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Wisconsin had 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending August 27, 2023, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Hot and dry weather across most of the state depleted soil moisture. Fieldwork included cutting hay and harvesting oats and winter wheat.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 12 percent very short, 36 percent short, 52 percent adequate and 0 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture condition rated 20 percent very short, 35 percent short, 45 percent adequate and 0 percent surplus.

Corn silking was 98 percent complete. Corn in the dough stage was at 77 percent, 2 days ahead of last year and 2 days ahead of the five-year average. Twenty-one percent of the corn crop was dented. Corn condition was 59 percent good to excellent, up 4 percent from to last week.

Ninety-seven percent of the soybean crop was blooming or beyond. Eighty-eight percent of the soybean crop has set pods, 2 days behind last year and 2 days behind the average. Soybean condition was 59 percent good to excellent, up 3 percent from last week.

Seventy-nine percent of the oat crop has been harvested, near last year and the 5-year average.

Ninety-eight percent of the winter wheat crop has been harvested, equal to the average.

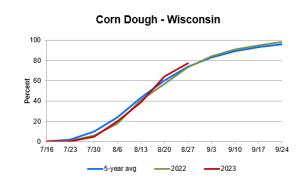
Twenty-two percent of the **potato** crop has been harvested, 1 day ahead of last year and equal to the average.

The third cutting of alfalfa was 93 percent complete. The fourth cutting of alfalfa was 39 percent complete, 4 days ahead of last year and 8 days ahead of the average. All hay condition was reported 47 percent good to excellent statewide, down 3 percent from last week.

Pasture condition was rated 34 good to excellent statewide, down 3 percent from last week.

Crop Condition as of August 27, 2023

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn Hay, all Pasture and range . Soybeans	4 4 9 4	13 15 21 11	24 34 36 26	44 39 31 43	15 8 3 16



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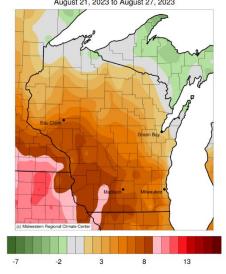
	Districts									State			
ltem	NW	NC	NE	WC	С	EC	SW	sc	SE	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)										
Corn silking	100	99	96	96	99	93	98	100	100	98	95	97	97
Corn dough	86	41	71	90	65	71	82	80	89	77	64	73	74
Corn dented	14	5	6	22	22	18	32	28	19	21	9	22	30
Hay, alfalfa, 3rd cutting	95	68	95	99	85	96	98	91	95	93	88	90	85
Hay, alfalfa, 4th cutting	23	12	23	51	20	33	56	51	51	39	26	29	22
Oats harvested for grain	81	43	80	95	81	70	100	92	99	79	68	80	80
Soybeans blooming	100	100	99	96	90	93	97	99	98	97	94	98	97
Soybeans setting pods	95	98	92	87	75	83	88	93	82	88	80	90	90
Wheat, winter, harvested	98	97	100	97	98	96	98	100	100	98	95	96	98

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

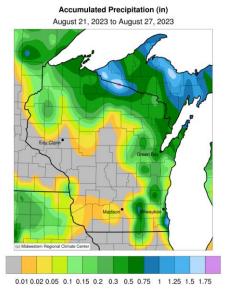
Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of August 27, 2023

			State									
Item	NW	NC	NE	WC	С	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year
	(days)	(days)	(days)									
Days suitable	6.3	6.3	5.4	6.9	6.6	5.7	6.5	5.8	6.3	6.2	5.4	4.7
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)									
Topsoil moisture												
Very short	11	13	4	4	15	2	27	15	12	12	8	1
Short	39	33	17	30	38	24	43	42	56	36	32	11
Adequate	50	54	77	66	47	74	30	43	32	52	59	77
Surplus	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	11
Subsoil moisture												
Very short	13	14	6	10	21	6	43	32	13	20	16	3
Short	42	34	19	35	38	23	41	35	51	35	34	22
Adequate	45	52	73	55	41	71	16	33	36	45	49	70
Surplus	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5









Weather Information: Week Ending August 27, 2023

Weather information. Week Ending August 21, 2025										
District and State	Tempe	rature	Precip	itation	Growing Degree Days 1					
	Average	Departure from Normal ²	Total	Departure from Normal ²	Since April 1	Departure from Normal ²				
Northwest	67.5	2.0	0.13	-1.00	1,812	177				
North Central	66.4	2.3	0.23	-0.78	1,648	107				
Northeast	66.3	1.6	0.31	-0.60	1,723	142				
West Central	74.3	5.8	0.01	-1.17	2,188	185				
Central	72.5	4.6	0.10	-0.98	2,074	154				
East Central	69.3	1.1	0.28	-0.58	1,935	99				
Southwest	76.3	7.0	0.04	-1.09	2,216	140				
South Central	74.9	5.4	0.14	-0.80	2,188	113				
Southeast	73.9	4.0	0.15	-0.74	2,125	85				
Wisconsin	70.5	3.5	0.15	-0.88	1,944	139				

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