During the week ending July 11, 2021, there were 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork, according USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Field activities for the week included cutting hay.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 27% very short, 49% short, 24% adequate and 0% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated 26% very short, 50% short, 24% adequate and 0% surplus.

Corn silking reached 16%, one day behind last year but two days ahead of the average. Corn condition increased to 42% good to excellent, compared to the previous week’s 41%. Soybeans blooming reached 60%, one week ahead of average. Soybean setting pods was 11%, 5 days ahead of the average. Soybean condition improved to 45% good to excellent, compared to the previous week’s 44%.

Spring wheat coloring reached 54%, 10 days ahead of average. Spring wheat condition decreased to 28% good to excellent, compared to the previous week’s 35%.

Oats were 95% headed and 58% coloring. Oat condition declined to 28% good to excellent, compared to the previous week’s 32%. Barley was 97% headed and 59% coloring. Barley condition decreased to 31% good to excellent, compared to the previous week’s 36%.

Potatoes condition was 64% good to excellent. Dry beans were 50% blooming and 9% setting pods. Dry bean condition declined to 40% good to excellent, compared to the previous week’s 47%.

Sunflower condition was rated 45% good to excellent, compared to the previous week’s 59%. Sugarbeet condition was 70% good to excellent.

The second cutting of alfalfa hay was 58% complete. Hay condition remained at 18% good to excellent.

Pasture condition was 19% very poor, 32% poor, 38% fair, 11% good and 0% excellent.
Maps from the Midwestern Regional Climate Center reflect data collected from 7:00 A.M. Central Time on July 5, 2021, through 7:00 A.M. Central Time on July 11, 2021.

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

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