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Wisconsin had 4.4 **days suitable for fieldwork** for the week ending May 14, 2023, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Warmer and drier conditions have allowed for greatly increased fieldwork statewide, although some fields were still too wet for large equipment.

**Topsoil moisture** condition rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 79 percent adequate and 19 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 78 percent adequate and 20 percent surplus.

**Spring tillage** was reported as 59 percent complete, 2 days ahead of last year but 3 days behind the 5-year average.

**Corn** planting was 33 percent complete, 1 day ahead of last year but 4 days behind the average. Five percent of the corn crop has emerged, 2 days ahead of last year but 3 days behind average.

**Soybean** planting was 24 percent complete, similar to last year but 2 days behind average.

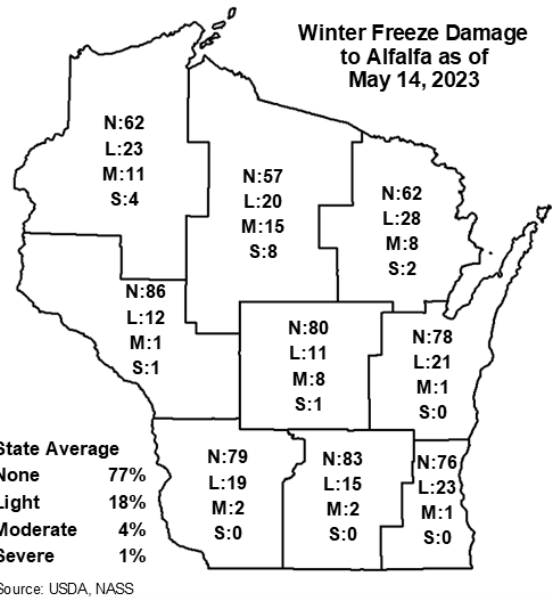
Fifty-four percent of the expected **oat** crop has been planted, 1 day ahead of last year but 4 days behind the average. Twenty-five percent of the oat crop has emerged, 3 days ahead of last year but 4 days behind the average.

**Potato** planting was reported as 62 percent complete, 2 days behind last year and 2 days behind the average.

**Winter wheat** condition was rated 82 percent good to excellent statewide, up 10 percent from last week.

**All hay** condition was reported 76 percent good to excellent statewide, up 15 percent from last week.

**Pasture** condition was rated 62 good to excellent statewide, up 11 percent from last week.



### Crop Condition as of May 14, 2023

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Hay, all .....	1	5	18	51	25
Pasture and range .	1	7	30	47	15
Wheat, winter .....	0	2	16	62	20

### Crop Progress as of May 14, 2023

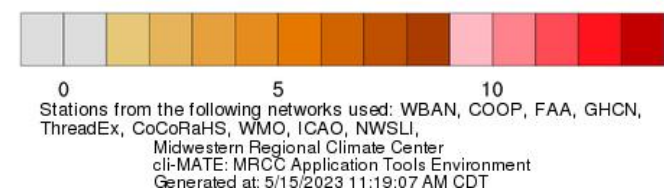
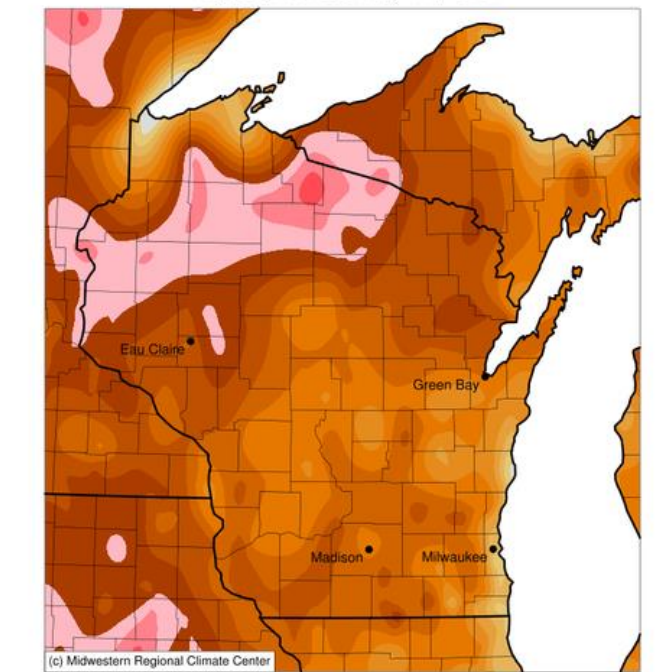
Item	Districts									State			
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn planted .....	30	7	8	29	15	9	59	49	61	33	14	30	45
Corn emerged .....	1	0	0	4	0	0	14	4	15	5	0	3	8
Oats planted .....	40	12	32	58	39	44	88	83	79	54	38	51	63
Oats emerged .....	4	0	6	22	11	19	52	55	54	25	14	18	34
Soybeans planted .....	21	6	6	18	7	6	44	39	41	24	11	23	30
Spring tillage .....	56	15	25	70	48	36	81	82	86	59	40	53	65

The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at [www.nass.usda.gov/Publications](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications).

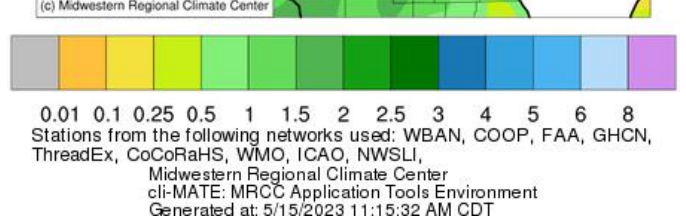
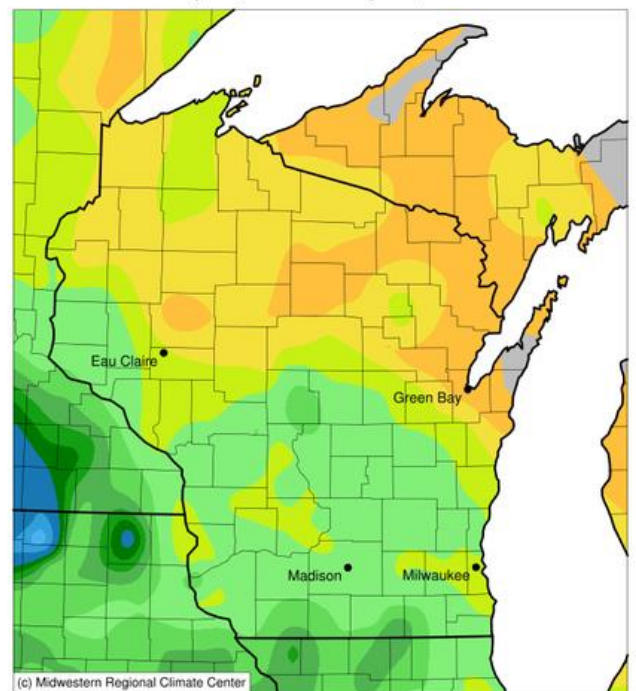
## Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of May 14, 2023

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 .....	5.5	3.9	3.3	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.9	4.3	5.4	4.4	4.2	5.6
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture												
Very short .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	2
Short .....	1	0	4	0	0	0	4	3	7	2	3	11
Adequate .....	74	86	73	81	65	72	84	85	88	79	69	74
Surplus .....	25	14	23	19	35	28	10	12	4	19	28	13
Subsoil moisture												
Very short .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	2
Short .....	1	0	4	0	0	2	4	3	6	2	2	11
Adequate .....	81	85	65	82	56	69	86	84	86	78	71	77
Surplus .....	18	15	31	18	44	29	8	13	6	20	27	10

**Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals**  
May 08, 2023 to May 14, 2023



**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
May 08, 2023 to May 14, 2023



## Weather Information: Week Ending May 14, 2023

District and State	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days <sup>1</sup>	
	Average	Departure from Normal <sup>2</sup>	Total	Departure from Normal <sup>2</sup>	Since April 1	Departure from Normal <sup>2</sup>
Northwest .....	61.6	8.3	0.35	-0.45	142	61
North Central .....	59.9	7.7	0.15	-0.51	130	61
Northeast .....	59.4	6.9	0.13	-0.49	136	66
West Central .....	62.3	5.8	0.67	-0.12	206	73
Central .....	60.0	4.3	0.59	-0.13	189	70
East Central .....	58.4	4.2	0.31	-0.36	157	63
Southwest .....	61.6	4.5	0.65	-0.18	215	66
South Central .....	60.7	3.7	0.78	-0.03	208	62
Southeast .....	59.3	3.4	0.62	-0.16	196	64
Wisconsin .....	60.5	6.0	0.43	-0.31	169	65

<sup>1</sup> Base 50° F.

<sup>2</sup> Normal based on 1991-2020 data.