



Wisconsin Ag News – Crop Progress & Condition

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Wisconsin had **5.2 days suitable for fieldwork** statewide for the week ending September 27, 2026, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. A mostly dry week allowed farmers to make good progress on harvesting silage and seeding winter wheat and cover crops.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 6 percent very short, 21 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 10 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 92 percent. Fifty-four percent of the corn crop was mature compared to the 5-year average of 52 percent. Corn for silage harvest was 75 percent complete compared to the average of 62 percent. Corn condition was 59 percent good to excellent, down 2 percentage points from last week.

Seventy percent of **soybeans** were dropping leaves compared to the average of 69 percent. Soybeans were 5 percent harvested. Soybean condition was 57 percent good to excellent, down 1 percentage point from last week.

Winter wheat planting was 38 percent complete compared to the average of 43 percent. Winter wheat was 18 percent emerged.

Pasture and range condition was 42 percent good to excellent, unchanged 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 27, 2026

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	4	11	26	49	10
Pasture and range	5	16	37	37	5
Soybeans	5	12	26	47	10

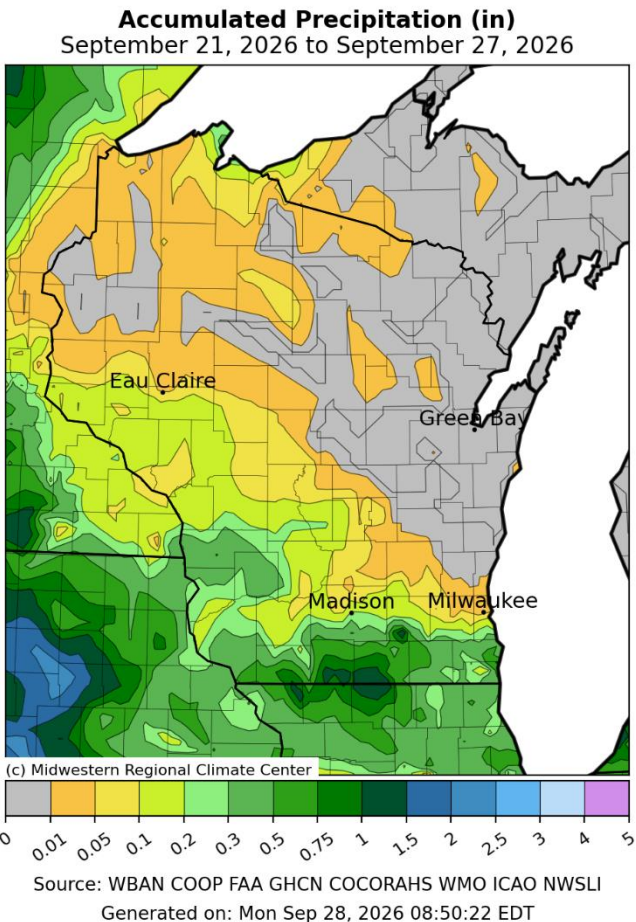
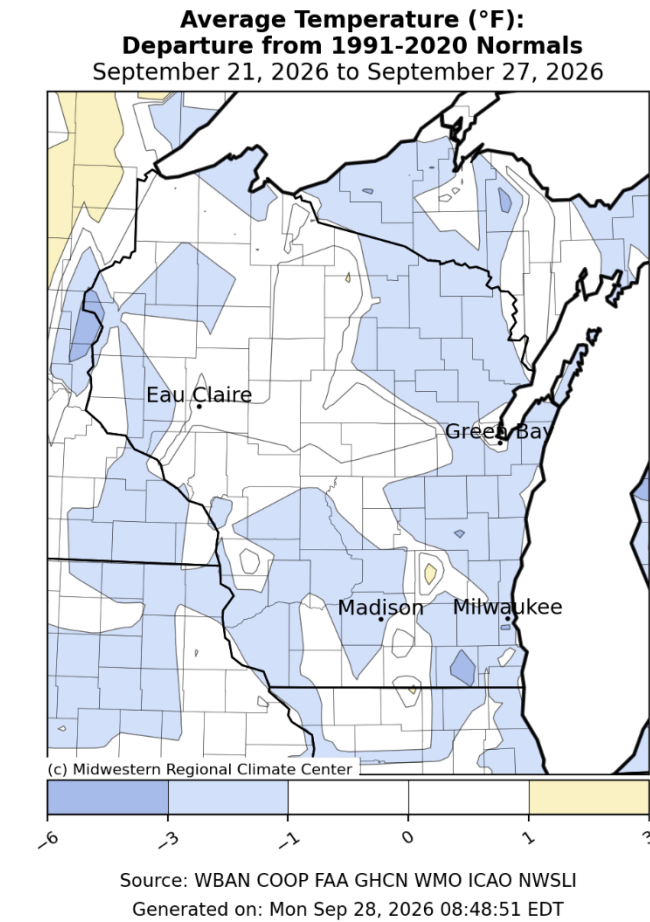
Crop Progress as of September 27, 2026

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	96	70	87	94	88	93	95	93	95	92	85	91	91
Corn mature	56	35	39	64	48	47	59	59	53	54	38	46	52
Corn harvested for silage	84	53	65	72	75	77	82	84	79	75	54	62	62
Soybeans dropping leaves	85	62	68	75	63	66	69	71	65	70	49	67	69
Soybeans harvested	11	2	4	9	4	6	5	1	2	5	0	5	10
Wheat, winter, planted	65	55	46	51	47	41	33	31	19	38	27	41	43
Wheat, winter, emerged	36	31	25	34	19	20	12	16	6	18	9	19	22

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 27, 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)	
	6.5	6.7	6.6	5.1	6.3	5.0	4.1	4.5	4.3	5.2	3.5	6.1	
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	
	Very short	14	15	9	6	5	6	1	1	0	6	5	6
Short	35	33	23	20	18	22	22	11	12	21	21	18	
Adequate	50	50	58	63	70	59	68	74	69	63	63	74	
Surplus	1	2	10	11	7	13	9	14	19	10	11	2	
Subsoil moisture	Very short	14	15	9	8	9	7	2	3	1	7	7	5
	Short	32	24	31	23	18	32	19	17	28	24	24	18
Adequate	54	61	55	63	71	54	73	69	58	63	63	73	
Surplus	0	0	5	6	2	7	6	11	13	6	6	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/>