



# Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition

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Wisconsin had 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending August 16, 2020, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Precipitation interrupted fieldwork briefly in some areas this week; however, conditions remained ideal for haying and combining small grains as dry and mild weather persisted elsewhere. Daytime highs in the upper 80s helped dry soils as the week went on. Several reports noted rain is needed to stimulate crop development and pasture growth.

**Topsoil moisture** condition rated 6% very short, 22% short, 67% adequate and 5% surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 5% very short, 17% short, 73% adequate and 65% surplus.

**Corn** was 97% silked, over 4 weeks ahead of last year and 8 days ahead of the 5-year average. **Corn** at dough stage was 63%, sixteen days ahead of last year and 6 days ahead of the average. Corn condition rated 84% good to excellent statewide, 3 percentage points above last week.

**Soybeans** blooming was 96%, over 4 weeks ahead of last year and 8 days ahead of the average. Eighty-three percent of soybeans had set pods, 19 days ahead of last year and 2 days ahead of the average. Soybean condition rated 85% good to excellent statewide, 2 percentage points above last week.

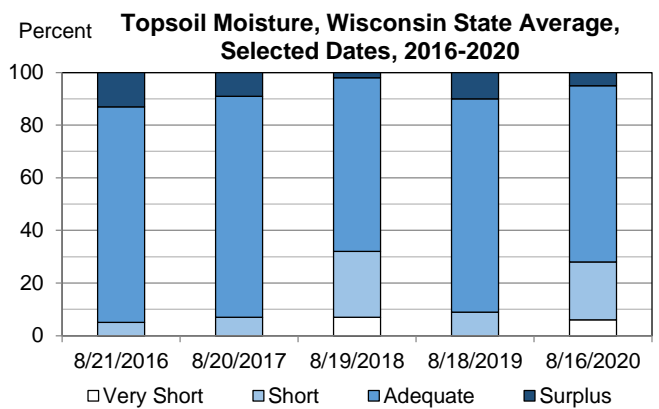
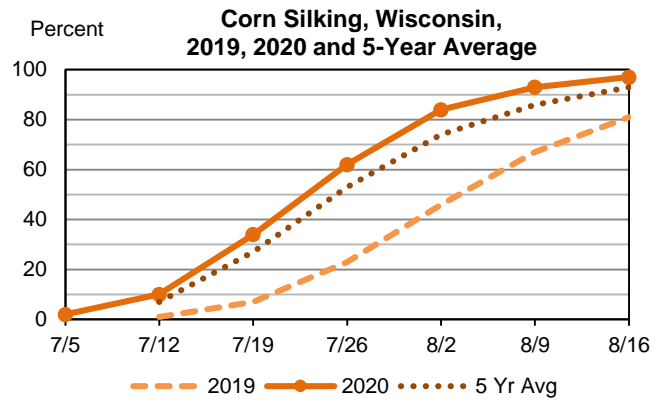
**Oats** harvested was 72% complete, 15 days ahead of last year and 5 days ahead of the average.

**Potato** harvest was reported as 20% complete, 17 days ahead of last year and 4 days ahead of the average. Potato condition rated 98% good to excellent statewide, up 8 percentage points from last week.

**Winter wheat** harvested for grain was 94% complete, 9 days ahead of last year and 2 days ahead of the average.

Third cutting of **alfalfa** was reported as 72% complete, 11 days ahead of last year and equal to the average. **All hay** condition rated 81% good to excellent statewide, up 3 percentage points from last week.

**Pasture** condition rated 68% good to excellent statewide, the same as last week.



### Crop Condition as of August 16, 2020

Item	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Corn .....	2	3	11	47	37
Hay, All .....	1	4	14	48	33
Pasture & range .....	2	6	24	43	25
Potatoes .....	0	1	1	81	17
Soybeans .....	2	3	10	46	39

### Crop Progress as of August 16, 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)	
Alfalfa hay, third cutting .....	68	52	97	67	55	79	77	80	80	72	55	53	72	
Corn silking .....	96	97	93	99	96	92	99	96	100	97	93	81	93	
Corn dough .....	44	45	49	66	65	48	78	73	61	63	38	26	46	
Corn dented .....	0	0	4	6	10	5	3	13	0	6	1	2	7	
Oats harvested .....	59	49	73	81	91	47	96	85	88	72	56	51	63	
Soybeans blooming .....	96	100	96	97	92	97	97	96	97	96	94	81	92	
Soybeans setting pods .....	78	100	75	84	80	79	84	87	76	83	73	60	80	
Winter wheat harvested .....	54	73	99	85	93	92	93	97	99	94	83	81	92	

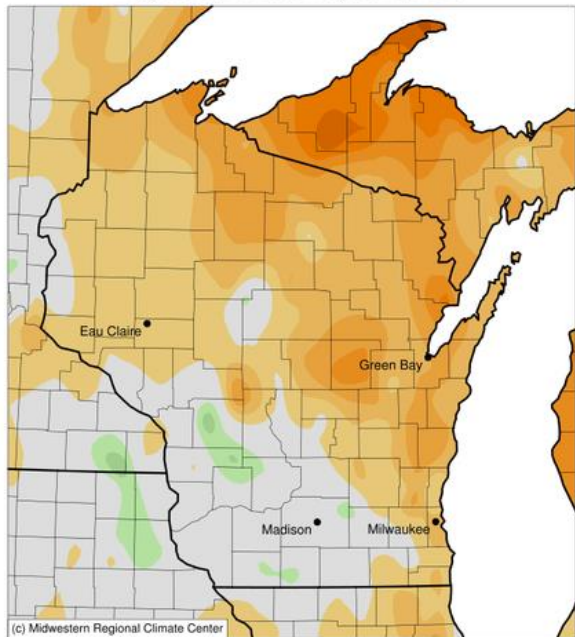
### Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of August 16, 2020

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 .....	5.0	6.4	6.0	5.7	5.3	5.7	6.0	5.7	5.8	5.7	6.1	4.9	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	
<b>Topsoil moisture</b>													
Very Short .....	4	0	2	3	16	7	9	6	0	6	6	0	
Short .....	10	6	18	25	32	28	22	24	22	22	18	9	
Adequate .....	78	87	80	70	52	54	69	66	66	67	71	81	
Surplus .....	8	7	0	2	0	11	0	4	12	5	5	10	
<b>Subsoil moisture</b>													
Very Short .....	2	0	3	0	12	5	10	6	0	5	4	0	
Short .....	11	7	7	11	32	25	13	21	24	17	15	5	
Adequate .....	81	86	88	88	55	58	76	68	71	73	75	80	
Surplus .....	6	6	2	1	1	12	1	5	5	5	6	15	

# Wisconsin Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending August 16, 2020

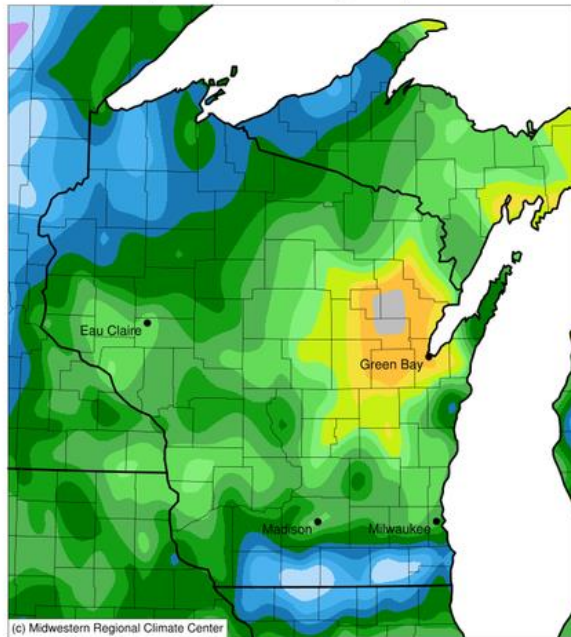
Maps from the Midwestern Regional Climate Center reflect data collected from 7:00 A.M. Central Time on August 10, 2020, through 7:00 A.M. Central Time on August 16, 2020.

**Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals**  
August 10, 2020 to August 16, 2020



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**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
August 10, 2020 to August 16, 2020



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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 16, 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 Aug. 15	Mar. 1 to Aug. 15 normal*	Last Week	Since Jun. 1	Jun. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	83	60	89	54	72	1	1993	1971	0.24	10.16	-0.10	19.44	-0.49
Green Bay	85	59	87	55	72	4	1896	1702	0.04	8.37	-0.67	22.41	+3.71
La Crosse	86	63	90	58	74	2	2325	2172	0.97	9.35	-1.47	19.11	-2.73
Madison	82	59	86	55	71	1	2051	1960	0.63	13.73	+2.88	27.65	+5.04
Milwaukee	83	66	86	62	75	4	2081	1860	0.65	12.76	+3.23	28.73	+6.61

<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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