



Wisconsin Ag News – Crop Progress & Condition

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Wisconsin had **5.7 days suitable for fieldwork** statewide for the week ending May 18, 2025, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Dry conditions through most of the week enabled continued planting progress across the state, while warm weather spurred on emergence.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 4 percent very short, 17 percent short, 70 percent adequate and 9 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 4 percent very short, 19 percent short, 70 percent adequate and 7 percent surplus.

Corn planting was 73 percent complete, 5 days ahead of last year and 3 days ahead of the 5-year average. Corn emergence was 23 percent complete.

Soybeans were 66 percent planted, 5 days ahead of last year and 4 days ahead of the average. Soybeans were 19 percent emerged.

Oat planting was 82 percent complete. Oats were 48 percent emerged, 2 days behind last year and 1 day behind the average. The first oat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 percent poor, 15 percent fair, 65 percent good and 19 percent excellent.

Potato planting reached 84 percent complete, 2 days ahead of both last year and average.

The first cutting of **alfalfa hay** was 5 percent complete. **All hay** condition was 78 percent good to excellent, 3 percentage points above last week.

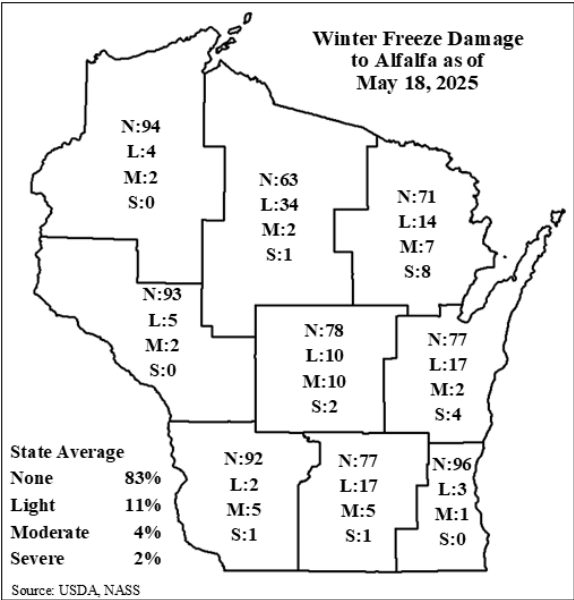
Spring tillage was 86 percent complete, 6 days ahead of last year and 3 days ahead of the average.

Winter wheat fields were 6 percent headed. Winter wheat condition rated 66 percent good to excellent, up a percentage point from last week.

Pasture and range condition was rated 65 percent good to excellent, up 3 percentage points from last week.

Crop Condition as of May 18, 2025

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Hay, all	1	3	18	64	14
Oats	0	1	15	65	19
Pasture and range ..	2	7	26	55	10
Wheat, winter	1	10	23	56	10



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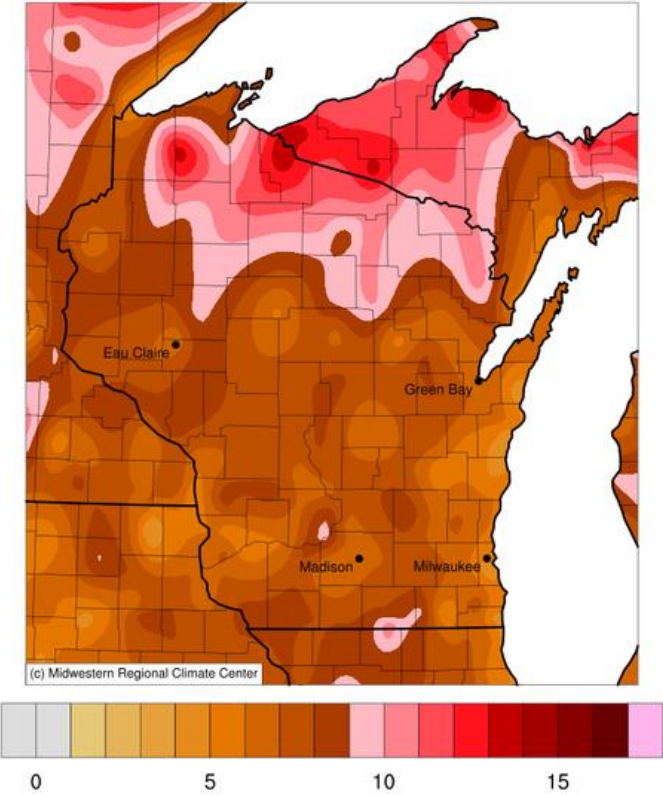
Item	Districts									State			
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn planted	71	66	67	74	44	63	83	88	72	73	44	62	65
Corn emerged	17	6	8	28	11	6	30	39	31	23	5	21	21
Hay, alfalfa, 1st cutting	1	0	0	4	1	2	6	22	10	5	0	7	3
Oats planted	72	69	82	81	59	88	96	98	84	82	62	79	78
Oats emerged	39	11	32	58	21	42	78	72	68	48	23	53	51
Soybeans planted	56	49	58	65	48	52	77	84	68	66	40	54	53
Soybeans emerged	13	3	4	20	14	8	30	29	26	19	5	19	13
Spring tillage	84	75	67	88	68	85	93	98	92	86	71	80	81
Wheat, winter, headed	3	3	0	11	4	4	19	9	4	6	3	4	2

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

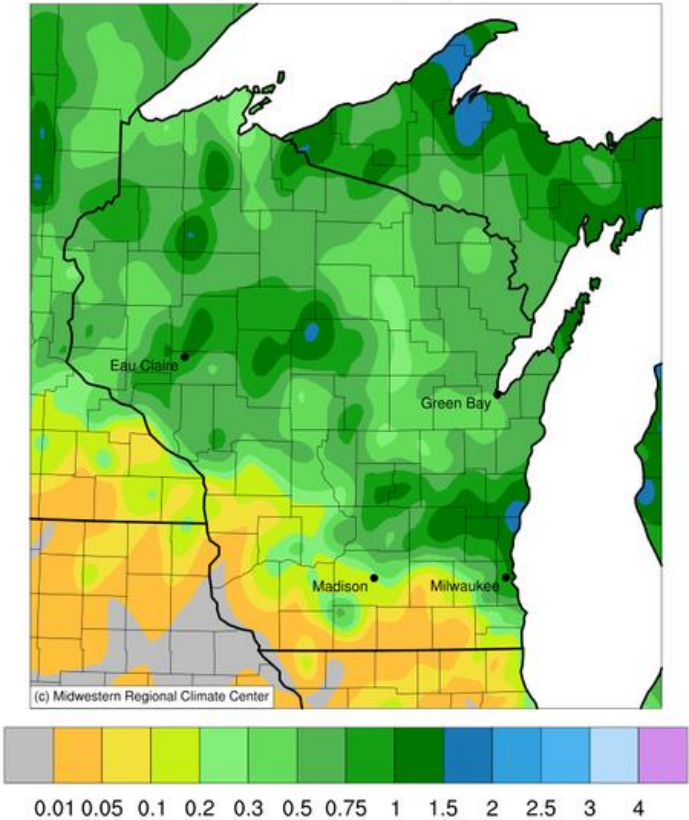
Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of May 18, 2025

Item	Districts									State		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year
Days suitable	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)
	5.1	5.9	5.9	5.5	5.9	4.9	6.5	5.9	5.7	5.7	6.5	5.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	2	0	7	3	0	3	5	10	9	4	3	1
Short	11	3	8	10	14	9	29	30	28	17	17	8
Adequate	79	78	67	85	79	73	56	56	61	70	70	74
Surplus	8	19	18	2	7	15	10	4	2	9	10	17
Subsoil moisture												
Very short	2	0	4	1	0	0	7	10	7	4	4	0
Short	11	1	5	12	15	15	26	36	42	19	16	10
Adequate	84	83	67	86	74	70	64	51	51	70	70	77
Surplus	3	16	24	1	11	15	3	3	0	7	10	13

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals
May 12, 2025 to May 18, 2025



Accumulated Precipitation (in)
May 12, 2025 to May 18, 2025



Temperature and Precipitation Maps, courtesy of the Midwestern Regional Climate Center, are available at: <https://mrcc.purdue.edu/CLIMATE/>

Additional soil moisture data are available at: <https://nassgeo.csiss.gmu.edu/CropCASMA/>