



# Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition

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Wisconsin had 3.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending October 25, 2020, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Temperatures were well below normal this week with highs in the 30s on multiple days. The corn and soybean harvests moved quickly at the beginning of the week but were interrupted by a large, slow moving storm system on Thursday and Friday. Northern Wisconsin received up to 6 inches of snow. Central and southern Wisconsin saw heavy rain with storm totals over 5 inches reported in some areas. Much of the state received an additional dusting of snow on Sunday. Though snow cover melted quickly, wet soils limited access to fields in many areas. Reporters commented that the storm was well timed, however, as fall fieldwork was ahead of schedule and the added soil moisture would benefit crops preparing to overwinter. The cranberry harvest was wrapping up.

**Topsoil moisture** condition rated 1% very short, 7% short, 76% adequate and 16% surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 2% very short, 8% short, 77% adequate and 13% surplus.

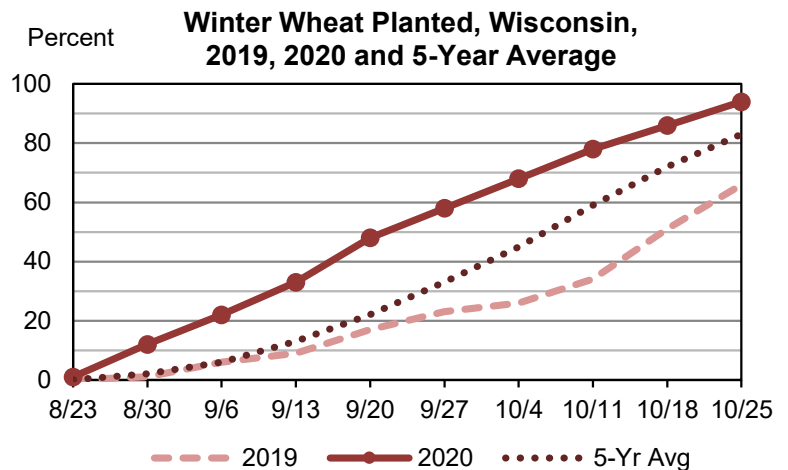
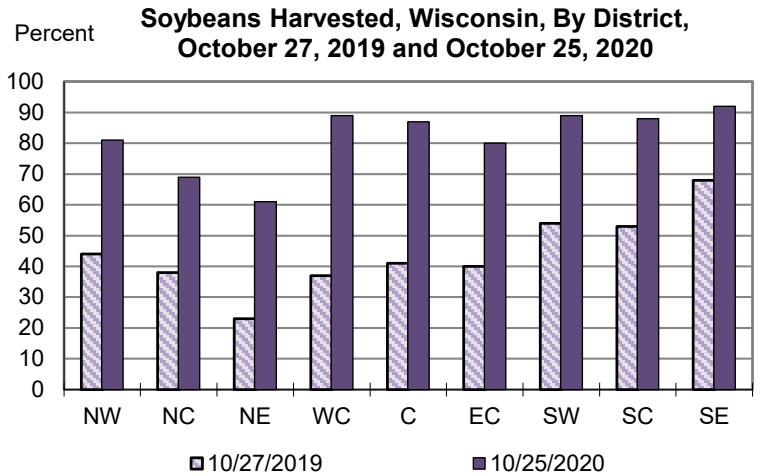
**Corn** for grain harvest was 40% complete, 3 weeks ahead of last year and 5 days ahead of the 5-year average. The moisture content of corn harvested for grain was reported at 21 percent. Corn condition rated 80% good to excellent statewide, up 3 percentage points from last week.

**Soybean** harvest was 85% complete, more than 4 weeks ahead of last year and 13 days ahead of the average.

**Winter wheat** planted was 94% complete, more than 4 weeks ahead of last year and 18 days ahead of the average. Seventy-one percent of winter wheat was emerged, more than 4 weeks ahead of last year and 1 week ahead of the average. Winter wheat condition rated 81% good to excellent statewide, up 4 percentage points from last week.

**Fall tillage** was reported as 42% complete, more than 4 weeks ahead of last year and 10 days ahead of the average.

**Pasture** condition rated 52% good to excellent statewide, down 2 percentage points from last week.



**Crop Condition as of October 25, 2020**

Item	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Corn .....	1	3	16	49	31
Pasture & range .....	4	13	31	34	18
Winter wheat .....	0	1	18	51	30

**Crop Progress as of October 25, 2020**

Item	Districts									State			
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year	5-yr average
Corn harvested for grain .....	42	15	20	33	27	27	57	46	47	40	27	11	32
Fall tillage .....	58	25	28	31	44	48	67	29	43	42	34	19	31
Soybeans harvested .....	81	69	61	89	87	80	89	88	92	85	72	42	65
Winter wheat planted .....	88	60	98	93	92	96	99	90	92	94	86	66	83
Winter wheat emerged .....	74	46	80	63	54	78	78	63	65	71	65	39	61

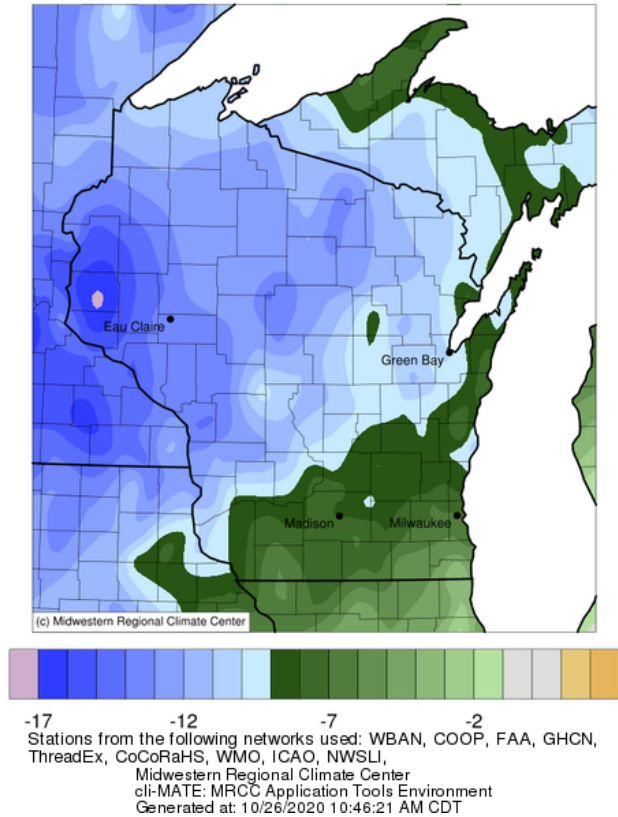
**Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of October 25, 2020**

Item	Districts									State		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year
Days suitable .....	2.8	2.4	3.2	2.4	3.5	3.3	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.2	5.2	4.0
Topsoil moisture	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)
Very Short .....	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	1	1	5	0
Short .....	5	10	3	15	1	3	5	9	8	7	17	0
Adequate .....	83	88	67	80	76	59	92	67	71	76	75	66
Surplus .....	12	2	30	5	23	36	3	21	20	16	3	34
Subsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short .....	2	1	0	0	0	0	5	3	1	2	3	0
Short .....	7	0	7	18	2	4	6	12	8	8	17	0
Adequate .....	85	98	68	76	73	63	86	70	87	77	76	63
Surplus .....	6	1	25	6	25	33	3	15	4	13	4	37

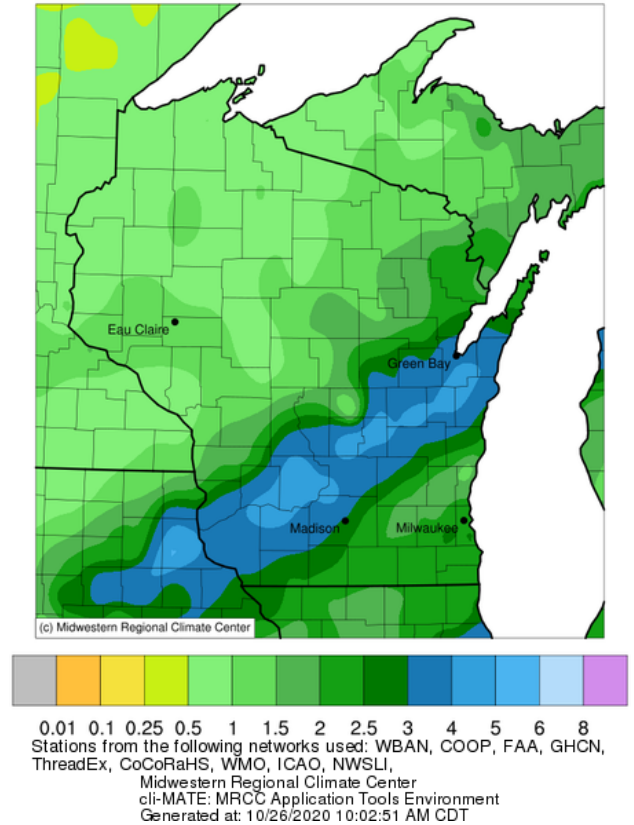
# Wisconsin Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending October 25, 2020

Maps from the Midwestern Regional Climate Center reflect data collected from 7:00 A.M. Central Time on October 19, 2020, through 7:00 A.M. Central Time on October 25, 2020.

**Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals**  
October 19, 2020 to October 25, 2020



**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
October 19, 2020 to October 25, 2020



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 25, 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. 24	Mar. 1 to Oct. 24 normal*	Last Week	Since Sep. 1	Sep. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	37	27	41	22	32	-13	2749	2759	1.08	3.45	-2.11	25.15	-2.57
Green Bay	43	30	49	22	37	-9	2657	2419	3.48	6.73	+1.81	30.67	+5.42
La Crosse	41	30	46	26	36	-13	3235	3065	0.72	5.09	-0.17	27.10	-2.16
Madison	45	33	55	27	39	-8	2831	2776	3.07	6.94	+2.00	36.38	+6.65
Milwaukee	51	38	59	32	45	-5	3020	2733	2.56	3.65	-1.54	32.97	+3.68

<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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