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Wisconsin had 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending September 3, 2023, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Another week of dry weather coupled with above average temperatures contributed to further eroding of crop conditions. Fieldwork included the start of corn silage harvest, wrapping up oat harvest in most areas and the continued cutting of hay.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 18 percent very short, 40 percent short, 42 percent adequate and 0 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture condition rated 23 percent very short, 39 percent short, 38 percent adequate and 0 percent surplus.

Corn in the dough stage reached 86 percent, 1 days ahead of last year and 3 days ahead of the five-year average. Forty-one percent of the corn crop was dented. Corn condition was 54 percent good to excellent, down 5 percent from to last week.

Ninety-five percent of the soybean crop has set pods. Soybeans coloring was at 18 percent, 2 days ahead of last year but 2 days behind average. Soybean condition was 55 percent good to excellent, down 4 percent from last week.

Ninety-one percent of the **oat** crop has been harvested, 1 day ahead of last year and 5 days ahead of the average.

Six percent of the winter wheat crop has been planted, 6 days ahead of last year but two days behind the average.

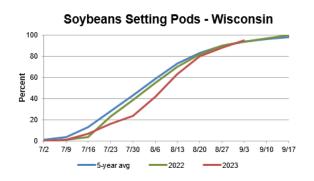
Thirty-five percent of the **potato** crop has been harvested, 7 days ahead of both last year and of the average.

The third cutting of alfalfa was 96 percent complete. The fourth cutting of alfalfa was 55 percent complete, 2 days ahead of last year and 8 days ahead of the average. All hay condition was reported 45 percent good to excellent statewide, down 2 percent from last week.

Pasture condition was rated 28 good to excellent statewide, down 6 percent from last week.

Crop Condition as of September 3, 2023

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	
Corn	5	14	27	41	13	
Hay, all	4	17	34	37	8	
Pasture and range .	10	25	37	27	1	
Soybeans	5	13	27	41	14	



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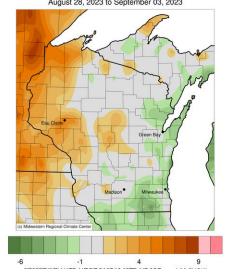
	Districts									State			
Item	NW	NC	NE	WC	С	EC	SW	sc	SE	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)										
Corn dough	93	49	76	95	86	82	91	85	94	86	77	84	83
Corn dented		12	21	54	47	34	57	42	37	41	21	41	47
Hay, alfalfa, 3rd cutting	97	76	97	100	93	97	99	93	99	96	93	94	90
Hay, alfalfa, 4th cutting	32	29	44	64	38	70	66	60	62	55	39	49	38
Oats harvested for grain		65	97	99	97	89	100	98	100	91	79	90	87
Soybeans setting pods	99	99	98	97	95	89	97	97	87	95	88	94	93
Soybeans coloring	19	2	5	28	6	15	26	16	16	18	4	14	24
Wheat, winter, planted	8	17	1	4	8	8	4	5	1	6	1	1	8

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

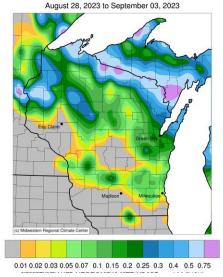
Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of September 3, 2023

	Districts								State			
Item	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year
	(days)	(days)										
Days suitable	6.7	6.6	6.7	6.9	7.0	6.3	6.6	6.6	6.9	6.7	6.2	5.5
	(percent)	(percent)										
Topsoil moisture												
Very short	10	21	6	9	16	3	46	19	21	18	12	2
Short	41	34	26	47	40	25	38	50	62	40	36	12
Adequate	49	45	68	44	44	72	16	31	17	42	52	77
Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Subsoil moisture												
Very short	13	28	10	11	17	5	44	41	25	23	20	3
Short	42	34	28	49	42	25	42	37	52	39	35	22
Adequate	45	38	62	40	41	70	14	22	23	38	45	71
Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4









Weather Information: Week Ending September 3, 2023

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	67.2	3.8	0.46	-0.51	1,931	196		
North Central	63.8	1.7	0.17	-0.79	1,747	115		
Northeast	63.7	0.9	0.20	-0.65	1,819	143		
West Central	69.6	3.0	0.03	-0.80	2,325	201		
Central	67.2	1.0	0.10	-0.64	2,194	158		
East Central	66.0	-0.5	0.19	-0.55	2,048	96		
Southwest	68.2	0.3	0.04	-0.65	2,342	140		
South Central	66.8	-1.1	0.06	-0.60	2,306	104		
Southeast	67.0	-1.3	0.04	-0.62	2,247	79		
Wisconsin	66.5	1.3	0.17	-0.65	2,059	145		

¹ Base 50° F.

² Normal based on 1991-2020 data.