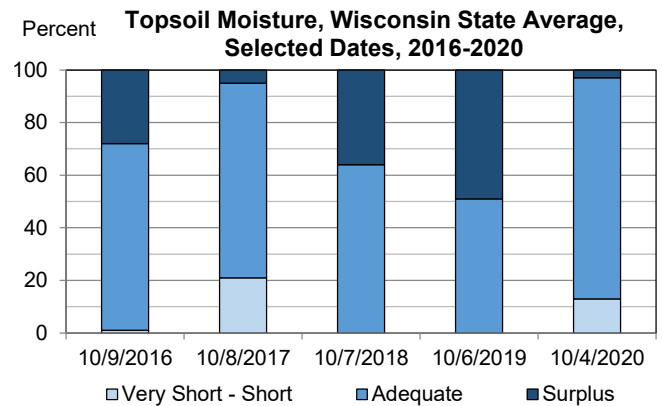
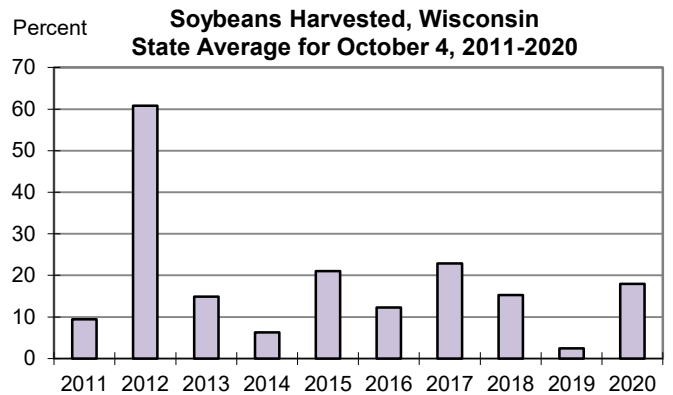
Soybeans coloring was 98%, 22 days ahead of last year and 6 days ahead of the average. Eighty-eight percent of soybeans were dropping leaves, 16 days ahead of last year and 6 days ahead of the average. Soybean harvest was 18% complete, 11 days ahead of last year and 2 days ahead of the average. Soybean condition rated 83% good to excellent statewide, up 4 percentage points from last week.

Potato harvest was reported as 79% complete, 13 days ahead of last year and 3 days ahead of the average.

Winter wheat planted was 68% complete, 23 days ahead of last year and 12 days ahead of the average. Forty-two percent of winter wheat was emerged, 24 days ahead of last year and 11 days ahead of the average.

Fourth cutting of **alfalfa** was reported as 90% complete, more than 4 weeks ahead of last year and 9 days ahead of the average.

Fall tillage was reported as 11% complete, a week ahead of last year but 8 days behind the average.



Crop Condition as of October 4, 2020

Item	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Corn	2	4	14	48	32
Pasture & range	2	8	26	40	24
Soybeans	2	3	12	44	39

Crop Progress as of October 4, 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, fourth cutting	89	84	91	89	82	87	99	93	95	90	87	61	84
Corn mature	82	69	63	90	88	76	87	74	82	80	70	26	60
Corn harvested for grain	6	1	5	10	2	3	5	13	9	8	4	1	6
Corn harvested for silage	89	84	96	92	88	90	99	87	89	90	80	29	68
Fall tillage	16	6	9	8	11	13	20	5	13	11	3	8	13
Soybeans dropping leaves	90	92	87	85	86	85	98	84	94	88	79	55	79
Soybeans harvested	10	4	6	12	12	19	16	37	18	18	10	2	15
Winter wheat planted	71	35	92	61	43	74	82	57	64	68	58	26	45
Winter wheat emerged	35	18	57	39	31	48	53	29	35	42	28	17	23

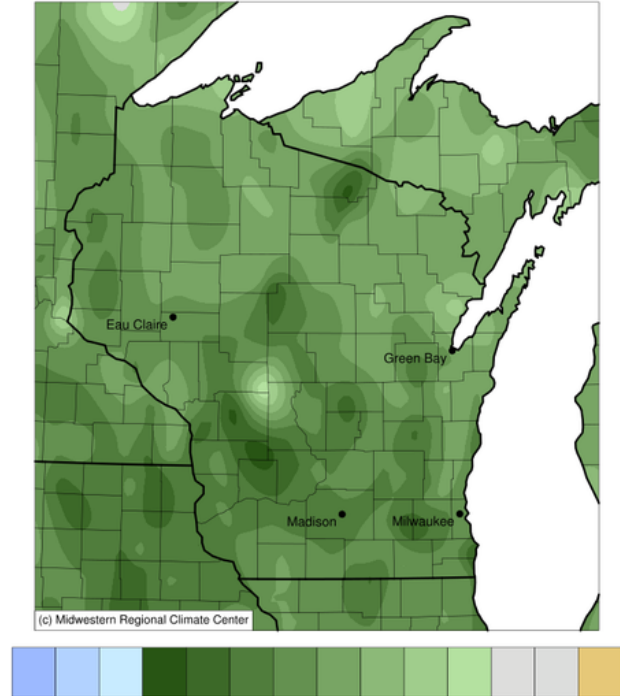
Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of October 4, 2020

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	4.0	4.9	4.4	4.8	4.3	3.1	4.7	2.8	2.1	3.9	5.8	1.9
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	3	1	1	3	0	3	0	5	1	2	3	0
Short	8	11	12	21	0	6	10	11	20	11	13	0
Adequate	84	87	84	75	96	89	88	77	77	84	81	51
Surplus	5	1	3	1	4	2	2	7	2	3	3	49
Subsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	4	1	2	2	0	2	1	5	1	2	2	0
Short	8	1	16	21	0	6	10	11	34	11	12	0
Adequate	83	97	76	76	89	89	87	76	65	83	82	52
Surplus	5	1	6	1	11	3	2	8	0	4	4	48

Wisconsin Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending October 4, 2020

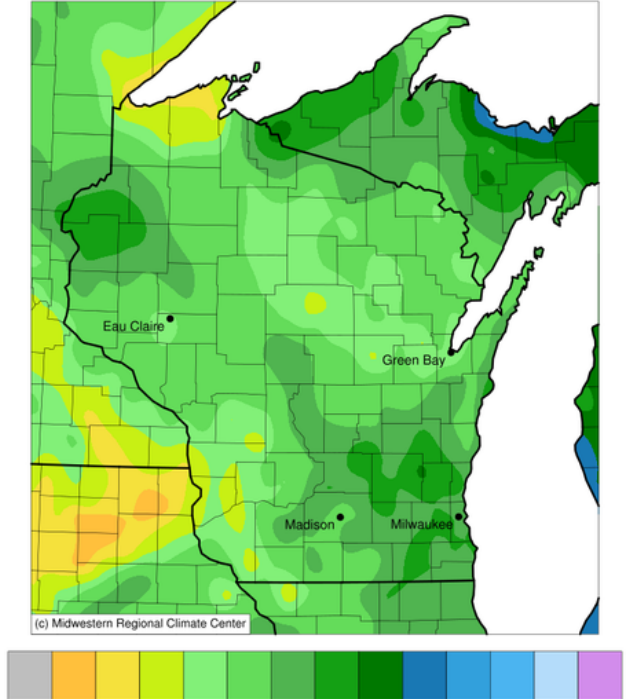
Maps from the Midwestern Regional Climate Center reflect data collected from 7:00 A.M. Central Time on September 28, 2020, through 7:00 A.M. Central Time on October 4, 2020.

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals
September 28, 2020 to October 04, 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)
September 28, 2020 to October 04, 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 October 4, 2020

City	Temperature						Growing degree days (modified base 50) ¹		Precipitation				
	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg. dep. from normal *	Mar. 1 to Oct. 3	Mar. 1 to Oct. 3 normal*	Last Week	Since Sep. 1	Sep. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	57	41	63	29	49	-5	2655	2650	0.28	1.61	-2.33	23.31	-2.79
Green Bay	58	42	74	32	50	-3	2568	2326	0.32	2.69	-0.57	26.63	+3.02
La Crosse	61	45	70	36	53	-4	3106	2937	0.23	3.74	-0.06	25.75	-2.05
Madison	58	42	74	31	50	-5	2726	2660	0.35	3.59	+0.24	33.03	+4.89
Milwaukee	60	47	74	38	54	-3	2891	2613	0.69	0.98	-2.43	30.31	+2.78

¹Formula 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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