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Wisconsin had **5.4 days suitable for fieldwork** for the week ending August 20, 2023, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Field work included cutting hay and harvesting oats and wheat. Rain across most of the state improved crop and pasture conditions.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 8 percent very short, 32 percent short, 59 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 16 percent very short, 34 percent short, 49 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus.

Corn silking was 95 percent complete. Sixty-four percent of corn had reached the dough stage, 3 days ahead of last year and 2 days ahead of the five-year average. Nine percent of the corn had reached the dent stage. Corn condition was 55 percent good to excellent, equal to last week.

Ninety-four percent of the **soybean** crop were blooming. Eighty percent of the soybean crop was setting pods, 1 day behind last year and 2 days behind the average. Soybean condition was 56 percent good to excellent, up 4 percent from last week.

Oats harvested for grain reached 68 percent, 2 days ahead of last year but equal to the average.

Ninety-five percent of the **winter wheat** crop has been harvested 5 days ahead of last year and 1 day ahead of the average.

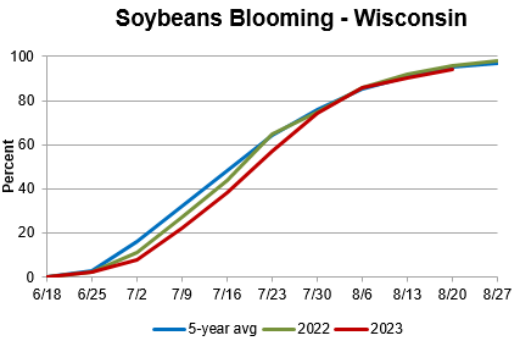
Eighteen percent of the **potato** crop has been harvested, 4 days ahead of last year but equal to the average.

The third cutting of **alfalfa** was 88 percent complete, 2 days ahead of last year and 11 days ahead of the average. The fourth cutting of alfalfa was 26 percent complete. **All hay** condition was reported 50 percent good to excellent statewide, up 6 percent from last week.

Pasture condition was rated 37 good to excellent statewide, up 6 percent from last week.

Crop Condition as of August 20, 2023

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	4	12	29	42	13
Hay, all	3	13	34	44	6
Pasture and range ..	7	18	38	34	3
Soybeans	3	11	30	42	14



Crop Progress as of August 20, 2023

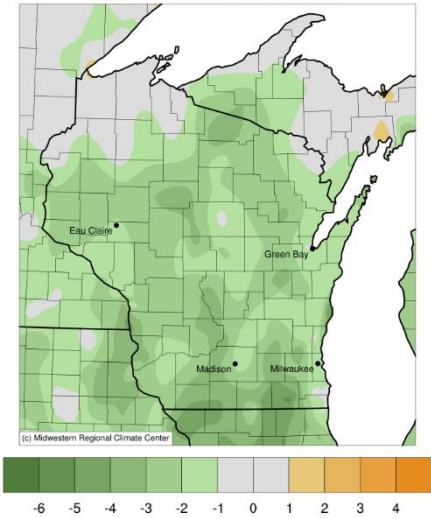
Item	Districts									State			
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn silking	99	96	93	95	98	85	97	99	99	95	91	93	95
Corn dough	69	31	60	73	58	45	71	73	80	64	39	57	60
Corn dented	8	3	2	8	17	11	12	7	13	9	1	10	14
Hay, alfalfa, 3rd cutting	86	62	86	93	77	93	95	87	92	88	76	85	77
Hay, alfalfa, 4th cutting	14	9	17	34	10	13	43	40	29	26	9	11	10
Oats harvested for grain	62	38	55	89	74	51	99	89	77	68	56	63	68
Soybeans blooming	100	98	97	90	87	88	95	99	95	94	90	96	95
Soybeans setting pods	91	93	86	73	70	74	83	86	74	80	63	82	83
Wheat, winter, harvested	96	87	99	91	89	91	96	100	100	95	88	92	94

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

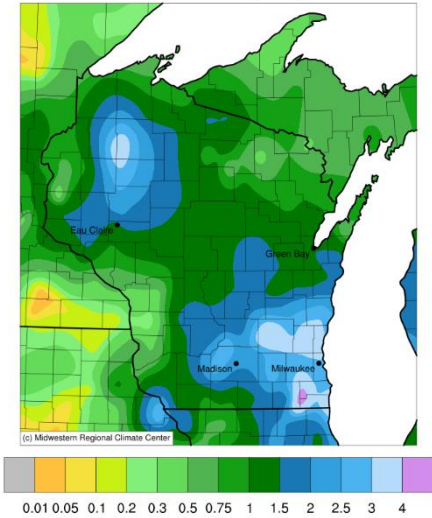
Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of August 20, 2023

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	5.1	6.7	5.5	5.3	5.4	4.8	6.0	5.3	4.9	5.4	5.9	4.9
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture												
Very short	3	6	4	3	15	1	15	11	8	8	11	2
Short	25	37	21	23	39	24	40	35	46	32	33	14
Adequate	69	57	72	73	46	74	43	54	46	59	55	77
Surplus	3	0	3	1	0	1	2	0	0	1	1	7
Subsoil moisture												
Very short	9	0	7	6	20	4	33	31	18	16	20	3
Short	37	37	22	32	40	26	36	30	57	34	35	22
Adequate	53	63	68	62	40	70	29	39	25	49	44	72
Surplus	1	0	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	3

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals
August 14, 2023 to August 20, 2023



Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 14, 2023 to August 20, 2023



Weather Information: Week Ending August 20, 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	65.8	-0.1	1.78	0.79	1,695	170
North Central	63.6	-0.9	1.14	0.18	1,535	95
Northeast	65.3	0.4	0.97	0.03	1,608	134
West Central	67.4	-1.4	1.31	0.37	2,023	151
Central	67.1	-0.8	1.53	0.52	1,917	124
East Central	67.4	-0.5	1.50	0.62	1,803	94
Southwest	68.1	-1.4	1.19	0.22	2,034	94
South Central	68.0	-1.5	2.18	1.10	2,013	74
Southeast	68.5	-1.1	2.91	1.80	1,959	60
Wisconsin	66.3	-0.7	1.50	0.53	1,802	119

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