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Wisconsin had 4.2 **days suitable for fieldwork** for the week ending October 15, 2023, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Much of the state received rain late in the week slowing fieldwork. Fieldwork included harvesting corn and soybeans, planting winter wheat, and tilling fields.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 8 percent very short, 22 percent short, 66 percent adequate and 4 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 16 percent very short, 31 percent short, 52 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus.

Ninety-seven percent of the **corn** crop was dented. Eighty-six percent of the corn crop was mature, 5 days behind last year but 1 day ahead of the five-year average. The corn for grain harvest was 14 percent complete. Moisture content of corn harvested for grain was 23 percent. Corn condition was 50 percent good to excellent, down 1 percent from last week. Corn for silage harvest was 93 percent complete, 6 days ahead of last year and 8 days ahead of the average.

Ninety-five percent of **soybeans** are dropping leaves. The soybean harvest was 54 percent complete, 4 days ahead of the average. Soybean condition was 48 percent good to excellent, down 1 percent from last week last week.

Seventy-four percent of the **winter wheat** crop has been planted, 7 days behind last year but 2 days ahead of average. Forty-nine percent of the winter wheat crop has emerged.

Ninety percent of the **potato** crop has been harvested, equal to last year but 3 days ahead of the average.

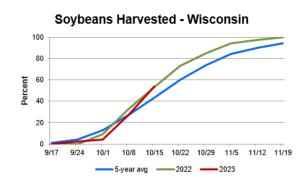
The fourth cutting of alfalfa was 97 percent complete.

Pasture condition was rated 30 good to excellent statewide, down 2 percent from last week.

Fall tillage was 21 percent complete, 10 days behind last year and 4 days behind the average.

Crop Condition as of October 15, 2023

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	
CornPasture and range . Soybeans	3 10 4	15 22 13	32 38 35	39 28 38	11 2 10	



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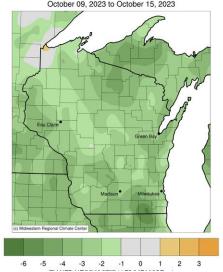
	Districts									State			
Item	NW	NC	NE	WC	С	EC	SW	sc	SE	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)										
Corn dented	97	94	100	100	98	97	99	94	100	97	95	100	97
Corn mature	86	76	87	87	89	72	97	88	88	86	76	91	85
Corn harvested for grain	17	9	10	13	14	6	13	22	13	14	9	13	18
Corn harvested for silage	94	74	95	94	93	94	100	98	100	93	83	87	86
Fall tillage	21	15	18	16	29	21	19	31	9	21	15	33	25
Soybeans dropping leaves		96	96	93	90	92	96	97	94	95	86	96	93
Soybeans harvested	54	40	41	55	31	56	60	62	56	54	27	53	43
Wheat, winter, planted	96	84	73	89	77	79	86	64	56	74	62	82	71
Wheat, winter, emerged	76	50	48	61	65	51	53	42	29	49	38	55	50

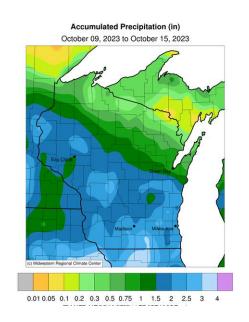
The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of October 15, 2023

	Districts								State			
Item	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year
	(days)	(days)										
Days suitable	3.9	4.0	4.8	4.7	4.9	5.1	3.5	3.5	4.0	4.2	5.9	4.7
	(percent)	(percent)										
Topsoil moisture												
Very short	0	0	7	7	23	4	3	16	7	8	11	4
Short	5	4	19	20	17	39	24	26	23	22	31	20
Adequate	80	92	71	69	54	57	71	58	61	66	57	72
Surplus	15	4	3	4	6	0	2	0	9	4	1	4
Subsoil moisture												
Very short	1	7	12	17	18	14	20	26	10	16	18	2
Short	24	9	26	31	30	29	47	35	41	31	39	19
Adequate	71	82	61	50	52	57	33	39	49	52	43	75
Surplus	4	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4







Weather Information: Week Ending October 15, 2023

District and State	Tempe	rature	Precip	itation	Growing Degree Days 1			
	Average	Departure from Normal ²	Total	Departure from Normal ²	Since April 1	Departure from Normal ²		
Northwest	45.2	-1.6	1.47	0.90	2,331	334		
North Central	43.2	-2.4	0.90	0.36	2,085	220		
Northeast	44.4	- 2.1	0.75	0.25	2,186	260		
West Central	47.3	-2.0	1.69	1.23	2,800	325		
Central	47.2	-1.9	1.80	1.34	2,646	275		
East Central	47.4	-2.3	1.57	1.14	2,488	191		
Southwest	47.9	-2.5	1.99	1.55	2,841	263		
South Central	48.3	-2.4	2.31	1.89	2,800	209		
Southeast	49.2	-2.1	2.28	1.86	2,739	158		
Wisconsin	46.1	-2.1	1.52	1.03	2,485	261		

¹ Base 50° F. ² Normal based on 1991-2020 data.