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Wisconsin Ag News – Crop Progress & Condition



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Wisconsin had 0.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending April 7, 2024 according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Snow and rain occurred throughout much of the state delaying field activities but replenishing soil moisture. Limited spring tillage happened when farmers were able to access fields. There were some reports of alfalfa starting to grow.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 7 percent very short, 13 percent short, 62 percent adequate and 18 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture condition rated 9 percent very short, 22 percent short, 59 percent adequate and 10 percent surplus.

Oat planting progress was 4 percent complete.

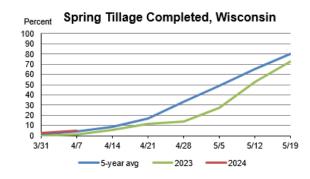
Spring tillage was 5 percent complete, 6 days ahead of last year and 2 days ahead of the 5-year average.

Pasture and range condition was 16 percent very poor, 14 percent poor, 45 percent fair, 21 percent good and 4 percent excellent.

Winter wheat condition was 1 percent very poor, 3 percent poor, 24 percent fair, 61 percent good and 11 percent excellent.

Crop Condition as of April 7, 2024

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	
Pasture and range . Wheat, winter	16 1	14 3	45 24	21 61	4 11	



Crop Progress as of April 7, 2024

	Districts									State			
Item	NW	NC	NE	WC	С	EC	SW	sc	SE	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)										
Spring tillage	4	1	4	4	3	2	15	5	3	5	3	1	4

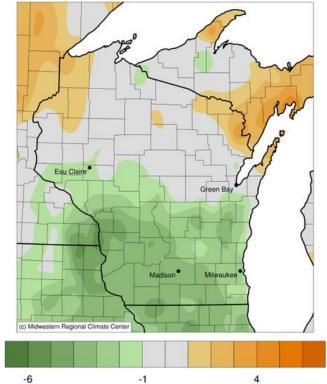
The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of April 7, 2024

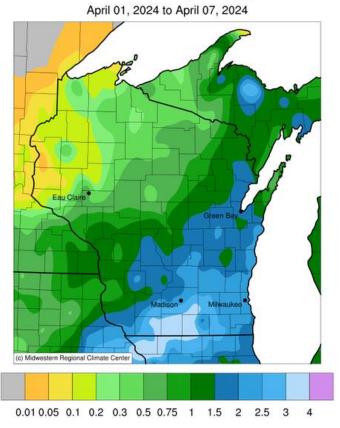
	Districts								State			
Item	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year
	(days)	(days)										
Days suitable	0.8	0.2	0.5	1.9	1.0	0.6	0.7	0.1	0.2	0.7	1.2	1.2
	(percent)	(percent)										
Topsoil moisture												
Very short	3	6	1	9	5	9	10	8	0	7	8	0
Short	30	10	7	22	24	6	4	10	0	13	19	0
Adequate	52	80	70	59	40	69	75	62	39	62	62	59
Surplus	15	4	22	10	31	16	11	20	61	18	11	41
Subsoil moisture												
Very short	10	6	6	9	8	13	12	8	0	9	11	0
Short	39	17	28	42	27	14	17	12	0	22	28	1
Adequate	46	76	56	39	42	60	70	72	67	59	55	62
Surplus	5	1	10	10	23	13	1	8	33	10	6	37

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals

April 01, 2024 to April 07, 2024



Accumulated Precipitation (in)



Weather Information: Week Ending April 7, 2024

District and State	Tempe	erature	Precip	itation	Growing Degree Days 1			
	Average	Departure from Normal ²	Total	Departure from Normal ²	Since April 1	Departure from Normal ²		
Northwest	37.2	1.6	0.19	-0.24	0	-2		
North Central	35.4	1.0	0.50	-0.04	0	-2		
Northeast	37.2	1.9	1.20	0.63	0	-2		
West Central	38.4	-1.2	0.59	0.04	0	-5		
Central	37.6	-1.3	1.42	0.73	0	-4		
East Central	37.8	-0.7	1.78	1.11	0	-3		
Southwest	38.2	-2.9	1.63	0.94	0	-6		
South Central	38.4	-2.8	2.53	1.86	0	-6		
Southeast	38.6	-2.3	2.31	1.67	0	-6		
Wisconsin	37.4	-0.3	1.10	0.52	0	-4		

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