



# Wisconsin Ag News – Crop Progress & Condition

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Wisconsin had 4.8 **days suitable for fieldwork** statewide for the week ending August 17, 2025, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Growing conditions were generally favorable, but some producers struggled to get into fields while hay is still at optimal nutritional value.

**Topsoil moisture** condition rated 8 percent short, 79 percent adequate and 13 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 8 percent short, 81 percent adequate and 11 percent surplus.

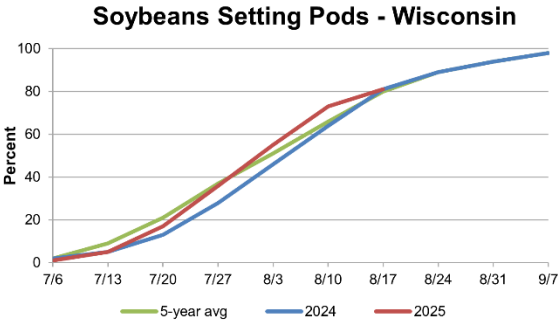
**Corn** silking was 95 percent complete. Fifty-four percent of corn had reached the dough stage, 1 day behind last year and 2 days behind the 5-year average. Fifteen percent of the corn crop was dented. Corn condition was rated 82 percent good to excellent, 1 percentage point above last week. **Soybeans** were 93 percent blooming. Eighty-one percent of soybeans were setting pods, even with last year and 1 day ahead of the average. Soybean condition was 82 percent good to excellent, 1 percentage point above last week.

**Winter wheat** was 94 percent harvested. **Oats** were 72 percent harvested, 1 day behind last year, but 3 days ahead of the average. **Potatoes** were 26 percent harvested.

The third cutting of **alfalfa hay** was 82 percent complete, 1 day ahead of last year and 2 days ahead of the average. The fourth cutting was 18 percent complete. **Hay** condition was rated 81 percent good to excellent, up 1 percentage point from last week. **Pasture and range** condition was rated 70 percent good to excellent, down 1 percentage point from last week.

## Crop Condition as of August 17, 2025

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn .....	1	4	13	56	26
Hay, all .....	1	2	16	61	20
Pasture and range ..	1	5	24	51	19
Potatoes .....	0	1	4	86	9
Soybeans .....	1	3	14	57	25



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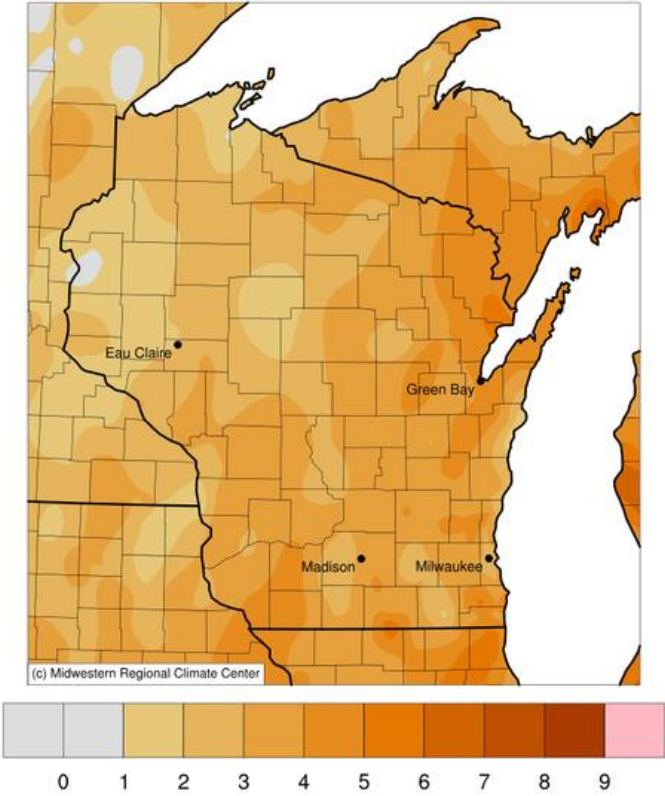
Item	Districts									State			
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn silking .....	84	87	96	93	93	98	98	99	98	95	90	89	94
Corn dough .....	38	20	31	41	66	50	76	65	69	54	36	57	58
Corn dented .....	1	0	1	3	20	16	29	19	29	15	5	14	10
Hay, alfalfa, 3rd cutting .....	83	46	96	83	82	89	80	83	92	82	72	80	79
Hay, alfalfa, 4th cutting .....	5	3	8	32	24	10	20	28	16	18	12	11	10
Oats harvested for grain .....	79	55	60	92	91	53	76	94	88	72	56	76	65
Soybeans blooming .....	99	89	98	94	92	91	93	93	91	93	90	94	95
Soybeans setting pods .....	98	80	81	78	83	74	87	81	74	81	73	81	80
Wheat, winter, harvested .....	96	87	99	87	91	89	96	100	99	94	89	97	94

The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at [www.nass.usda.gov/Publications](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications).

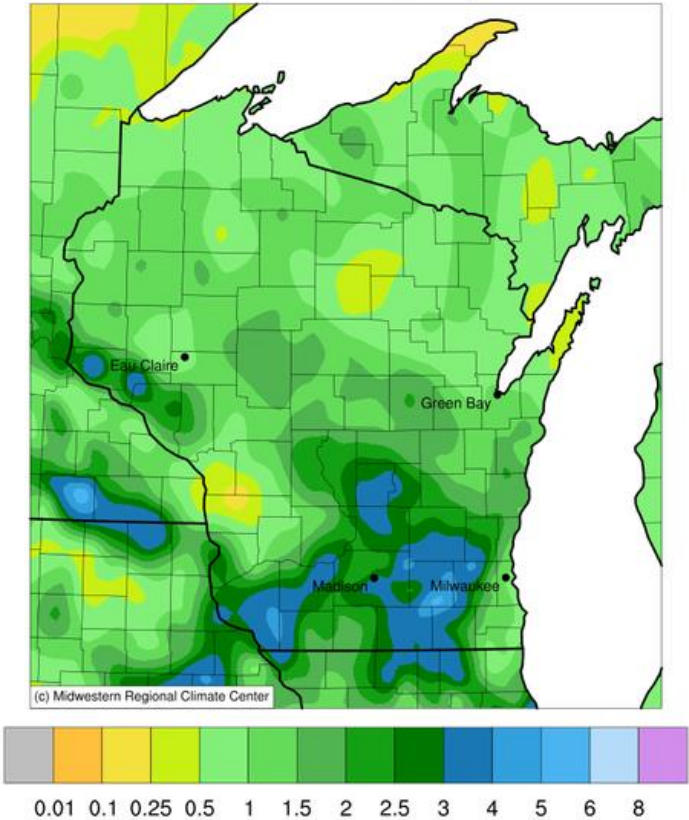
Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of August 17, 2025

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 .....	5.9	5.0	5.2	5.2	4.9	4.3	4.8	4.5	3.7	4.8	5.8	4.8
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture												
Very short .....	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
Short .....	2	12	16	4	19	15	1	4	14	8	12	6
Adequate .....	89	86	70	90	74	65	73	84	69	79	76	81
Surplus .....	9	2	12	6	7	19	26	12	17	13	11	12
Subsoil moisture												
Very short .....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
Short .....	4	14	14	2	20	10	0	6	13	8	12	3
Adequate .....	81	86	64	96	73	70	80	86	80	81	79	79
Surplus .....	14	0	22	2	7	19	20	8	7	11	8	17

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals  
August 11, 2025 to August 17, 2025



Accumulated Precipitation (in)  
August 11, 2025 to August 17, 2025



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

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