



Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition

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Wisconsin had **5.5 days suitable for fieldwork** for the week ending April 26, 2020, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Dry, clear, and cool weather this week allowed farmers to make great progress on spring fieldwork. Overnight lows were in the 30s or below for much of the state, with multiple frosts and freezes. Sunny and windy conditions during the day helped dry up surplus topsoil moisture. Farmers worked to bring in the last of the corn left standing over the winter, till fields, and apply fertilizer and manure. Planting took off, with small grains, alfalfa, potatoes, peas, corn, and soybeans all going in the ground. Hay stands were greening up, though it was still too early to judge the extent of winter freeze damage. Reporters across the state commented that planting progress was well ahead of this time last year.

Topsoil moisture condition was rated 0 percent very short, 4 percent short, 80 percent adequate and 16 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition was rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 79 percent adequate and 19 percent surplus.

Spring tillage was 34 percent complete statewide, 12 days ahead of last year and 5 days ahead of the 5-year average.

Corn planting was 11 percent complete, 13 days ahead of last year and 4 days ahead of the average.

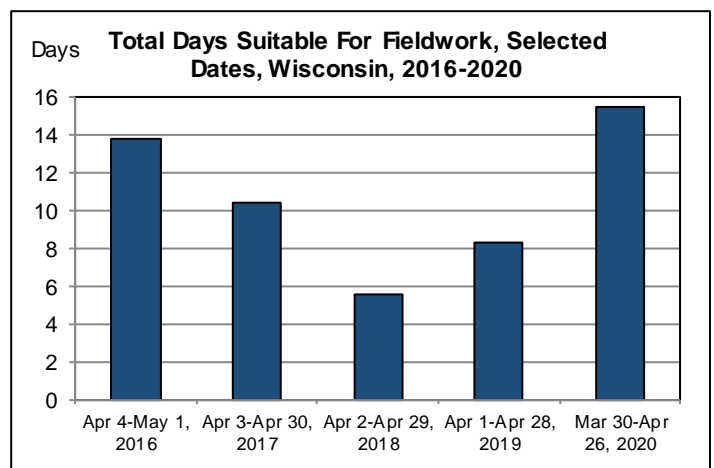
Soybean planting was 2 percent complete, 11 days ahead of last year and 5 days ahead of the average.

Oats planted were reported as 37 percent complete, 2 weeks ahead of last year and 4 days ahead of the average. Nine percent of the crop was emerged, a week ahead of last year and 2 days ahead of the average.

Potato planting was 31 percent complete, 6 days ahead of last year and 3 days ahead of the average.

Winter wheat was 59 percent in good to excellent condition statewide, up 7 percentage points from last week.

Pasture condition was rated 51 percent in good to excellent condition, 5 percentage points above last week.



Crop Condition as of April 26, 2020

Item	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Pasture.....	6	14	29	37	14
Winter wheat	4	6	31	47	12

Crop Progress as of April 26, 2020

Item	Districts										State			
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year	5-yr average	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	
Corn planted.....	5	0	0	8	4	7	13	22	22	11	1	3	5	
Oats planted.....	12	4	18	32	30	39	60	74	58	37	21	16	28	
Oats emerged.....	0	0	0	3	3	2	28	24	3	9	1	3	6	
Spring tillage	11	4	29	27	41	39	41	49	50	34	14	16	23	

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of April 26, 2020

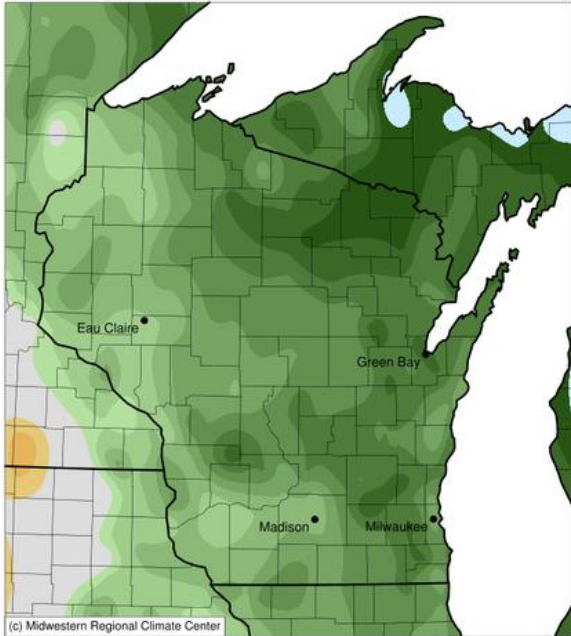
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	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year	
	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	
Days suitable.....	5.0	3.8	5.2	5.7	5.9	5.7	6.3	5.7	5.5	5.5	3.8	3.1	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	
Topsoil moisture													
Very Short	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Short	9	0	7	7	2	2	5	3	0	4	1	0	
Adequate.....	75	55	63	86	84	80	89	85	82	80	75	62	
Surplus.....	14	45	30	7	14	17	6	12	18	16	24	38	
Subsoil moisture													
Very Short	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Short	5	0	0	4	0	2	1	3	0	2	0	0	
Adequate.....	78	56	54	88	71	77	91	81	88	79	72	67	
Surplus.....	16	44	46	8	29	20	8	16	12	19	28	33	

Wisconsin Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending April 26, 2020

Maps from the Midwestern Regional Climate Center reflect data collected from 7:00 A.M. Central Time on April 20, 2020, through 7:00 A.M. Central Time on April 26, 2020.

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals

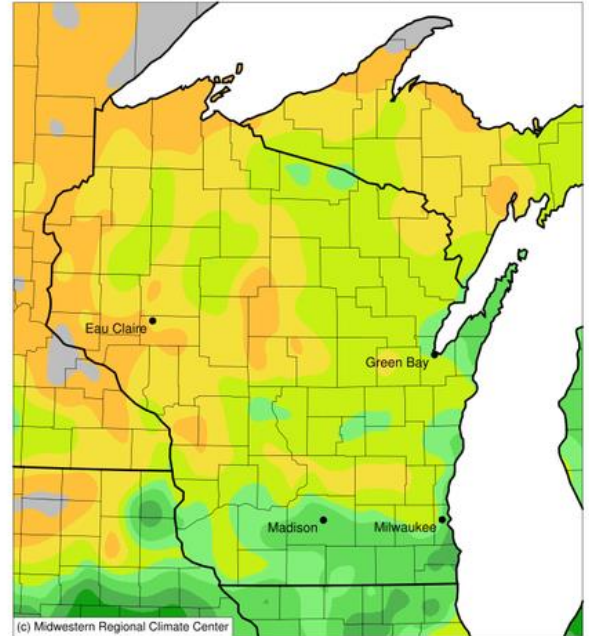
April 20, 2020 to April 26, 2020



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Accumulated Precipitation (in)

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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 April 26, 2020

City	Temperature						Growing degree days (modified base 50) ¹		Precipitation				
	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg. dep. from normal *	Mar. 1 to Apr. 25	Mar. 1 to Apr. 25 normal*	Last Week	Since Mar. 1	Mar. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	58	32	69	26	45	-4	94	139	0.07	3.07	-0.86	3.87	-1.90
Green Bay	50	33	60	29	41	-5	50	92	0.17	5.29	+1.25	7.81	+1.46
La Crosse	61	38	70	30	50	-2	129	165	0.05	4.23	-0.52	6.18	-0.84
Madison	56	36	63	29	46	-3	95	144	0.43	4.93	-0.04	7.74	0.00
Milwaukee	50	38	64	33	44	-4	79	110	0.38	4.67	-0.57	7.70	-1.05

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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