



Wisconsin Ag News – Crop Progress & Condition

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Wisconsin had **3.5 days suitable for fieldwork** statewide for the week ending September 20, 2026, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Heavy rains slowed field work and left water standing in some fields.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 5 percent very short, 21 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 7 percent very short, 24 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus.

Corn in the dent stage reached 85 percent compared to the 5-year average of 83 percent. Thirty-eight percent of the corn crop was mature. Corn for silage harvest was 54 percent complete compared to the average of 42 percent. Corn condition was 61 percent good to excellent, unchanged from last week.

Forty-nine percent of **soybeans** were dropping leaves compared to the average of 45 percent. Soybean condition was 58 percent good to excellent, down 1 percentage point from last week.

Winter wheat planting was 27 percent complete compared to the average of 30 percent. Winter wheat was 9 percent emerged.

Pasture and range condition was 42 percent good to excellent, down 1 percentage point from last week.

Crop Progress and Condition charts can be found at https://www.nass.usda.gov/Charts_and_Maps/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2026/WI_2026.pdf

Crop Condition as of September 20, 2026

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	4	10	25	51	10
Pasture and range	4	16	38	38	4
Soybeans	5	11	26	48	10

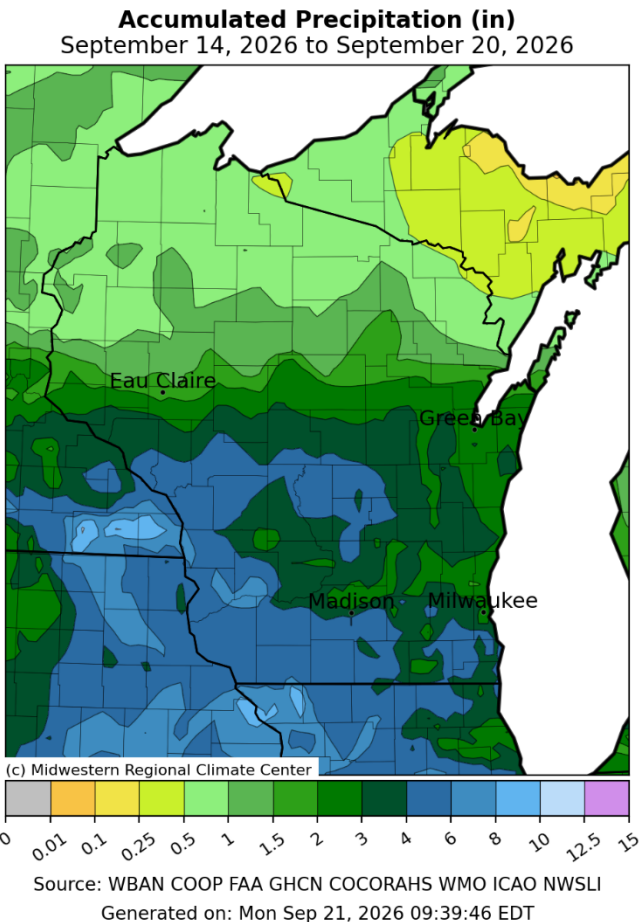
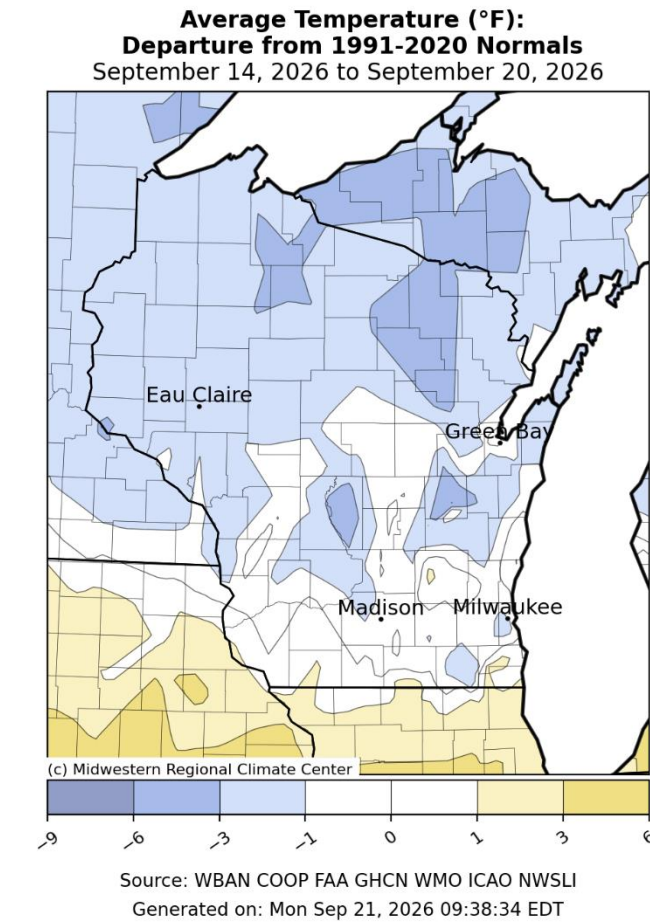
Crop Progress as of September 20, 2026

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 dented	86	59	75	90	77	85	91	89	87	85	73	81	83
Corn mature	37	21	20	47	38	36	44	39	37	38	26	26	33
Corn harvested for silage	62	32	44	58	53	54	65	63	59	54	32	38	42
Soybeans dropping leaves	63	39	40	56	40	43	50	52	43	49	27	42	45
Wheat, winter, planted	52	37	31	40	32	31	15	23	10	27	17	27	30
Wheat, winter, emerged	24	10	12	19	9	13	4	3	2	9	1	9	12

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 September 20, 2026

Item	Districts									State			
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year	
Days suitable	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	
	4.8	3.1	3.5	3.4	4.1	4.0	3.3	2.8	3.0	3.5	5.8	5.7	
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	
	Very short	12	13	8	6	4	6	1	0	0	5	12	4
Short	33	29	21	19	16	26	22	12	13	21	29	17	
Adequate	52	53	60	62	71	56	66	74	65	63	58	76	
Surplus	3	5	11	13	9	12	11	14	22	11	1	3	
Subsoil moisture	Very short	12	11	7	7	8	7	5	4	3	7	10	3
	Short	31	25	30	22	16	33	20	20	31	24	27	16
Adequate	57	64	57	65	72	52	69	66	51	63	62	77	
Surplus	0	0	6	6	4	8	6	10	15	6	1	4	



Temperature and Precipitation Maps, courtesy of the Midwestern Regional Climate Center, are available at: <https://mrcc.purdue.edu/newclimate/home>

Additional soil moisture data are available at: <https://cloud.csiss.gmu.edu/Crop-CASMA/>