

## May 9, 2024 Board Meeting

### • Crop Planting Intentions

- As of March 1, WI farmers intended to plant 3.80 million acres of corn. This is down 200,000 acres from 2023.
  - U.S. corn planted acres are estimated at 90.0 million acres, down 5 percent from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage is expected to be down or unchanged in 38 of the 48 estimating States.
- Soybean acres in WI are estimated at 2.20 million acres. This is a 90,000 acre increase from 2023.
  - U.S. soybean planted acres are estimated at 86.5 million acres, up 3 percent from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage is up or unchanged in 24 of the 29 estimating States.

### • Milk Production

- In March 2024, WI milk production totaled 2.76 billion pounds. This is up 1 percent from the previous March.
- Milk production in the 24 major states totaled 18.8 billion pounds. This is down .9 percent from the previous year.
- As of April 1, 2024, WI had 5,595 milk cow herds. This is down 438 herds from April 2023.

### • Prices Received

- Milk price for February was \$19.00 per cwt down \$1.40 from February 2023. The U.S. price for February was \$20.60.
- Corn \$4.14 per bushel down \$2.20 from February 2023.
- Soybean price \$12.10 per bushel down \$2.70 from the previous February.
- Alfalfa hay \$186 per ton up \$17 from last year.

### • Crop Progress as of April 21, 2024

- Oats planted was at 19 percent. Five days ahead of last year and 1 day ahead of the average. Seven percent of the oat crop has emerged.
- Potatoes are 25 percent planted and are 5 days behind the average.
- Topsoil moisture ratings are at 21 percent very short to short, 79 percent adequate to surplus.

### • Chickens & Eggs

- Wisconsin egg production during March 2024 was 207 million eggs, up 4 percent from last year.
- The average number of all layers on hand during March 2024 was 7.81 million, up 2 percent from last year.

- **NASS Program Changes & Upcoming NASS Surveys**
  - NASS is cancelling the July Cattle report and discontinuing all County Estimates for crops and livestock beginning with 2024 production year. The decision to discontinue these surveys and reports was not made lightly, but was necessary, given the appropriated budget levels.
  - June Agriculture Survey
    - Collecting data from May 28 until June 14.
    - The data is used to set the planted acres for 2024.
    - Results will be released on June 28th.



# WISCONSIN FARM REPORTER

April 17, 2024

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The Wisconsin Farm Reporter is compiled from data and reports released by the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). All NASS data and reports are available free at [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov)

### Dairy Products, Production by Selected States and U. S.

Item and area	February 2023	January 2024	February 2024	Change from last year
	(1,000 pounds)			
Cheese				
American types <sup>1</sup>	443,179	473,081	437,661	-1.2
Cheddar				
California	22,413	23,838	19,374	-13.6
<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>57,455</b>	<b>65,407</b>	<b>54,000</b>	<b>-6.0</b>
United States	317,059	330,574	304,860	-3.8
Blue and Gorgonzola	6,838	6,631	6,576	-3.8
Brick and Muenster	13,804	17,115	17,498	26.8
Cream and Neufchatel	93,812	98,916	100,355	7.0
Feta	10,059	11,300	12,561	24.9
Gouda	5,486	4,541	6,580	19.9
Hispanic	31,439	37,963	35,617	13.3
Mozzarella				
California	123,254	126,061	125,416	1.8
<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>83,115</b>	<b>93,074</b>	<b>86,800</b>	<b>4.4</b>
United States	361,531	398,419	373,204	3.2
Parmesan	40,130	45,828	42,756	6.5
Provolone	27,805	30,305	31,021	11.6
Ricotta	19,210	22,880	19,864	3.4
Romano	3,611	4,736	4,550	26.0
Other Italian types	6,580	8,380	7,583	15.2
Total Italian				
California	134,858	139,667	139,086	3.1
<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>127,229</b>	<b>146,038</b>	<b>136,009</b>	<b>6.9</b>
United States	458,867	510,548	478,978	4.4
Swiss	24,660	28,710	25,584	3.7
All other cheese	12,118	12,112	11,774	-2.8
Total Cheese				
California	201,881	209,487	200,929	-0.5
Idaho	72,363	86,702	76,564	5.8
New Mexico	74,094	81,958	75,722	2.2
<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>272,374</b>	<b>303,064</b>	<b>283,293</b>	<b>4.0</b>
United States	1,100,262	1,200,917	1,133,184	3.0

<sup>1</sup> Includes Cheddar, Colby, and Monterey Jack.

### Milk Prices

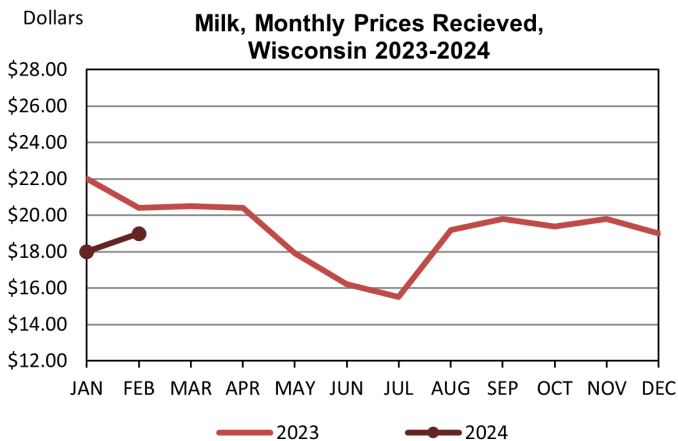
The Wisconsin all milk price for February 2024 was \$19.00 per hundredweight (cwt).

This was \$1.00 above last month's price but \$1.40 below last February's price. The U.S. all milk price for February was \$20.60 per cwt, \$1.60 higher than Wisconsin's price and 50 cents higher than last month's U.S. price.

#### Milk Prices<sup>1</sup>

Selected states	February 2023		January 2024		February 2024	
	Price per cwt.	Fat test	Price per cwt.	Fat test	Price per cwt.	Fat test
	(dollars)	(percent)	(dollars)	(percent)	(dollars)	(percent)
Milk for all uses						
Arizona	21.00	3.85	20.70	4.14	20.90	4.12
California	22.20	4.18	20.00	4.28	20.20	4.25
Colorado	22.00	4.04	20.60	4.20	20.90	4.14
Florida	26.00	3.78	24.60	3.97	24.30	3.94
Georgia	25.60	3.87	24.40	4.14	24.10	4.09
Idaho	21.60	4.33	20.20	4.49	20.80	4.37
Illinois	21.80	4.22	19.90	4.36	20.40	4.30
Indiana	22.70	4.13	21.60	4.23	21.60	4.20
Iowa	19.60	4.39	18.30	4.50	19.00	4.43
Kansas	20.10	4.32	19.40	4.51	19.90	4.40
Michigan	21.20	4.12	20.40	4.26	20.50	4.23
Minnesota	20.80	4.53	18.60	4.60	19.50	4.55
New Mexico	19.20	4.04	19.00	4.22	19.50	4.15
New York	22.50	4.17	21.60	4.32	22.00	4.30
Ohio	22.60	4.12	21.10	4.21	21.10	4.16
Oregon	24.60	4.40	22.40	4.56	23.20	4.47
Pennsylvania	22.70	4.14	21.30	4.24	21.90	4.19
South Dakota	21.90	4.68	19.30	4.84	20.20	4.78
Texas	21.30	4.35	20.50	4.51	21.10	4.42
Utah	21.60	4.12	20.00	4.30	20.40	4.24
Vermont	23.00	4.21	22.00	4.37	22.40	4.36
Virginia	25.30	4.04	24.50	4.23	24.10	4.17
Washington	22.10	4.29	21.30	4.43	21.50	4.36
<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>20.40</b>	<b>4.19</b>	<b>18.00</b>	<b>4.29</b>	<b>19.00</b>	<b>4.26</b>
United States ....	21.60	4.21	20.10	4.35	20.60	4.30

<sup>1</sup> Before deduction for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.



## Prospective Plantings

The *Prospective Plantings* report provides the first official, survey-based estimates of U.S. farmers' 2024 planting intentions. NASS's acreage estimates are based primarily on surveys conducted during the first two weeks of March from a sample of approximately 71,800 farm operators across the United States with more than 2,000 from Wisconsin. Actual plantings will depend upon weather, economic conditions and the availability of production inputs at the time producers make their final planting decisions.

### Wisconsin

Wisconsin farmers intend to plant 3.80 million acres of **corn** for all purposes in 2024. This is down 200,000 acres from 2023.

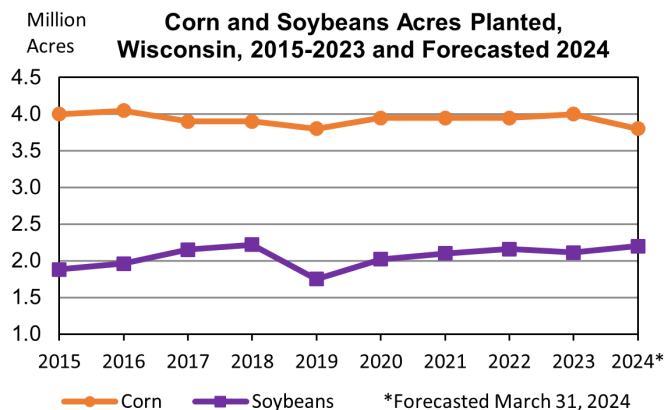
Producers intend to plant 2.20 million acres of **soybeans** in Wisconsin this year. This is 90,000 acres higher than 2023.

Farmers in Wisconsin expect to harvest 1.08 million acres of **all dry hay** for the 2024 crop year. This is 50,000 acres above last year.

Wisconsin farmers intend to plant 195,000 acres of **oats** for all purposes. This is up 60,000 acres from last year.

**Winter wheat** producers planted area is estimated at 265,000 acres, down 15,000 acres from last year.

Wisconsin farmers intend to plant 15,000 acres of **barley**, up 3,000 acres from last year.

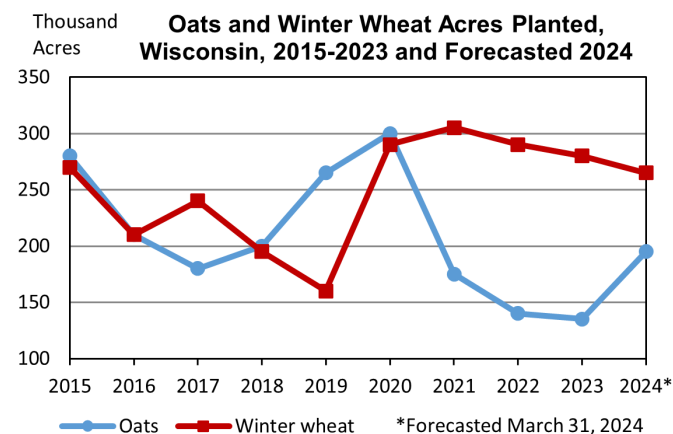


### United States

Corn planted area for all purposes in 2024 is estimated at 90.0 million acres, down 5 percent or 4.61 million acres from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage is expected to be down or unchanged in 38 of the 48 estimating States.

Soybean planted area for 2024 is estimated at 86.5 million acres, up 3 percent from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage is up or unchanged in 24 of the 29 estimating States.

All wheat planted area for 2024 is estimated at 47.5 million acres, down 4 percent from 2023 for comparable States. The 2024 winter wheat planted area, at 34.1 million acres, is down 7 percent from last year and down 1 percent from the previous estimate for comparable States. Of this total, about 24.3 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 6.26 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.59 million acres are White Winter. Area expected to be planted to other spring wheat for 2024 is estimated at 11.3 million acres, up 1 percent from 2023. Of this total, about 10.7 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. Durum planted area for 2024 is expected to total 2.03 million acres, up 22 percent from the previous year for comparable States.



### Area Planted – Wisconsin and United States: 2022-2024

Crop	Wisconsin				United States			
	2022	2023	2024 <sup>1</sup>	'24 as % of '23	2022	2023	2024 <sup>1</sup>	'24 as % of '23
	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>			<i>(percent)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>			<i>(percent)</i>
Barley	13	12	15	125	2,927	3,101	2,566	83
Corn, all	3,900	4,000	3,800	95	88,162	94,641	90,036	95
Hay, all <sup>2</sup>	1,100	1,030	1,080	105	48,711	52,821	51,562	98
Oats <sup>3</sup>	140	135	195	144	2,582	2,555	2,318	91
Soybeans	2,160	2,110	2,200	104	87,450	83,600	86,510	103
Wheat, winter <sup>3</sup>	300	280	265	95	33,281	36,699	34,135	93

<sup>1</sup> Intended plantings in 2024 as indicated by reports from farmers. <sup>2</sup> Intended area harvested in 2024 as indicated by reports from farmers. <sup>3</sup> Includes area planted in preceding fall.

## Grain Stocks

### Wisconsin

**Corn** stored in all positions in Wisconsin on March 1, 2024, totaled 359 million bushels, up 14 percent from March 1, 2023. Of the total stocks, 54 percent were stored on-farm. The December-February 2024 indicated disappearance totaled 91.8 million bushels, 9 percent below the 101 million bushels from the same quarter the previous year.

**Soybeans** stored in all positions in Wisconsin on March 1, 2024, totaled 52 million bushels, down 1 percent March 1, 2023. Of the total stocks, 37 percent were stored on-farm. Indicated disappearance for December-February 2024 was 30.2 million bushels, 18 percent below the 36.8 million bushels from the same quarter the previous year.

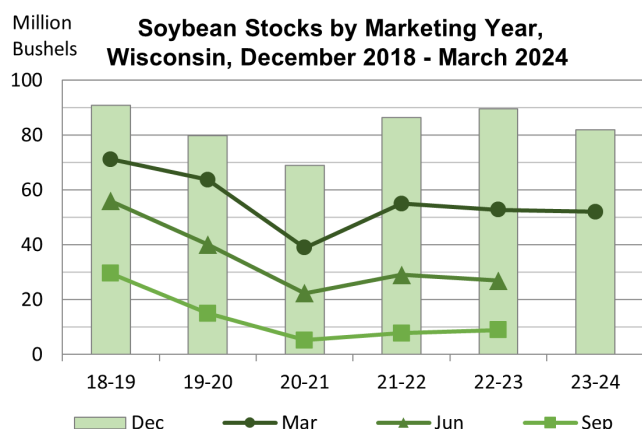
### United States

Corn stocks in all positions on March 1, 2024, totaled 8.35 billion bushels, up 13 percent from March 1, 2023. Of the total stocks, 5.08 billion bushels were stored on farms, up 24 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 3.27 billion bushels, are down 1 percent from a year ago. The December 2023 - February 2024 indicated disappearance is 3.82 billion bushels, compared with 3.42 billion bushels during the same period last year.

Soybeans stored in all positions on March 1, 2024, totaled 1.85 billion bushels, up 9 percent from March 1, 2023. Soybean stocks stored on farms are estimated at 933 million bushels, up 24 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 912 million bushels, are down 3 percent from last March. Indicated disappearance for the December 2023 - February 2024 quarter totaled 1.16 billion bushels, down 13 percent from the same period a year earlier.

All wheat stored in all positions on March 1, 2024, totaled 1.09 billion bushels, up 16 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 272 million bushels, up 20 percent from last March. Off-farm stocks, at 816 million bushels, are up 14 percent from a year ago. The December 2023 - February 2024 indicated disappearance is 334 million bushels, 10 percent below the same period a year earlier.

Oats stored in all positions on March 1, 2023, totaled 42.9 million bushels, slightly below the stocks on March 1, 2022. Of the total stocks on hand, 17.1 million bushels were stored on farms, up 26 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks totaled 25.8 million bushels, down 12 percent from the previous year. Indicated disappearance during December 2022 - February 2023 totaled 10.8 million bushels, 13 percent below the same period a year ago.



### Grain Stocks by Position, March 1, Wisconsin and United States

Position and Grain	Wisconsin			United States		
	March 1, 2023	March 1, 2024	'24 as % of '23	March 1, 2023	March 1, 2024	'24 as % of '23
	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>		<i>(percent)</i>	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>		<i>(percent)</i>
<b>On-farm</b>						
Corn .....	155,000	195,000	126	4,105,000	5,079,000	124
Oats .....	1,300	1,150	88	17,130	16,280	95
Soybeans .....	14,500	19,500	134	749,500	933,000	124
Wheat .....	(D)	(D)	(X)	227,485	271,930	120
<b>Off-farm <sup>1</sup></b>						
Corn .....	159,399	163,955	103	3,291,403	3,268,255	99
Oats .....	3,085	4,725	153	25,779	35,304	137
Soybeans .....	38,245	32,502	85	937,132	912,079	97
Wheat .....	21,359	23,888	112	713,733	815,519	114
<b>Total all positions</b>						
Corn .....	314,399	358,955	114	7,396,403	8,347,255	113
Oats .....	4,385	5,875	134	42,909	51,584	120
Soybeans .....	52,745	52,002	99	1,686,632	1,845,079	109
Wheat .....	(D)	(D)	(X)	941,218	1,087,449	116

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (X) Not Applicable. <sup>1</sup>Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

### Prices Received by Farmers

The average price received by farmers for **corn** during February 2024 in Wisconsin was \$4.14 per bushel. This was 31 cents below the January price and \$2.20 below February 2023.

The February 2024 average price received by farmers for **soybeans**, at \$12.10 per bushel, was 50 cents below the January price and \$2.70 below the February 2023 price.

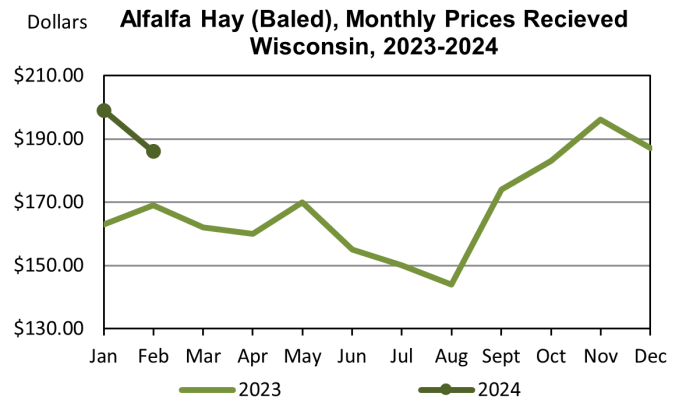
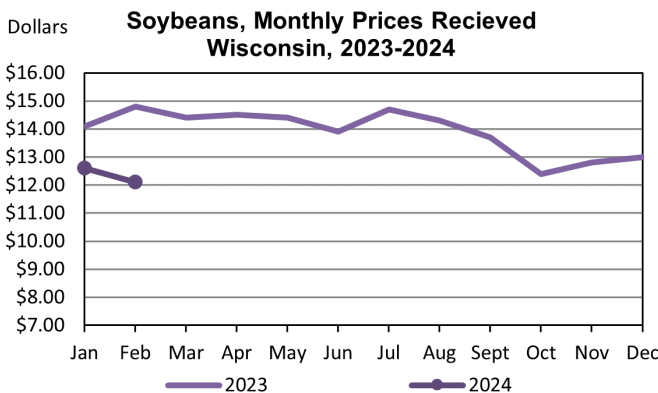
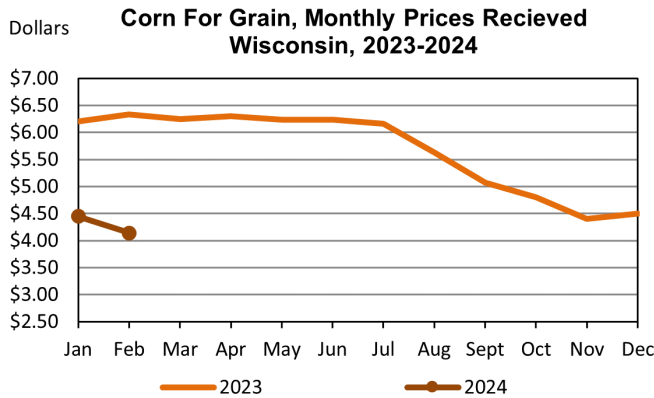
The February average **oat** price per bushel, at \$4.08, was 8 cents below January and 50 cents below February 2023.

All **hay** prices in Wisconsin averaged \$179.00 per ton in February. This was \$12.00 below the January price but \$19.00 above the February 2023 price. The February 2024 **alfalfa hay** price, at \$186.00, was \$13.00 below the previous month but \$17.00 above February 2023. The average price received for **other hay** during February was \$152.00 per ton. This was \$2.00 below the January price but \$43.00 above February last year.

### Prices Received by Farmers

<u>WISCONSIN</u>		February 2023	January 2024	February 2024
(dollars)				
Corn	bu	6.34	4.45	4.14
Hay, all baled	ton	160.00	191.00	179.00
Alfalfa	ton	169.00	199.00	186.00
Other	ton	109.00	154.00	152.00
Oats	bu	4.58	4.16	4.08
Soybeans	bu	14.80	12.60	12.10
<u>UNITED STATES</u>		February 2023	January 2024	February 2024
(dollars)				
Corn	bu	6.80	4.74	4.36
Hay, all baled	ton	229.00	189.00	189.00
Alfalfa	ton	264.00	202.00	200.00
Other	ton	175.00	171.00	170.00
Oats	bu	4.01	4.07	4.10
Soybeans	bu	15.10	12.80	11.90
Calves	cwt	217.00	300.00	311.00
Cattle, all beef	cwt	158.00	172.00	178.00
Cows <sup>1</sup>	cwt	89.50	103.00	109.00
Steers & Heifers	cwt	162.00	176.00	182.00
Hogs, all	cwt	59.60	53.00	58.20
Barrows & Gilts	cwt	59.70	53.90	58.70
Sows	cwt	57.50	36.80	50.10
Eggs (market) <sup>2</sup>	doz	2.46	2.01	2.30

<sup>1</sup> Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. <sup>2</sup> Mid-month price. Also referred to as table eggs.



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Wisconsin had 3.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending April 21, 2024 according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Wet and cool conditions continued to delay significant row crop planting in most of the state. Field activities included spring tillage, readying equipment, alfalfa planting, potato planting, oat seeding, manure hauling, and fertilizer application as conditions allowed. Some scattered corn and soybean planting was reported in southern Wisconsin.

**Topsoil moisture** condition rated 5 percent very short, 16 percent short, 69 percent adequate and 10 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** condition rated 5 percent very short, 23 percent short, 64 percent adequate and 8 percent surplus.

**Oat planting progress** was 19 percent complete, 5 days ahead of last year and 1 day ahead of the 5-year average. Emergence has begun and was 7 percent complete.

**Potato planting** was 25 percent complete. This was 1 week ahead of last year and 5 days ahead of average.

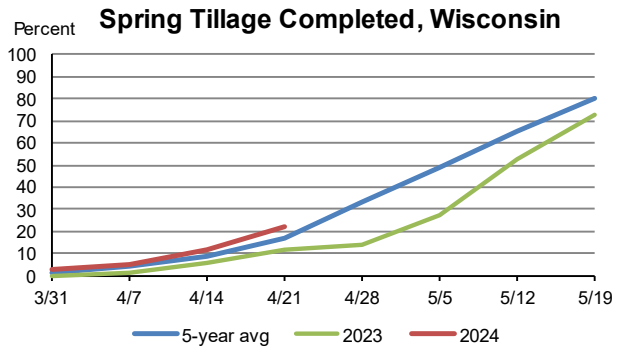
**Spring tillage** was 22 percent complete, 9 days ahead of last year and 3 days ahead of average.

**Winter wheat condition** was rated 82 percent good to excellent statewide, up 4 percentage points from last week.

**Pasture and range condition** was rated at 37 percent good to excellent statewide, up 5 percentage points from last week.

**Crop Condition as of April 21, 2024**

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range	3	12	48	27	10
Wheat, winter	0	2	16	64	18



**Crop Progress as of April 21, 2024**

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)
Oats planted	4	2	3	13	15	11	47	31	24	19	10	12	18
Oats emerged	0	0	0	2	1	3	24	15	3	7	2	0	3
Spring tillage	16	10	10	19	22	13	41	32	17	22	12	12	17

The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at [www.nass.usda.gov/Publications](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications).

## Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of April 21, 2024

Item	Districts									State		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year
Days suitable .....	(days) 4.1	(days) 2.3	(days) 2.2	(days) 3.9	(days) 4.5	(days) 3.7	(days) 2.6	(days) 3.5	(days) 2.8	(days) 3.4	(days) 3.3	(days) 1.9
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	9	16	5	0	3	6	1	6	0	5	9	0
Short .....	21	20	7	29	22	11	15	10	3	16	15	2
Adequate .....	64	60	67	69	48	76	79	73	70	69	65	68
Surplus .....	6	4	21	2	27	7	5	11	27	10	11	30
Subsoil moisture												
Very short .....	13	9	5	1	5	6	4	7	0	5	10	0
Short .....	31	28	15	47	24	8	29	10	2	23	22	2
Adequate .....	54	62	70	47	49	78	61	77	69	64	60	72
Surplus .....	2	1	10	5	22	8	6	6	29	8	8	26

**Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals**  
April 15, 2024 to April 21, 2024

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
April 15, 2024 to April 21, 2024

