



# Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition

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Wisconsin had 3.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending September 13, 2020, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Frequent rains kept farmers out of fields in southern Wisconsin, while clearer weather in the northern districts allowed fieldwork to progress. Several reporters noted that this week's rains recharged soil moistures after weeks of dry conditions. Temperatures were well below normal, with daytime highs in the 40s to low 60s. Northern and central Wisconsin saw the first frosts of the season midweek. Corn and soybeans were maturing quickly. Corn silage chopping made good progress where conditions allowed. Manure, winter wheat and cover crops were going into cleared fields. There were reports of early-planted soybeans being combined. The potato harvest was moving right along and apple picking was in full swing.

**Topsoil moisture** condition rated 5% very short, 14% short, 73% adequate and 8% surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 5% very short, 14% short, 74% adequate and 7% surplus.

**Corn** at dough stage or beyond was 96%, over 4 weeks ahead of last year and 11 days ahead of the 5-year average. Corn dented was 77%, twenty-four days ahead of last year and 6 days ahead of the average. Twenty-six percent of corn was reported mature, 3 weeks ahead of last year and 17 days ahead of the average. Corn condition rated 78% good to excellent statewide, unchanged from last week. Corn for silage harvested was 39% complete, 27 days ahead of last year, and 9 days ahead of the average.

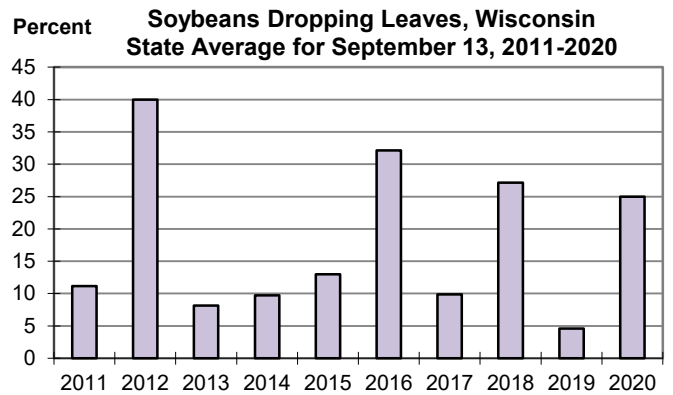
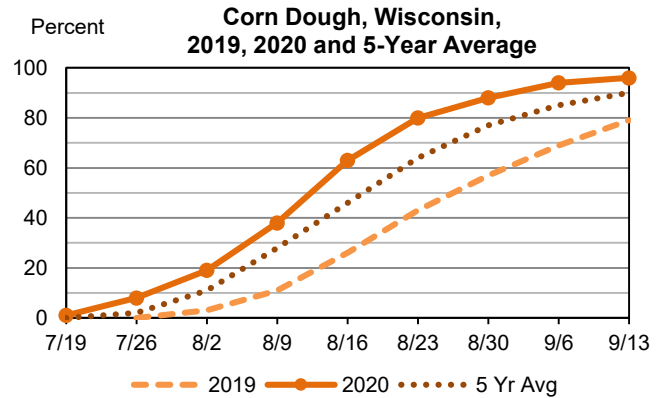
**Soybeans** coloring was 73%, 2 weeks ahead of last year and 6 days ahead of the average. Twenty-five percent of soybeans were dropping leaves, 10 days ahead of last year and 3 days ahead of the average. Soybean condition rated 79% good to excellent statewide, down 2 percentage points from last week.

**Potato** harvest was reported as 47% complete, 10 days ahead of last year and 5 days ahead of the average. Potato condition rated 92% good to excellent statewide, down 1 percentage point from last week.

**Winter wheat** planted was 33% complete, 27 days ahead of last year and 2 weeks ahead of the average.

Fourth cutting of **alfalfa** was reported as 63% complete, 24 days ahead of last year and 3 days ahead of the average.

**Pasture** condition rated 59% good to excellent statewide, unchanged from last week.



### Crop Condition as of September 13, 2020

| Item                  | Very poor<br>(percent) | Poor<br>(percent) | Fair<br>(percent) | Good<br>(percent) | Excellent<br>(percent) |
|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Corn .....            | 2                      | 5                 | 15                | 46                | 32                     |
| Pasture & range ..... | 5                      | 9                 | 27                | 36                | 23                     |
| Potatoes .....        | 1                      | 1                 | 6                 | 73                | 19                     |
| Soybeans .....        | 2                      | 4                 | 15                | 43                | 36                     |

### Crop Progress as of September 13, 2020

| Item                              | Districts    |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              | State        |              |              |  |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--|
|                                   | NW           | NC           | NE           | WC           | C            | EC           | SW           | SC           | SE           | This week    | Last week    | Last year    | 5-yr average |  |
| Alfalfa hay, fourth cutting ..... | (percent) 59 | (percent) 57 | (percent) 65 | (percent) 73 | (percent) 45 | (percent) 58 | (percent) 68 | (percent) 63 | (percent) 70 | (percent) 63 | (percent) 46 | (percent) 36 | (percent) 58 |  |
| Corn dough .....                  | 91           | 94           | 100          | 93           | 95           | 97           | 99           | 99           | 95           | 96           | 94           | 76           | 90           |  |
| Corn dented .....                 | 71           | 39           | 89           | 73           | 74           | 75           | 86           | 84           | 84           | 77           | 65           | 40           | 66           |  |
| Corn mature .....                 | 12           | 6            | 9            | 34           | 31           | 24           | 27           | 33           | 31           | 26           | 14           | 1            | 17           |  |
| Corn harvested for silage.....    | 18           | 10           | 34           | 51           | 41           | 32           | 73           | 51           | 50           | 39           | 24           | 7            | 18           |  |
| Soybeans coloring.....            | 75           | 56           | 54           | 66           | 75           | 75           | 81           | 74           | 81           | 73           | 50           | 27           | 55           |  |
| Soybeans dropping leaves .        | 22           | 4            | 20           | 29           | 20           | 21           | 34           | 23           | 43           | 25           | 12           | 5            | 17           |  |
| Winter wheat planted.....         | 39           | 16           | 42           | 26           | 26           | 36           | 41           | 28           | 24           | 33           | 22           | 9            | 13           |  |

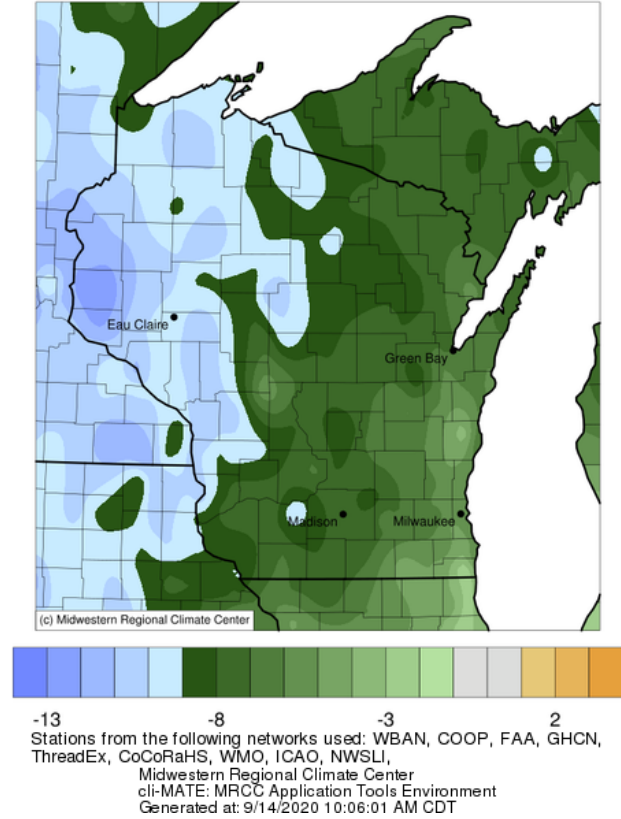
### Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of September 13, 2020

| Item               | Districts  |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            | State      |            |  |
|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--|
|                    | NW         | NC         | NE         | WC         | C          | EC         | SW         | SC         | SE         | This week  | Last week  | Last year  |  |
| Days suitable..... | (days) 4.6 | (days) 4.7 | (days) 4.4 | (days) 4.0 | (days) 3.1 | (days) 3.1 | (days) 2.1 | (days) 2.1 | (days) 2.0 | (days) 3.2 | (days) 5.8 | (days) 2.5 |  |
| Topsoil moisture   | (percent)  | (percent)  | (percent)  | (percent)  | (percent)  | (percent)  | (percent)  | (percent)  | (percent)  | (percent)  | (percent)  | (percent)  |  |
| Very Short .....   | 2          | 1          | 0          | 12         | 12         | 2          | 0          | 7          | 3          | 5          | 9          | 0          |  |
| Short .....        | 11         | 7          | 16         | 21         | 13         | 16         | 10         | 17         | 9          | 14         | 22         | 2          |  |
| Adequate.....      | 83         | 91         | 80         | 64         | 60         | 73         | 84         | 62         | 73         | 73         | 66         | 66         |  |
| Surplus.....       | 4          | 1          | 4          | 3          | 15         | 9          | 6          | 14         | 15         | 8          | 3          | 32         |  |
| Subsoil moisture   | (percent)  | (percent)  | (percent)  | (percent)  | (percent)  | (percent)  | (percent)  | (percent)  | (percent)  | (percent)  | (percent)  | (percent)  |  |
| Very Short .....   | 2          | 1          | 3          | 12         | 10         | 2          | 1          | 7          | 3          | 5          | 8          | 0          |  |
| Short .....        | 11         | 1          | 17         | 18         | 11         | 15         | 13         | 16         | 25         | 14         | 20         | 1          |  |
| Adequate.....      | 85         | 98         | 72         | 69         | 69         | 73         | 83         | 61         | 64         | 74         | 68         | 69         |  |
| Surplus.....       | 2          | 0          | 8          | 1          | 10         | 10         | 3          | 16         | 8          | 7          | 4          | 30         |  |

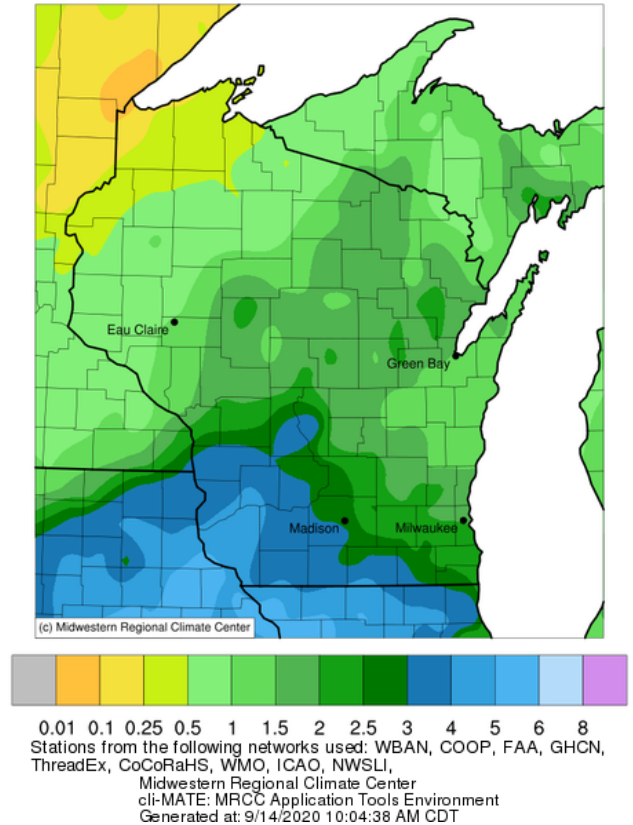
# Wisconsin Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending September 13, 2020

Maps from the Midwestern Regional Climate Center reflect data collected from 7:00 A.M. Central Time on September 7, 2020, through 7:00 A.M. Central Time on September 13, 2020.

**Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals**  
September 07, 2020 to September 13, 2020



**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
September 07, 2020 to September 13, 2020



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

National Weather Service data, courtesy of the Wisconsin State Climatology Office, is available at: <http://www.aos.wisc.edu/~sco/clim-watch/index.html>

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 September 13, 2020

| City       | Temperature |           |           |          |      |                         | Growing degree days (modified base 50) <sup>1</sup> |                           | Precipitation |              |                           |              |                         |
|------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|----------|------|-------------------------|---|---------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
|            | Avg. max.   | Avg. min. | High max. | Low min. | Avg. | Avg. dep. from normal * | Mar. 1 to Sep. 12                                   | Mar. 1 to Sep. 12 normal* | Last Week     | Since Sep. 1 | Sep. 1 dep. from normal * | Year to date | Year dep. from normal * |
| Eau Claire | 62          | 45        | 80        | 35       | 54   | -10                     | 2440  | 2440                      | 1.04          | 1.05         | -0.46                     | 22.75        | -0.92                   |
| Green Bay  | 65          | 47        | 77        | 37       | 56   | -6                      | 2350  | 2132                      | 1.63          | 1.78         | +0.58                     | 25.72        | +4.17                   |
| La Crosse  | 64          | 52        | 82        | 46       | 58   | -8                      | 2853  | 2695                      | 2.16          | 2.16         | +0.68                     | 24.17        | -1.29                   |
| Madison    | 62          | 51        | 78        | 46       | 56   | -7                      | 2514  | 2438                      | 3.00          | 3.21         | +1.88                     | 32.65        | +6.53                   |
| Milwaukee  | 67          | 56        | 81        | 51       | 62   | -4                      | 2640  | 2379                      | 0.13          | 0.29         | -0.93                     | 29.61        | +4.30                   |

<sup>1</sup>Formula 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. (NA)=not available. T=trace Source: NCEP/NOAA Climate Prediction Center <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>.

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