



Wisconsin Ag News – Crop Progress & Condition

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Wisconsin had 4.3 **days suitable for fieldwork** statewide for the week ending October 4, 2026, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Rain delayed fieldwork, especially across much of southern Wisconsin.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 5 percent very short, 15 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 13 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 6 percent very short, 18 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus.

Seventy-two percent of the **corn** crop was mature compared to the 5-year average of 70 percent. Corn for grain harvest was 8 percent complete. Corn for silage harvest was 87 percent complete compared to the average of 77 percent. Corn condition was 59 percent good to excellent, unchanged from last week.

Eighty-eight percent of **soybeans** were dropping leaves compared to the average of 85 percent. Soybeans were 11 percent harvested compared to the average of 27 percent. Soybean condition was 58 percent good to excellent, up 1 percentage point from last week.

Winter wheat planting was 48 percent complete compared to the average of 58 percent. Winter wheat was 24 percent emerged.

Pasture and range condition was 40 percent good to excellent, down 2 percentage points 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

Special Note

Due to a lapse in federal funding in October and November 2025, the Crop Progress reports for the weeks ending October 5, 2025, through November 9, 2025, were canceled. Therefore, previous year estimates for the corresponding weeks will not be available. Five-year average estimates will reflect the years 2021-2025 using published estimates for 2021-2024 and imputed estimates for 2025.

Crop Condition as of October 4, 2026

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	5	10	26	50	9
Pasture and range	6	15	39	34	6
Soybeans	4	11	27	48	10

Crop Progress as of October 4, 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	98	78	91	96	99	97	97	95	98	95	92	(NA)	96
Corn mature	89	47	58	80	62	68	74	76	64	72	54	(NA)	70
Corn harvested for grain	15	5	2	11	7	7	7	6	3	8	4	(NA)	9
Corn harvested for silage	98	75	91	79	82	91	87	93	88	87	75	(NA)	77
Soybeans dropping leaves	97	86	95	91	93	83	83	87	81	88	70	(NA)	85
Soybeans harvested	19	10	13	19	7	15	7	5	4	11	5	(NA)	27
Wheat, winter, planted	78	80	65	63	65	51	40	36	23	48	38	(NA)	58
Wheat, winter, emerged	46	42	40	46	27	24	24	20	11	24	18	(NA)	33

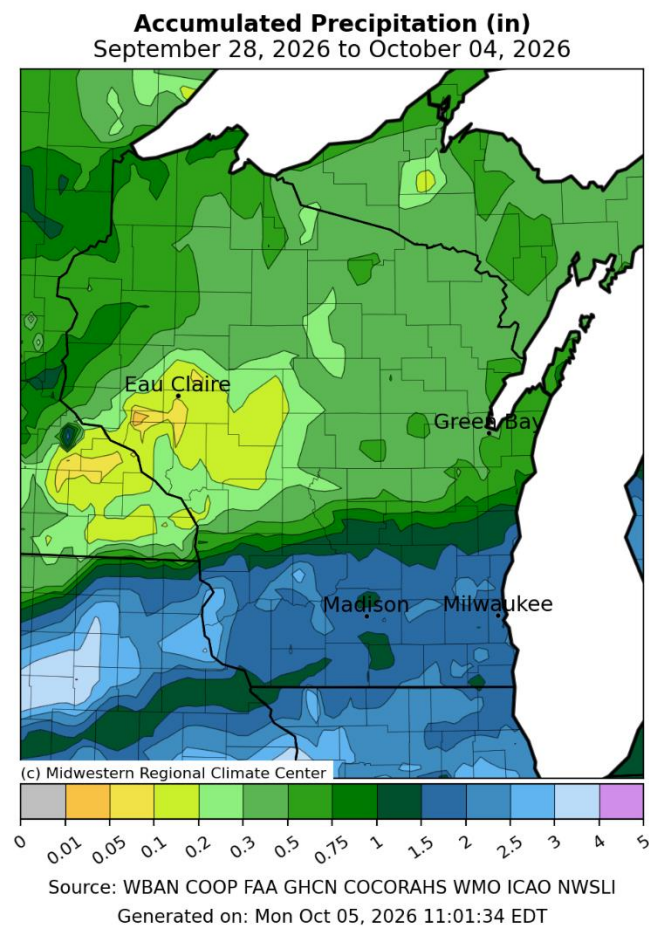
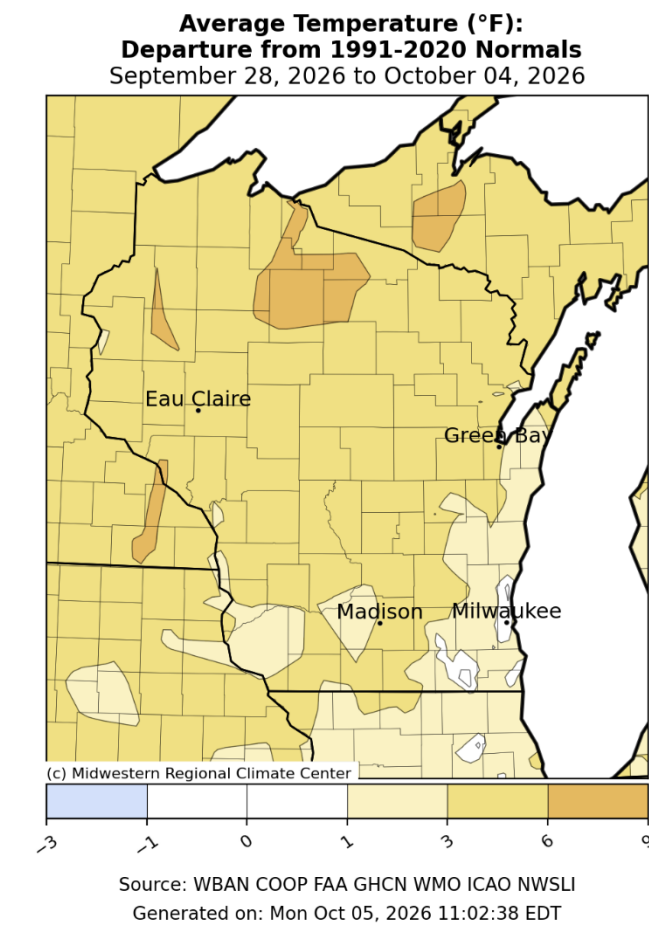
(NA) Not available.

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 4, 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)	
	6.1	6.3	4.6	4.4	5.1	4.9	2.9	3.1	2.8	4.3	5.2	(NA)	
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	
	Very short	11	14	7	4	3	7	0	0	0	5	6	(NA)
Short	34	36	20	19	12	15	3	3	2	15	21	(NA)	
Adequate	54	50	50	72	81	69	79	68	62	67	63	(NA)	
Surplus	1	0	23	5	4	9	18	29	36	13	10	(NA)	
Subsoil moisture	Very short	15	19	7	7	4	6	1	1	0	6	7	(NA)
	Short	35	28	27	21	11	19	14	7	13	18	24	(NA)
Adequate	50	53	59	62	82	64	73	74	60	66	63	(NA)	
Surplus	0	0	7	10	3	11	12	18	27	10	6	(NA)	

(NA) Not available.



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/>