



Wisconsin Ag News – Crop Progress & Condition

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Wisconsin had **4.7 days suitable for fieldwork** statewide for the week ending October 18, 2026, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Statewide rains kept some farmers out of their fields for a few days, while many producers received their first hard frost of the season.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 3 percent very short, 16 percent short, 71 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 7 percent very short, 19 percent short, 68 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus.

Ninety-four percent of the **corn** crop was mature. Corn for grain harvest was 24 percent complete compared to the 5-year average of 29 percent. Moisture content of corn harvested for grain was 20 percent. Corn condition was 60 percent good to excellent, up 2 percentage points from last week.

Soybeans were 72 percent harvested compared to the average of 63 percent.

Winter wheat planting was 73 percent complete compared to the average of 85 percent. Winter wheat was 47 percent emerged.

Pasture and range condition was 43 percent good to excellent, up 3 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 18, 2026

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	4	10	26	50	10
Pasture and range	7	15	35	35	8

Crop Progress as of October 18, 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 mature	98	90	95	95	98	91	97	94	88	94	89	(NA)	90
Corn harvested for grain	46	20	14	28	21	20	20	24	15	24	16	(NA)	29
Soybeans harvested	77	74	72	80	51	74	78	72	53	72	54	(NA)	63
Wheat, winter, planted	94	97	90	84	79	74	67	72	55	73	60	(NA)	85
Wheat, winter, emerged	76	72	69	66	49	47	52	41	28	47	32	(NA)	58

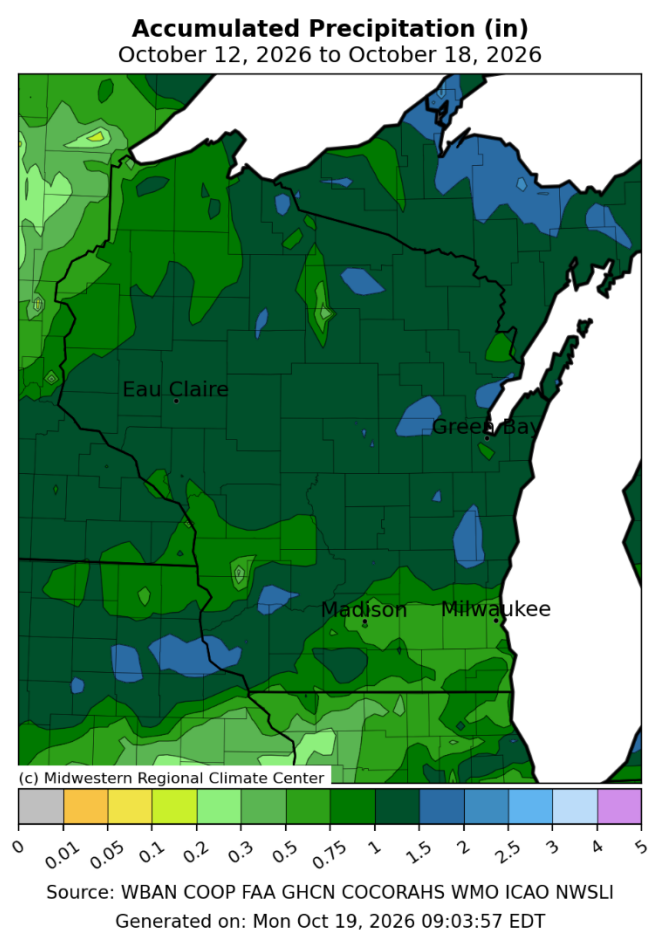
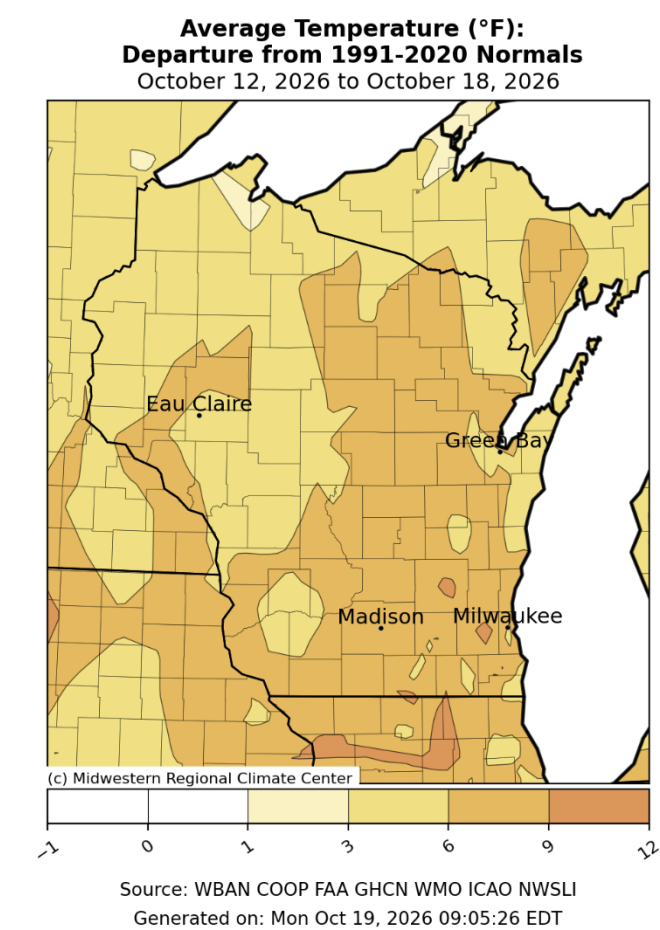
(NA) Not available.

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 18, 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)
	5.9	4.1	5.0	5.0	4.4	4.8	4.3	4.7	4.5	4.7	6.1	(NA)
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	5	9	7	2	1	6	0	0	0	3	6	(NA)
Short	33	43	27	22	12	15	2	6	2	16	18	(NA)
Adequate	62	48	47	74	79	68	88	76	69	71	68	(NA)
Surplus	0	0	19	2	8	11	10	18	29	10	8	(NA)
Subsoil moisture												
Very short	15	23	15	8	3	5	1	1	1	7	9	(NA)
Short	41	30	23	26	11	16	13	11	15	19	21	(NA)
Adequate	44	47	55	62	82	71	82	81	61	68	65	(NA)
Surplus	0	0	7	4	4	8	4	7	23	6	5	(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/>