



# Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition

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Wisconsin had 4.1 **days suitable for fieldwork** for the week ending August 29, 2021, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Temperatures were above normal, with a band of heavy precipitation all the way from southeast Minnesota through Green Bay and Sheboygan, with some areas reporting over 5 inches. The weather system damaged some crops in the more severe areas. There is very mixed weather throughout the state, with some areas still suffering from drought while other areas are enduring excess precipitation. White mold is reported on soybeans in several counties. Field activities included oat, corn silage, and hay harvest. Some producers are planting winter wheat.

**Topsoil moisture** condition rated 7% very short, 10% short, 65% adequate and 18% surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 9% very short, 12% short, 64% adequate and 15% surplus.

**Corn** is reported 83% in the dough stage or beyond, 3 days behind last year but 6 days ahead of the 5-year average. Forty-six percent of corn is dented, 2 days ahead of last year and 5 days ahead of the average. Two percent of corn was mature. Corn condition was 78% good to excellent, three percentage points above last week.

**Soybeans** are reported 95% setting pods, 1 day behind last year but 6 days ahead of the average. Nineteen percent of the soybeans are coloring, 1 day ahead of last year and 6 days ahead of the average. Several areas reported some fields beginning to drop leaves, with an estimated 1% statewide. Soybean condition was 75% good to excellent, unchanged from last week.

**Oats** are 85% harvested, 7 days behind last year but 2 days ahead of the average.

**Potato** harvest is reported 27% complete. Potato condition is rated 92% good to excellent, even with last week.

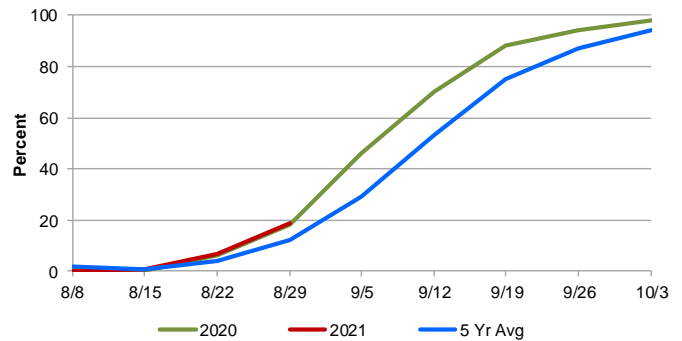
The third cutting of **alfalfa hay** is 88% complete, 4 days behind last year but 1 day ahead of average. The 4<sup>th</sup> cutting is 32% complete, 4 days ahead of last year and 2 days ahead of the average. **All hay** condition was rated 74% good to excellent, one percentage point better than last week.

**Pasture** condition was rated 61% good to excellent, the same as last week.

## Crop Condition as of August 29, 2021

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn.....	1	4	17	45	33
Hay, all.....	3	6	17	53	21
Pasture and range ....	5	11	23	42	19
Potatoes .....	0	2	6	64	28
Soybeans.....	2	4	19	50	25

## Soybeans Coloring - Wisconsin



## Crop Progress as of August 29, 2021

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 dough .....	70	45	71	84	72	88	93	93	96	83	74	87	76
Corn dented .....	17	7	20	53	51	46	54	51	75	46	23	42	35
Hay, alfalfa, third cutting .....	86	45	99	86	87	93	97	92	94	88	82	91	87
Hay, alfalfa, fourth cutting .....	18	7	60	23	29	30	43	43	45	32	20	20	28
Oats harvested for grain .....	88	49	91	97	88	86	99	92	94	85	75	93	83
Soybeans setting pods .....	95	99	96	96	98	93	99	92	94	95	89	96	92
Soybeans coloring .....	23	6	4	32	14	12	12	17	32	19	7	18	12

## Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of August 29, 2021

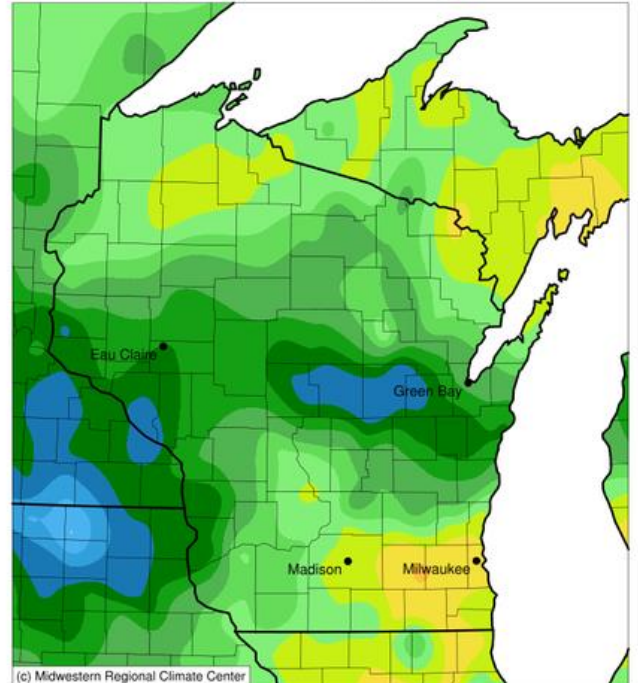
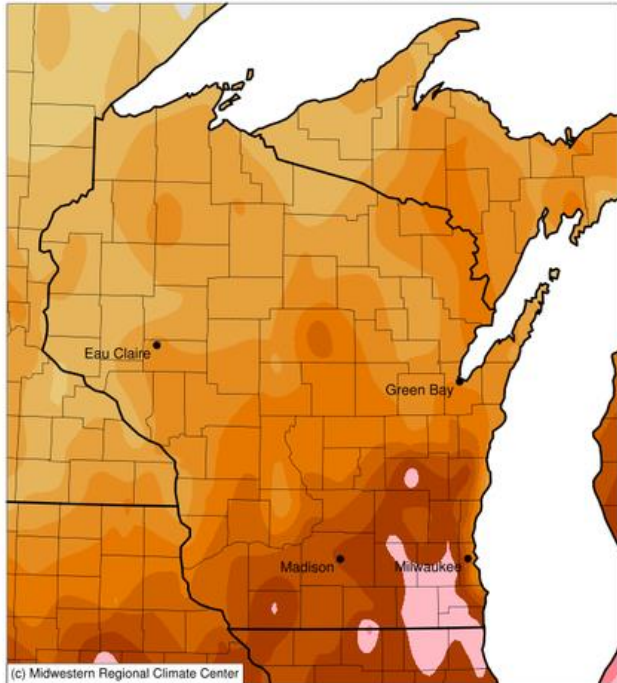
Item	Districts									State		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year
	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)
Days suitable .....	4.0	2.9	4.3	3.4	4.8	3.4	4.7	4.3	6.1	4.1	6.1	5.3
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture												
Very short .....	7	2	0	0	0	0	5	11	55	7	8	10
Short .....	15	2	2	10	2	0	14	24	18	10	18	19
Adequate .....	63	37	80	84	68	60	75	64	26	65	66	65
Surplus .....	15	59	18	6	30	40	6	1	1	18	8	6
Subsoil moisture												
Very short .....	15	3	0	1	0	0	18	11	56	9	10	8
Short .....	17	1	2	15	2	0	4	34	21	12	17	20
Adequate .....	66	55	76	80	68	61	71	54	22	64	67	68
Surplus .....	2	41	22	4	30	39	7	1	1	15	6	4

# Wisconsin Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending August 29, 2021

Maps from the Midwestern Regional Climate Center reflect data collected from 7:00 A.M. Central Time on August 23, 2021, through 7:00 A.M. Central Time on August 29, 2021.

**Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals**  
August 23, 2021 to August 29, 2021

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
August 23, 2021 to August 29, 2021



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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 August 29, 2021

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 August 28	March 1 to August 28 normal*	Last Week	Since June 1	June 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	81	61	86	48	71	+3	2,463	2,211	3.44	11.13	-0.95	17.56	-4.19
Green Bay	81	62	86	56	72	+5	2,318	1,921	2.18	16.06	+5.67	22.49	+2.46
La Crosse	83	65	90	53	74	+4	2,825	2,437	2.44	20.83	+8.25	30.02	+6.41
Madison	86	65	91	56	76	+8	2,515	2,202	0.81	9.37	-3.24	16.35	-8.01
Milwaukee	86	71	95	64	78	+8	2,578	2,121	0.18	4.17	-6.97	11.50	-12.26

<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. n.a.=not available. T=trace Source: NCEP/NOAA Climate Prediction Center <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>.

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