

Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition

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Wisconsin had 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending May 17, 2020, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Dry conditions and below normal temperatures continued through the middle of this week. Planting progressed rapidly for small grains, corn, soybeans, alfalfa, potatoes and spring vegetables. Cold soil temperatures and frosty nights continued to suppress crop development, however. Though corn planting was well ahead of normal, corn emergence was close to normal. Hay stands were still short, and some reporters noted that fall alfalfa plantings did not make it through the winter. One reporter noted frost damage to blooming orchards and commented that fruit producers were expecting yield losses. Heavy rain fell on Sunday, halting fieldwork but improving dry soil conditions.

Topsoil moisture condition was rated 2% very short, 9% short, 74% adequate and 15% surplus. Subsoil moisture condition was rated 1% very short, 6% short, 74% adequate and 19% surplus.

Spring tillage was 91% complete, 27 days ahead of last year and 15 days ahead of the 5-year average.

Corn planting was 81% complete, 25 days ahead of last year and 12 days ahead of the average. Corn emerged was 15%, 11 days ahead of last year and 2 days behind the average.

Soybean planting was 61% complete, 24 days ahead of last year and 12 days ahead of the average.

Oats planted were reported as 88% complete, 21 days ahead of last year and 8 days ahead of the average. Oats emerged was 56%, 16 days ahead of last year and 2 days ahead of the average

Potato planting was 80% complete, 5 days ahead of last year and 1 day ahead of the average.

Winter wheat was rated 69% in good to excellent condition statewide, up 1 percentage point from last week.

Pasture condition was rated 63% in good to excellent condition, improving 4 percentage points from last week.



Soybeans Planted, Wisconsin



Crop Condition as of May 17, 2020

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	
Hay, All	2	5	38	40	15	
Oats	0	1	20	59	20	
Pasture & range	2	9	26	43	20	
Winter wheat	1	7	23	48	21	

Crop Progress as of May 17, 2020

	Districts										State			
Item		NC		WC	C	EC	C/W	SC	SE	This	Last	Last	5-yr	
	INVV	NC		~~	C	LC	300			week	week	year	average	
	(percent)													
Corn planted	82	58	66	84	76	71	92	87	86	81	59	29	59	
Corn emerged	7	0	2	26	9	7	26	14	25	15	3	2	19	
Oats planted	91	61	80	93	91	90	94	99	99	88	74	55	77	
Oats emerged	52	21	40	51	42	40	88	89	91	56	36	25	51	
Soybeans planted	53	54	61	64	51	58	68	63	62	61	35	10	30	
Soybeans emerged	1	0	1	8	3	4	10	5	10	6	0	0	4	
Spring tillage	86	70	86	97	91	89	97	93	95	91	79	55	74	

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of May 17, 2020

Itom				State								
Item	NW	NC	NE	WC	С	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year
	(days)											
Days suitable	5.3	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.4	5.8	5.0	4.4	4.6	5.3	6.2	4.2
	(percent)											
Topsoil moisture												
Very Short	2	1	6	2	3	2	1	0	0	2	3	0
Short	3	0	10	21	17	6	3	6	9	9	13	0
Adequate	80	83	66	75	77	50	93	79	58	74	76	61
Surplus	15	16	18	2	3	42	3	15	33	15	8	39
Subsoil moisture												
Very Short	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Short	3	1	0	13	14	2	1	6	10	6	6	0
Adequate	84	69	58	83	79	51	95	78	59	74	82	62
Surplus	12	30	42	1	6	47	4	16	31	19	11	38

Wisconsin Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending May 17, 2020

Maps from the Midwestern Regional Climate Center reflect data collected from 7:00 A.M. Central Time on May 11, 2020, through 7:00 A.M. Central Time on May 17, 2020.



Growing Degree Days can be found at https://mrcc.illinois.edu/U2U/gdd/

Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on May 17, 2020

		Temperature						egree days base 50) ¹		Precipitation			
City	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg. dep. from normal *	Mar. 1 to May 16	Mar. 1 to May 16 normal*	Last Week	Since Mar. 1	Mar. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	63	39	74	28	51	-6	231	326	0.14	4.47	-1.73	5.27	-2.83
Green Bay	60	37	76	25	49	-5	151	235	0.19	5.96	+0.11	8.48	+0.32
La Crosse	66	42	77	30	54	-5	309	367	0.21	4.80	-2.36	6.75	-2.62
Madison	63	40	74	31	51	-5	228	318	1.11	6.76	-0.58	9.57	-0.50
Milwaukee	59	42	77	37	50	-4	178	245	1.04	8.71	+1.20	11.74	+0.76

¹Formula used: GDD = (daily maximum (86°) + daily minimum (50°))/2-50°; where 86° is used if the maximum exceeds 86° and 50° is used if the minimum falls below 50°. *Normal based on 1981-2010 data. n.a.=not available. T=trace Source: NCEP/NOAA Climate Prediction Center http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov.

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