



# Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition

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Wisconsin had 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending October 11, 2020, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Above normal temperatures and plenty of sunshine made this another excellent week for fieldwork. Daytime highs ranged from the 60s to low 80s. Areas of northern Wisconsin received small amounts of precipitation at the beginning and end of the week, but conditions were mostly dry and clear. Farmers across the state were harvesting soybeans at a rapid pace. Corn was being harvested for grain in some areas, though many producers were waiting for grain moistures to fall. Corn silage chopping was nearly complete. Winter wheat, rye and other cover crops were being planted as soon as fields were cleared. Manure spreading continued. Alfalfa was recovering well after the fourth cutting of hay and a few producers were taking a fifth cutting. Several reporters commented that rain was needed to help germinate fall plantings.

**Topsoil moisture** condition rated 3% very short, 14% short, 81% adequate and 2% surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 3% very short, 13% short, 81% adequate and 3% surplus.

**Corn** mature was 92%, over four weeks ahead of last year and 17 days ahead of the 5-year average. Harvest of corn for grain was 15% complete, 18 days ahead of last year and 3 days ahead of the average. The moisture content of corn harvested for grain was reported at 23 percent. Corn condition rated 79% good to excellent statewide, down 1 percentage point from last week. Corn for silage harvested was 96% complete, more than 4 weeks ahead of last year, and 3 weeks ahead of the average.

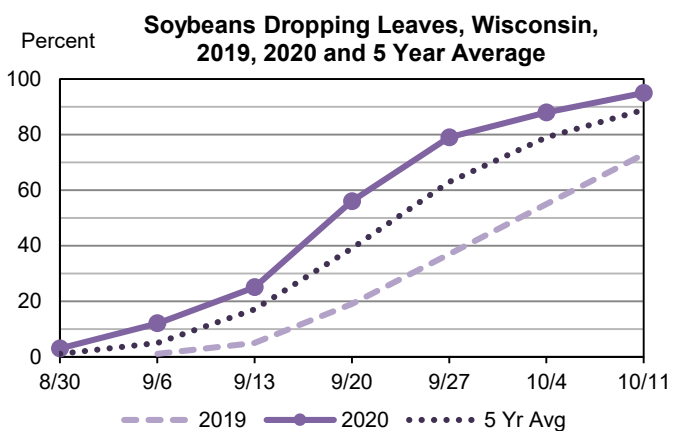
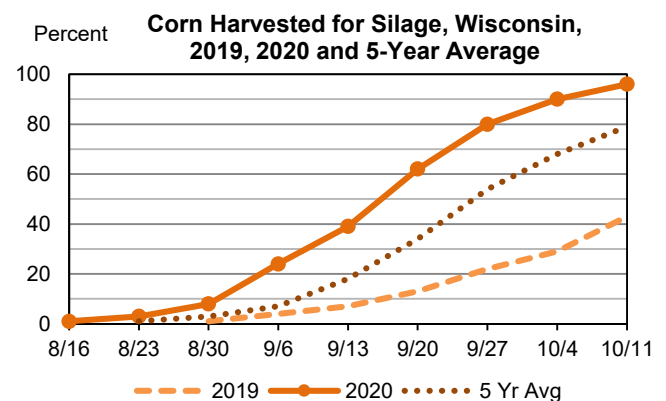
**Soybeans** dropping leaves was 95%, 22 days ahead of last year and a week ahead of the average. Soybean harvest was 46% complete, 16 days ahead of last year and a week ahead of the average. Soybean condition rated 81% good to excellent statewide, down 2 percentage points from last week.

**Potato** harvest was reported as 90% complete, 13 days ahead of last year and 6 days ahead of the average.

**Winter wheat** planted was 78% complete, 27 days ahead of last year and 11 days ahead of the average. Fifty-five percent of winter wheat was emerged, a month ahead of last year and 11 days ahead of the average.

Fourth cutting of **alfalfa** was reported as 93% complete, more than 4 weeks ahead of last year and 8 days ahead of the average.

**Fall tillage** was reported as 21% complete, 17 days ahead of last year and 4 days ahead of the average.



### Crop Condition as of October 11, 2020

Item	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Corn .....	2	4	15	48	31
Pasture & range .....	4	9	27	36	24
Soybeans .....	2	3	14	44	37
Winter wheat .....	1	3	19	49	28

### Crop Progress as of October 11, 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 .....	92	90	93	92	83	92	100	94	99	93	90	68	89
Corn mature .....	92	94	83	98	94	88	97	87	94	92	80	44	74
Corn harvested for grain .....	15	4	7	15	6	14	16	23	13	15	8	2	12
Corn harvested for silage .....	96	93	98	94	89	97	100	94	95	96	90	43	79
Fall tillage .....	25	17	19	13	20	26	39	13	16	21	11	11	18
Soybeans dropping leaves .....	94	100	94	92	95	95	99	94	98	95	88	73	89
Soybeans harvested .....	42	18	32	58	45	41	30	60	52	46	18	12	29
Winter wheat planted .....	81	38	96	71	54	84	92	65	78	78	68	34	59
Winter wheat emerged .....	46	29	68	46	39	67	59	36	53	55	42	22	35

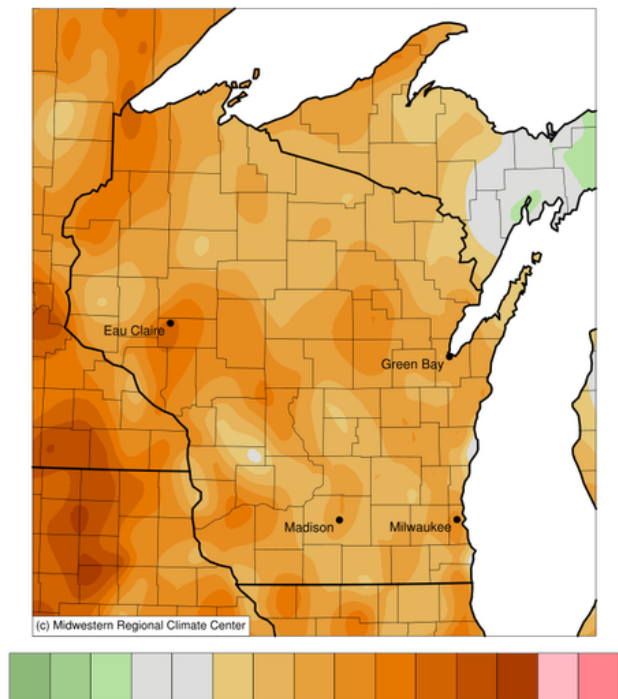
### Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of October 11, 2020

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 .....	6.0	6.3	6.1	6.4	6.7	6.3	6.5	6.7	6.3	6.4	3.9	4.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short .....	3	0	1	7	0	6	0	6	3	3	2	0
Short .....	6	10	10	26	3	15	4	21	28	14	11	0
Adequate .....	85	89	85	67	96	78	96	68	69	81	84	59
Surplus .....	6	1	4	0	1	1	0	5	0	2	3	41
Subsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short .....	2	0	1	5	0	2	1	6	2	3	2	0
Short .....	7	0	16	27	3	10	5	18	36	13	11	0
Adequate .....	86	99	74	68	89	85	93	71	62	81	83	59
Surplus .....	5	1	9	0	8	3	1	5	0	3	4	41

# Wisconsin Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending October 11, 2020

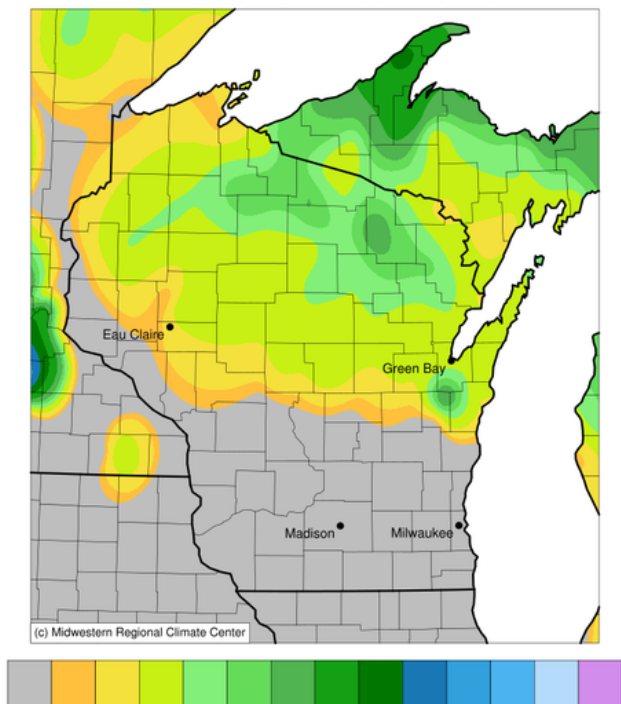
Maps from the Midwestern Regional Climate Center reflect data collected from 7:00 A.M. Central Time on October 5, 2020, through 7:00 A.M. Central Time on October 11, 2020.

**Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals**  
October 05, 2020 to October 11, 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)**  
October 05, 2020 to October 11, 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 11, 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 Oct. 10	Mar. 1 to Oct. 10 normal*	Last Week	Since Sep. 1	Sep. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	68	40	79	25	54	+3	2721	2696	0.02	1.64	-2.92	23.33	-3.39
Green Bay	67	40	78	33	53	+3	2626	2366	0.06	2.75	-1.10	26.69	+2.51
La Crosse	72	45	85	32	58	+5	3188	2990	0.00	3.74	-0.60	25.75	-2.57
Madison	68	41	79	32	55	+3	2789	2708	0.00	3.59	-0.28	33.03	+4.35
Milwaukee	69	47	82	36	58	+4	2961	2663	0.00	0.98	-3.05	30.31	+2.16

<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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