



Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition

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Wisconsin had 3.4 **days suitable for fieldwork** for the week ending April 11, 2021, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Some fieldwork was accomplished early in this week before cooler air and slow, soaking rains moved through the state. Over an inch of precipitation total fell over multiple days of rain, helping to increase soil moisture. Temperatures were well above normal again, with daytime highs ranging from the 50s to low 80s. Tillage, manure and fertilizer applications were underway in many areas. Some farmers were planting small grains, potatoes and alfalfa. Pasture and overwintered crops were greening up. Reporters commented that there was very little winterkill visible at this time. Fruit trees were beginning to bud.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 3% very short, 15% short, 66% adequate and 16% surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 3% very short, 13% short, 71% adequate and 13% surplus.

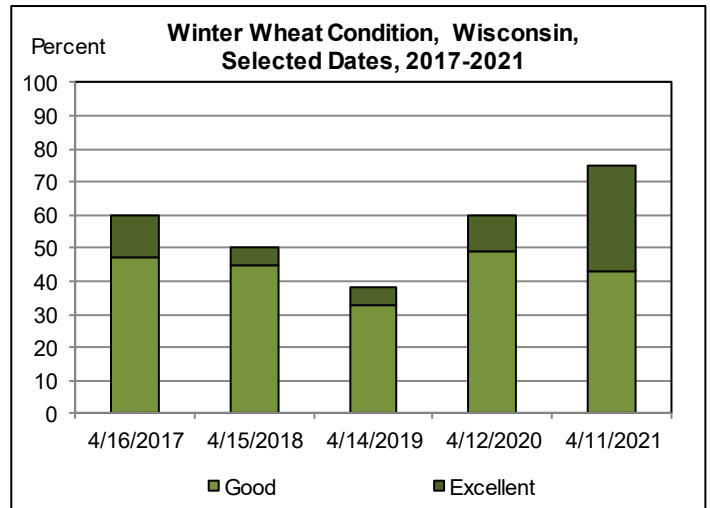
Nineteen percent of **oats** are planted, 7 days ahead of last year and 12 days ahead of the 5-year average.

Potatoes are 6% planted, 7 days ahead of both last year and the average.

Spring tillage was reported as 20% complete, 10 days ahead of last year and 13 days ahead of the average.

Winter wheat condition was rated 75% good to excellent statewide, up 6 percentage points from last week.

Pasture conditions was rated 58% good to excellent.



Crop Condition as of April 11, 2021

| Item | Very poor (percent) | Poor (percent) | Fair (percent) | Good (percent) | Excellent (percent) |
|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Pasture..... | 5 | 8 | 29 | 43 | 15 |
| Winter wheat..... | 1 | 2 | 28 | 48 | 21 |

Crop Progress as of April 11, 2021

| 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) | |
| Oats planted | 3 | 3 | 3 | 22 | 10 | 12 | 35 | 42 | 47 | 19 | 4 | 8 | 5 | |
| Spring tillage..... | 7 | 5 | 15 | 19 | 17 | 19 | 26 | 30 | 30 | 20 | 8 | 6 | 3 | |

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of April 11, 2021

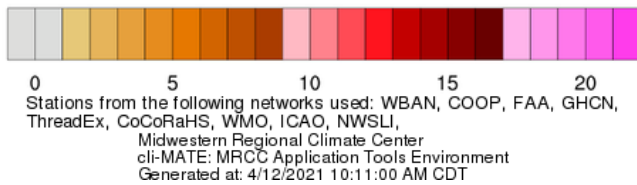
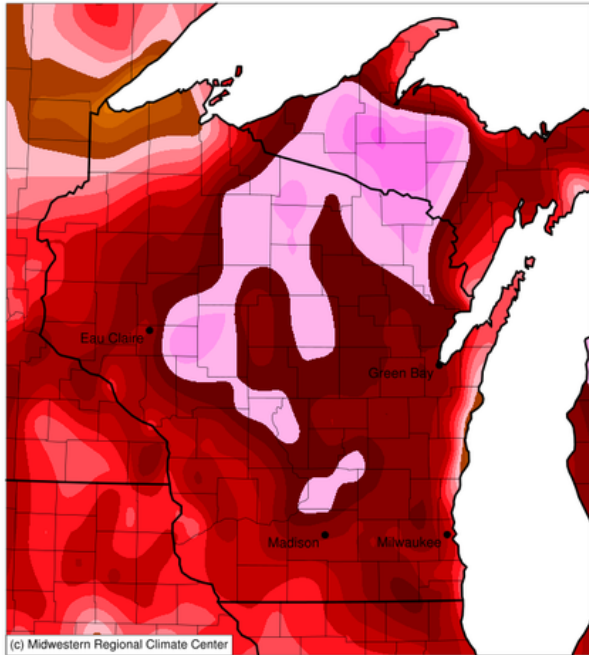
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| | NW | NC | NE | WC | C | EC | SW | SC | SE | This week | Last week | Last year | |
| | (days) (percent) | (days) (percent) | (days) (percent) | (days) (percent) | (days) (percent) | (days) (percent) | (days) (percent) | (days) (percent) | (days) (percent) | (days) (percent) | (days) (percent) | (days) (percent) | |
| Days suitable | 2.6 (percent) | 1.1 (percent) | 2.5 (percent) | 3.6 (percent) | 3.6 (percent) | 3.8 (percent) | 3.9 (percent) | 3.9 (percent) | 3.7 (percent) | 3.4 (percent) | 4.7 (percent) | 3.5 (percent) | |
| Topsoil moisture | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Very Short..... | 1 | 0 | 3 | 12 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 0 | |
| Short..... | 7 | 0 | 9 | 29 | 14 | 18 | 13 | 9 | 29 | 15 | 25 | 1 | |
| Adequate..... | 51 | 73 | 52 | 47 | 57 | 68 | 85 | 82 | 64 | 66 | 64 | 70 | |
| Surplus..... | 41 | 27 | 36 | 12 | 22 | 14 | 1 | 8 | 7 | 16 | 4 | 29 | |
| Subsoil moisture | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Very Short..... | 2 | 0 | 3 | 11 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 0 | |
| Short..... | 9 | 0 | 9 | 29 | 13 | 11 | 4 | 9 | 37 | 13 | 18 | 0 | |
| Adequate..... | 63 | 68 | 51 | 53 | 61 | 76 | 94 | 86 | 55 | 71 | 71 | 72 | |
| Surplus..... | 26 | 32 | 37 | 7 | 19 | 13 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 13 | 6 | 28 | |

(NA) Not available.

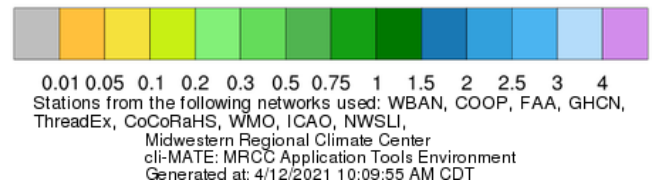
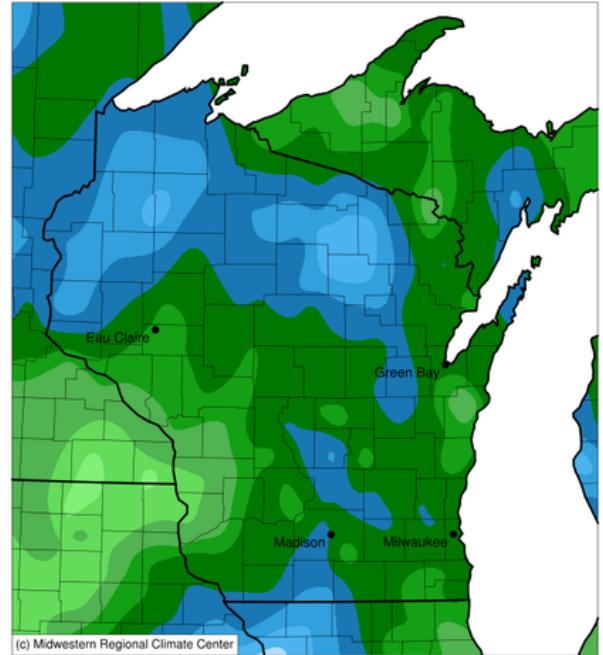
Wisconsin Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending April 11, 2021

Maps from the Midwestern Regional Climate Center reflect data collected from 7:00 A.M. Central Time on April 5, 2021, through 7:00 A.M. Central Time on April 11, 2021.

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals
April 05, 2021 to April 11, 2021



Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 05, 2021 to April 11, 2021



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 11, 2021

| 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. 10 | Mar. 1 to Apr. 10 normal* | Last Week | Since Mar. 1 | Mar. 1 dep. from normal * | Year to date | Year dep. from normal * |
| Eau Claire | 70 | 45 | 85 | 36 | 58 | +16 | 161 | 57 | 1.09 | 1.94 | -0.58 | 2.59 | -1.70 |
| Green Bay | 68 | 46 | 79 | 32 | 57 | +17 | 124 | 35 | 0.65 | 1.89 | -0.76 | 3.33 | -1.58 |
| La Crosse | 71 | 52 | 82 | 40 | 62 | +17 | 192 | 75 | 0.74 | 2.25 | -0.74 | 3.78 | -1.41 |
| Madison | 69 | 49 | 79 | 34 | 59 | +16 | 147 | 68 | 1.11 | 2.53 | -0.71 | 4.46 | -1.45 |
| Milwaukee | 68 | 49 | 81 | 41 | 59 | +16 | 150 | 55 | 0.89 | 1.72 | -1.71 | 4.88 | -1.95 |

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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