November 12, 2026 Board Meeting

- **October Crop Production Report**
  - In WI, corn is expected to yield 182.0 bushels per acre, down 6.0 bushels per acre from last year. Production is forecasted at 564 million bushels, down 7 percent from the previous year.
    - U.S. corn production is forecasted at 16.0 billion bushels, down 5 percent from last year. Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average 181.2 bushels per acre, down 5.3 bushels from 2025.
  - Soybean production in WI is forecast at 120 million bushels, up 6 percent from last year. The yield is forecasted at 54.0 bushels per acre, down 2.0 bushels from 2025.
    - U.S. soybean yield is expected to average 53.1 bushels per acre up 0.1 bushels from last year, and production is forecasted at 4.56 billion bushels.
  - Next Crop Production Report (final) will be released January 2027.

- **2026 Small Grain Summary**
  - In WI, winter wheat production was estimated at 16.2 million bushels, down 15 percent from 2025. The yield was a record 83.0 bushels per acre, up 7.0 bushels from last year. The U.S. yield is 48.8 bushels per acre.
  - The oat yield was 74.0 bushels per acre, up 10.0 bushels from 2025. Oat production was 4.51 million bushels, up 9 percent from last year. The U.S. yield is 75.3 bushels per acre.

- **Prices Received**
  - Milk price for September was $18.30 per cwt. This is $1.90 below last September's price. The US price for September was $19.50.
  - Corn $4.57 per bushel up $0.59 from September 2025.
  - Soybeans $11.90 per bushel up $2.49 from last year.

- Alfalfa hay $156 per ton, up $39.00 per ton from the previous September.

- **Milk Production**
  - In September, WI milk production totaled 2.78 billion pounds. This is up 3 percent from the previous September.
  - Milk production in the 24 major states totaled 18.7 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the previous year.
  - As of November 1, WI had 4,885 milk cow herds. This is down 270 herds from November 2025.

- **Dairy Products**
  - In August 2026, Wisconsin cheese production totaled 303 million pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. American cheese production was down 10 percent, and Italian cheese production rose 8 percent.

- **Chickens & Eggs**
  - Wisconsin egg production during September 2026 was 146 million eggs, down 27 percent from the previous September.
  - The average number of all layers on hand during September 2025 was 5.65 million, down 29 percent from last year.

- **Crop Progress as of November 1, 2026**
  - Corn for grain harvest was 61 percent complete compared to the 5-year average of 57 percent.
  - Soybeans were 94 percent harvested compared to the average of 84 percent.
  - Topsoil moisture ratings for this past week were 4 percent very short, 21 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus.

- **Other noteworthy items**
    - In a few weeks, NASS will begin collecting data on its December Agricultural Survey. This survey is used to set final production estimates.
    - 2026 Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics Bulletin is now available online. The printed version is at the printers and should be available soon.

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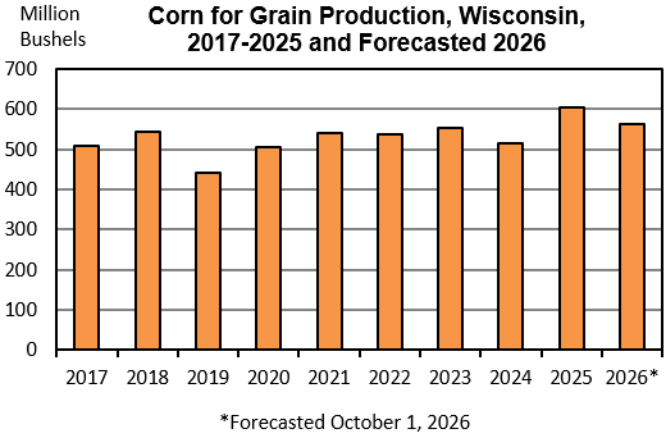
Crop Production

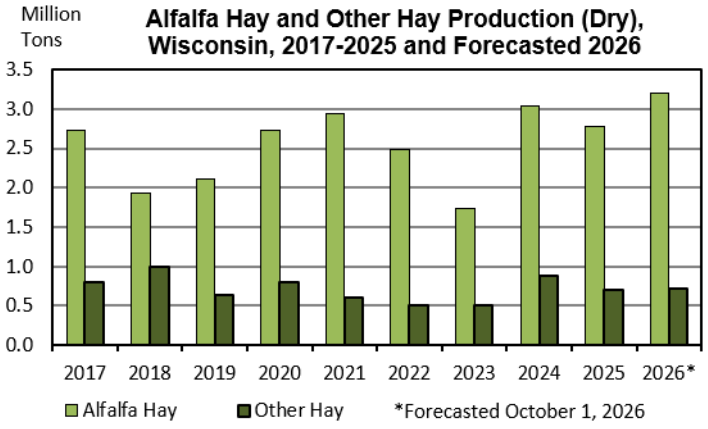
Wisconsin **corn** production is forecast at 564 million bushels, down 7 percent from the previous year, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Crop Production* report. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 182.0 bushels per acre, down 6.0 bushels from last year. An estimated 3.10 million acres will be harvested for grain.

Soybean production is forecast at 120 million bushels, up 6 percent from the previous year. The yield is forecast at 54.0 bushels per acre, 2.0 bushels lower than 2025. Soybean harvested acreage is estimated at 2.22 million.

Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** for hay is forecast at 3.20 million tons, up 15 percent from the previous year. Yield is expected to average 3.90 tons per acre, unchanged from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 820,000 acres, up 110,000 acres from last year. Production of **other hay** is forecast at 720,000 tons, up 2 percent from last year. Yield for other hay is expected to average 1.80 tons per acre, up 0.20 tons from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 400,000 acres, down 40,000 acres from last year.

The forecasts in this report are based on October 1 conditions and do not reflect weather effects since that time.





Area Harvested, Yield, and Production –
Wisconsin and United States: 2025 and Forecasted October 1, 2026

	Area harvested 2025 (1,000 acres)	Area harvested 2026 (1,000 acres)	Yield per acre 2025	Yield per acre 2026	Production 2025 (1,000)	Production 2026 (1,000)
WISCONSIN						
Corn .....bushels	3,210	3,100	188.0	182.0	603,480	564,200
Hay, alfalfa ..... tons	710	820	3.90	3.90	2,769	3,198
Hay, other..... tons	440	400	1.60	1.80	704	720
Soybeans .....bushels	2,020	2,220	56.0	54.0	113,120	119,880
UNITED STATES						
Corn .....bushels	90,948	88,506	186.5	181.2	16,963,628	16,033,944
Hay, alfalfa ..... tons	14,676	14,685	3.42	3.44	50,213	50,562
Hay, other..... tons	34,881	35,102	2.09	1.99	72,818	69,965
Soybeans .....bushels	80,417	85,881	53.0	53.1	4,261,038	4,561,605

United States Crop Production

Corn production for grain is forecast at 16.0 billion bushels, up 1 percent from the previous forecast but down 5 percent from 2025. If realized, this would be the second highest grain production on record for the Nation. The average yield is forecast at 181.2 bushels per acre, up 2.7 bushels from the previous forecast and but down 5.3 bushels from 2025.

Soybean production for beans is forecast at a record high 4.56 billion bushels, up 1 percent from the previous forecast and up 7 percent from 2025. Yields are expected to average a record high 53.1 bushels per acre, up 0.3 bushel from the previous forecast and up 0.1 bushel from 2025.

Monthly Prices

Corn – The average price received by farmers for corn during September 2026 in Wisconsin was $4.57 per bushel according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Agricultural Prices* report. This was 29 cents above the August price and 59 cents above September 2025.

Soybeans – The September 2026 average price received by farmers for soybeans, at $11.90 per bushel, was 50 cents above the August price and $2.49 above the September 2025 price.

Oats – The September average oat price per bushel, at $3.80, was 28 cents above August and 28 cents above September 2025.

Hay – All hay prices in Wisconsin averaged $141.00 per ton in September. This was up $5.00 from the August price and $31.00 above the September 2025 price.

> **Alfalfa Hay –** The September 2026 alfalfa hay price, at $156.00, was $5.00 above the previous month and $39.00 above September 2025.
>
> **Other Hay –** The average price received for other hay during September was $98.00 per ton. This was $2.00 above the August price and $10.00 above September last year.

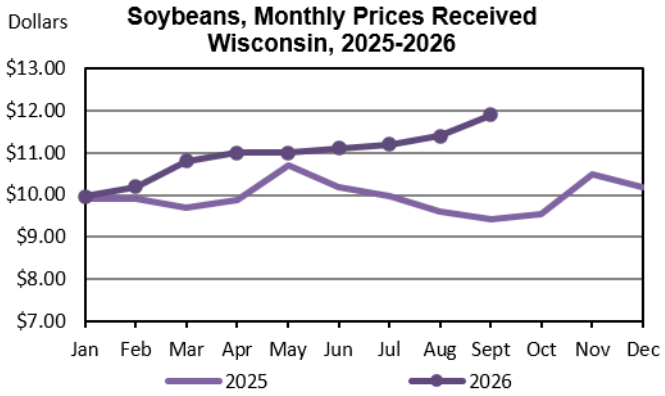
Prices Received by Farmers – Wisconsin and United States (in dollars)

Crop	Wisconsin September 2025	Wisconsin August 2026	Wisconsin September 2026	United States September 2025	United States August 2026	United States September 2026
Corn ..... bu	3.98	4.28	4.57	4.00	4.45	4.81
Hay, all baled ..... ton	110.00	136.00	141.00	162.00	190.00	188.00
Alfalfa ..... ton	117.00	151.00	156.00	172.00	206.00	208.00
Other ..... ton	88.00	96.00	98.00	137.00	152.00	143.00
Oats ..... bu	3.52	3.52	3.80	3.12	3.02	3.10
Soybeans ..... bu	9.41	11.40	11.90	9.93	12.10	12.20

Livestock Prices Received by Farmers – United States (in dollars)

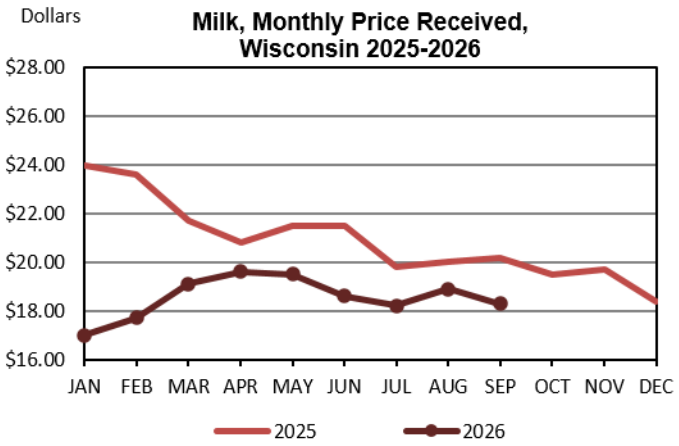
Livestock	September 2025	August 2026	September 2026
Calves ..... cwt	447.00	455.00	453.00
Cattle, all beef ..... cwt	238.00	231.00	223.00
Cows[1] ..... cwt	164.00	172.00	159.00
Steers & heifers ..... cwt	241.00	234.00	226.00
Hogs, all ..... cwt	77.20	70.50	64.80
Barrows & gilts ..... cwt	76.60	70.80	64.60
Sows ..... cwt	89.60	64.10	69.80
Eggs, market[2] ..... doz	1.93	0.77	0.65

[1]Beef cows and cull dairy cows for slaughter
[2]Also referred to as table eggs



Milk Prices

The Wisconsin all milk price for September 2026 was $18.30 per hundredweight (cwt) according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Agricultural Prices* report. This was $0.60 below last month's price and $1.90 below last September's price. The U.S. all milk price for September was $19.50 per cwt, $1.20 above Wisconsin's price and $0.30 lower than last month's U.S. price.



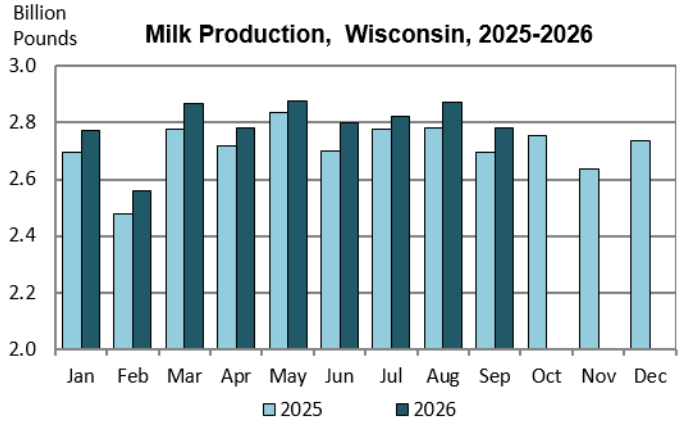
Prices Received for All Milk – Selected States and United States

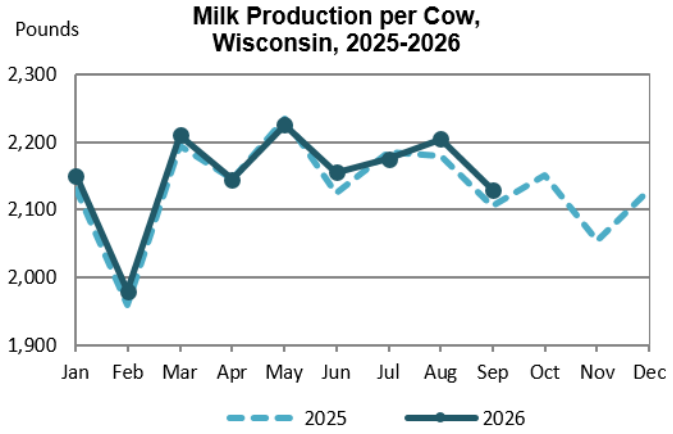
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State	September 2025 Price (dollars per cwt)	September 2025 Fat test (percent)	August 2026 Price (dollars per cwt)	August 2026 Fat test (percent)	September 2026 Price (dollars per cwt)	September 2026 Fat test (percent)
Arizona	19.70	3.94	19.60	4.06	19.00	4.03
California	20.40	4.19	21.00	4.22	20.40	4.33
Colorado	19.70	4.00	18.20	3.83	18.00	3.89
Florida	24.40	3.96	24.70	3.88	23.30	3.89
Georgia	25.40	3.96	25.40	3.90	24.20	3.89
Idaho	20.00	4.25	19.10	4.26	19.60	4.44
Illinois	20.80	4.16	19.60	4.09	19.10	4.19
Indiana	21.60	4.11	21.30	4.03	20.60	4.07
Iowa	19.80	4.32	18.90	4.27	18.30	4.34
Kansas	18.80	4.30	17.30	4.14	17.10	4.22
Michigan	20.30	4.18	19.70	4.18	19.00	4.25
Minnesota	20.60	4.41	19.60	4.37	19.30	4.42
New Mexico	18.30	4.09	18.60	4.03	17.80	4.11
New York	21.00	4.28	20.40	4.24	20.20	4.32
Ohio	22.10	4.22	21.60	4.07	20.90	4.14
Oregon	21.20	4.33	20.70	4.37	20.30	4.47
Pennsylvania	20.60	4.21	20.10	4.15	19.70	4.21
South Dakota	20.20	4.48	19.00	4.41	18.50	4.46
Texas	20.20	4.40	19.30	4.33	19.30	4.37
Utah	19.80	4.14	18.90	4.05	18.70	4.22
Vermont	21.40	4.32	20.50	4.28	20.20	4.36
Virginia	24.70	4.11	24.60	4.05	23.60	4.07
Washington	20.20	4.32	19.30	4.32	20.10	4.42
Wisconsin	**20.20**	**4.26**	**18.90**	**4.14**	**18.30**	**4.21**
United States	20.40	4.24	19.80	4.20	19.50	4.28

Milk Production

Milk production in Wisconsin during September 2026 totaled 2.78 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the previous September according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during September, at 1.31 million head, was up 26,000 from September 2025. Monthly production per cow averaged 2,130 pounds, up 25 pounds from last September.





Milk Cows and Production – 24 Selected States: September 2025 and 2026

State	Milk Cows[1] (1,000 Head) 2025	Milk Cows[1] (1,000 Head) 2026	Milk Per Cow[2] (Pounds) 2025	Milk Per Cow[2] (Pounds) 2026	Milk Production[2] (Million Pounds) 2025	Milk Production[2] (Million Pounds) 2026
Arizona	200	190	1,840	1,840	368	350
California	1,713	1,718	1,920	1,915	3,289	3,290
Colorado	211	218	2,135	2,145	450	468
Florida	99	100	1,615	1,630	160	163
Georgia	89	92	1,885	1,955	168	180
Idaho	725	742	2,125	2,150	1,541	1,595
Illinois	79	76	1,725	1,750	136	133
Indiana	193	204	1,950	1,980	376	404
Iowa	246	247	2,015	2,030	496	501
Kansas	219	248	1,960	1,985	429	492
Michigan	460	472	2,265	2,290	1,042	1,081
Minnesota	452	458	1,935	1,955	875	895
New Mexico	236	235	1,980	1,985	467	466
New York	649	662	2,095	2,140	1,360	1,417
Ohio	252	255	1,820	1,840	459	469
Oregon	123	130	1,725	1,740	212	226
Pennsylvania	460	457	1,700	1,720	782	786
South Dakota	235	252	1,950	1,960	458	494
Texas	706	730	2,125	2,140	1,500	1,562
Utah	98	95	1,920	1,920	188	182
Vermont	116	115	1,785	1,800	207	207
Virginia	67	67	1,665	1,670	112	112
Washington	234	235	1,970	1,995	461	469
Wisconsin	**1,280**	**1,306**	**2,105**	**2,130**	**2,694**	**2,782**
24-State Total	9,142	9,304	1,994	2,012	18,230	18,724

[1]Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.
[2]Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Dairy Products

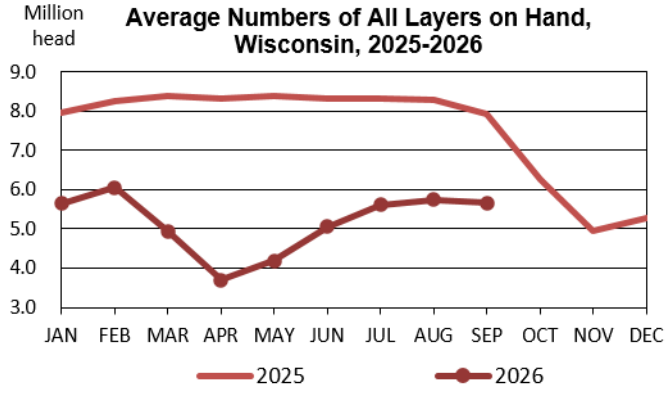
Cheese production in Wisconsin totaled 303 million pounds in August 2026, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Dairy Products* report. This was up 2 percent from the previous August. American cheese production in Wisconsin was down 10 percent, and Italian cheese production rose 8 percent.

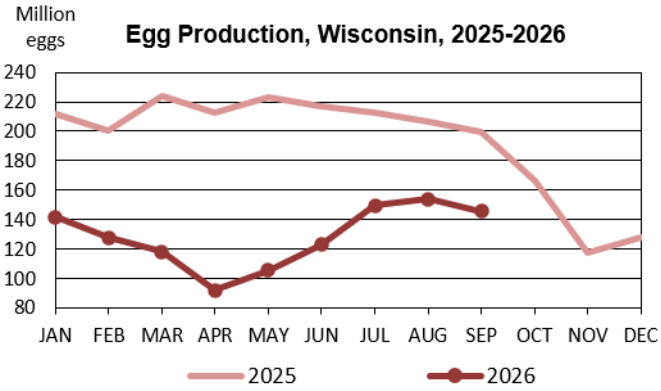
Cheese Production – Wisconsin and United States

Type	Wisconsin August 2025 (1,000 pounds)	Wisconsin July 2026 (1,000 pounds)	Wisconsin August 2026 (1,000 pounds)	United States August 2025 (1,000 pounds)	United States July 2026 (1,000 pounds)	United States August 2026 (1,000 pounds)
American						
Cheddar	51,749	47,243	44,151	328,904	328,981	325,876
Total American	82,041	78,188	73,719	481,321	480,089	477,038
Italian						
Mozzarella	95,298	92,386	97,355	413,596	432,871	420,892
Total Italian	148,999	156,882	161,142	522,071	550,699	541,326
Total Cheese	296,030	308,677	303,124	1,228,182	1,263,348	1,245,418

Chickens & Eggs

Wisconsin egg production during September 2026 was 146 million eggs, down 27 percent from the previous September, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Chickens and Eggs* report. The average number of all layers on hand during September 2026 was 5.65 million, down 29 percent from last year. Eggs per 100 layers for September was 2,579, up 2 percent from a year ago.





Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – Wisconsin and United States: September 2025 and 2026

Commodity	Wisconsin 2025	Wisconsin 2026	United States 2025	United States 2026
Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 & above ..... 1,000 layers	6,732	4,473	290,939	306,449
Total layers ..... 1,000 layers	7,932	5,653	368,338	385,065
Eggs per 100 layers ..... eggs	2,520	2,579	2,363	2,390
Total egg production ..... million eggs	199.9	145.8	8,704.1	9,203.0
Table egg production ..... million eggs	193.3	139.8	7,448.6	7,931.6

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Wisconsin had 5.9 **days suitable for fieldwork** statewide for the week ending November 1, 2026, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Some welcome rain fell on northwestern Wisconsin, helping fall seeded crops to germinate. Where fields were dry, fall tillage and manure applications were being completed.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 4 percent very short, 21 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 8 percent very short, 21 percent short, 68 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus.

Corn for grain harvest was 61 percent complete compared to the 5-year average of 57 percent. Moisture content of corn harvested for grain was 17 percent.

Soybeans were 94 percent harvested compared to the average of 84 percent.

Winter wheat planting was 95 percent complete. Winter wheat was 74 percent emerged compared to the average of 79 percent. Winter wheat condition was 75 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

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 November 1, 2026

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Wheat, winter	0	4	21	61	14

Crop Progress as of November 1, 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 harvested for grain	69	55	44	70	58	56	56	65	54	61	42	(NA)	57
Soybeans harvested	97	97	88	97	81	94	96	93	94	94	87	(NA)	84
Wheat, winter, planted	99	99	98	95	96	96	96	94	90	95	88	(NA)	96
Wheat, winter, emerged	93	90	90	80	76	75	78	70	63	74	61	(NA)	79

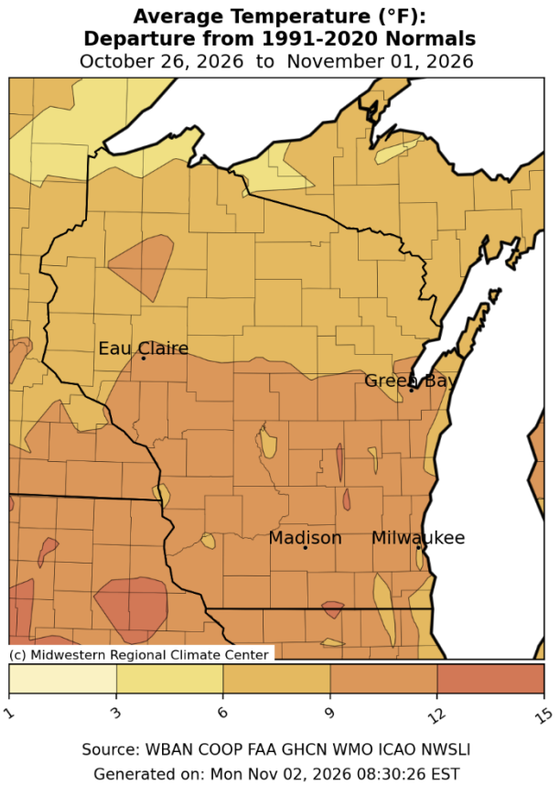
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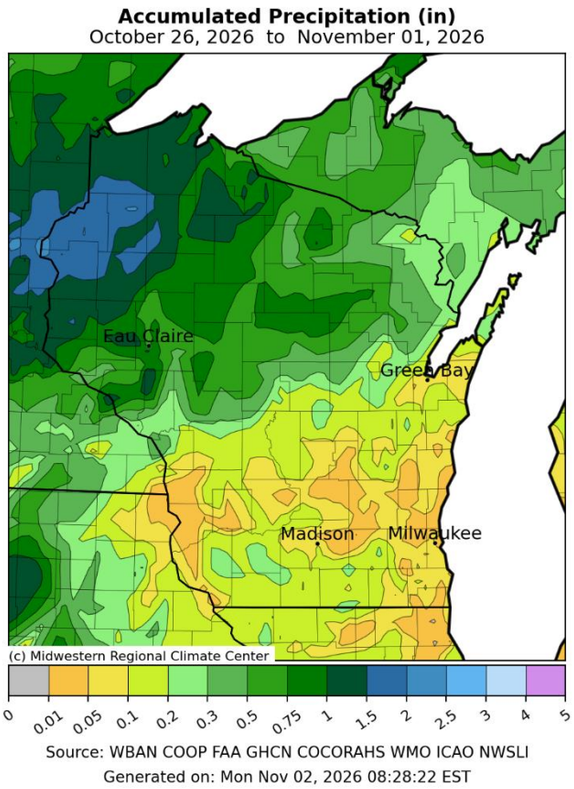
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Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of November 1, 2026

Item	Districts									State		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year
	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)
Days suitable	5.2	5.0	6.5	5.1	6.2	6.0	6.5	6.3	6.2	5.9	6.7	(NA)
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture												
Very short	2	11	11	2	2	7	4	2	2	4	5	(NA)
Short	35	47	30	26	16	17	9	14	9	21	19	(NA)
Adequate	60	42	50	71	80	71	81	76	74	70	70	(NA)
Surplus	3	0	9	1	2	5	6	8	15	5	6	(NA)
Subsoil moisture												
Very short	16	25	17	9	4	5	2	3	2	8	8	(NA)
Short	41	31	23	30	11	18	16	13	17	21	21	(NA)
Adequate	43	44	56	61	83	72	80	81	69	68	67	(NA)
Surplus	0	0	4	0	2	5	2	3	12	3	4	(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/