



Wisconsin Ag News – Crop Progress & Condition

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Wisconsin had 4.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending October 22, 2023, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Dry weather early in the week allowed for soybean and corn harvesting and winter wheat planting to continue. However, cool and wet weather, slowed fieldwork later in the week.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 6 percent very short, 20 percent short, 69 percent adequate and 5 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture condition rated 11 percent very short, 31 percent short, 57 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus.

Ninety-two percent of the corn crop was mature. The corn for grain harvest was 24 percent complete, 2 days ahead of last year but 2 days behind the average. Moisture content of corn harvested for grain was 23 percent. Corn condition was 50 percent good to excellent, equal to last week. Corn for silage harvest was 96 percent complete, 5 days ahead of last year and 7 days ahead of the average.

Ninety-eight percent of soybeans are dropping leaves. The soybean harvest was 69 percent complete, 1 day behind last year but 4 days ahead of the average.

Eighty-six percent of the winter wheat crop has been planted. Sixty-one percent of the winter wheat crop has emerged, 3 days behind last year but one day ahead of the average. Winter wheat condition was 65 percent good to excellent.

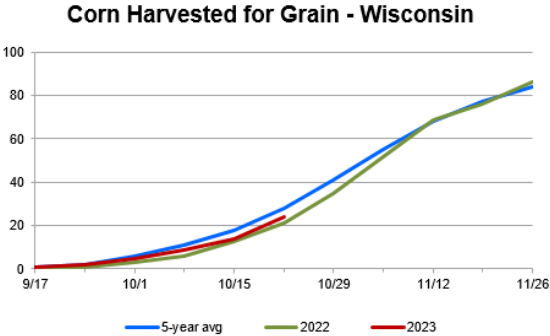
Ninety-five percent of the potato crop has been harvested, equal to last year and 2 days ahead of the average.

Pasture condition was rated 30 good to excellent statewide, equal to last week.

Fall tillage was 30 percent complete, 9 days behind last year and 2 days behind the average.

Crop Condition as of October 22, 2023

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	4	12	34	38	12
Pasture and range ..	9	21	40	28	2
Wheat, winter	1	4	30	50	15



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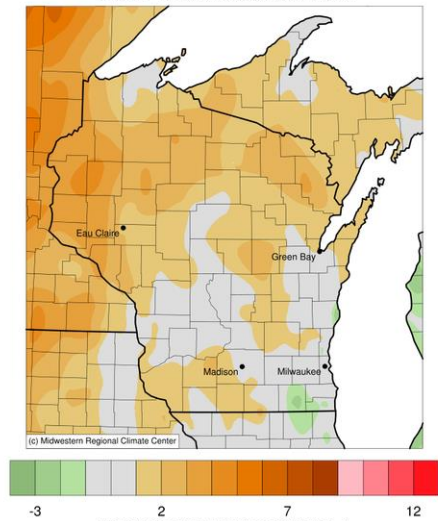
Item	Districts									State			
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn mature	95	84	94	92	96	88	98	91	91	92	86	95	91
Corn harvested for grain	22	13	14	24	19	13	27	34	18	24	14	21	28
Corn harvested for silage	97	86	98	97	96	97	100	98	100	96	93	93	92
Fall tillage	28	24	24	24	41	35	25	40	17	30	21	42	32
Soybeans dropping leaves	100	97	97	99	96	98	97	98	98	98	95	100	97
Soybeans harvested	67	58	57	72	42	70	78	75	66	69	54	73	60
Wheat, winter, planted	98	94	88	94	90	92	95	75	76	86	74	90	82
Wheat, winter, emerged	90	71	71	69	77	62	59	52	46	61	49	65	60

The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications.

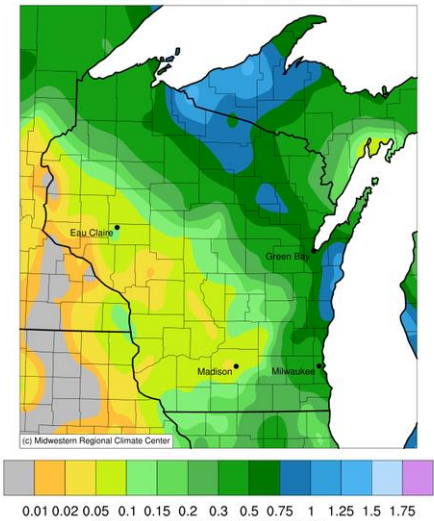
Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of October 22, 2023

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	4.7	5.2	5.0	5.7	5.8	4.6	4.7	4.3	3.1	4.8	4.2	5.6
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture												
Very short	0	1	4	7	13	3	2	13	6	6	8	4
Short	4	3	23	17	14	35	18	30	19	20	22	21
Adequate	82	87	73	74	61	62	77	57	58	69	66	73
Surplus	14	9	0	2	12	0	3	0	17	5	4	2
Subsoil moisture												
Very short	1	0	10	17	9	12	11	17	7	11	16	3
Short	21	10	31	25	20	25	57	39	39	31	31	19
Adequate	70	89	59	56	67	63	32	44	54	57	52	75
Surplus	8	1	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	3

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals
October 16, 2023 to October 22, 2023



Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 16, 2023 to October 22, 2023



Weather Information: Week Ending October 22, 2023

District and State	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days ¹	
	Average	Departure from Normal ²	Total	Departure from Normal ²	Since April 1	Departure from Normal ²
Northwest	46.7	3.3	0.29	-0.36	2,330	327
North Central	44.7	2.5	0.60	0.01	2,087	217
Northeast	46.1	2.8	0.57	-0.05	2,189	257
West Central	49.0	2.8	0.10	-0.44	2,805	319
Central	47.5	1.3	0.19	-0.35	2,649	268
East Central	48.2	1.3	0.55	-0.07	2,496	188
Southwest	48.8	1.2	0.07	-0.45	2,843	251
South Central	48.9	0.8	0.16	-0.47	2,806	200
Southeast	49.2	0.6	0.27	-0.41	2,744	147
Wisconsin	47.3	2.1	0.33	-0.27	2,487	254

¹ Base 50° F.
² Normal based on 1991-2020 data.