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Ag Weather Outlook for Wisconsin

Week of July 21, 2025

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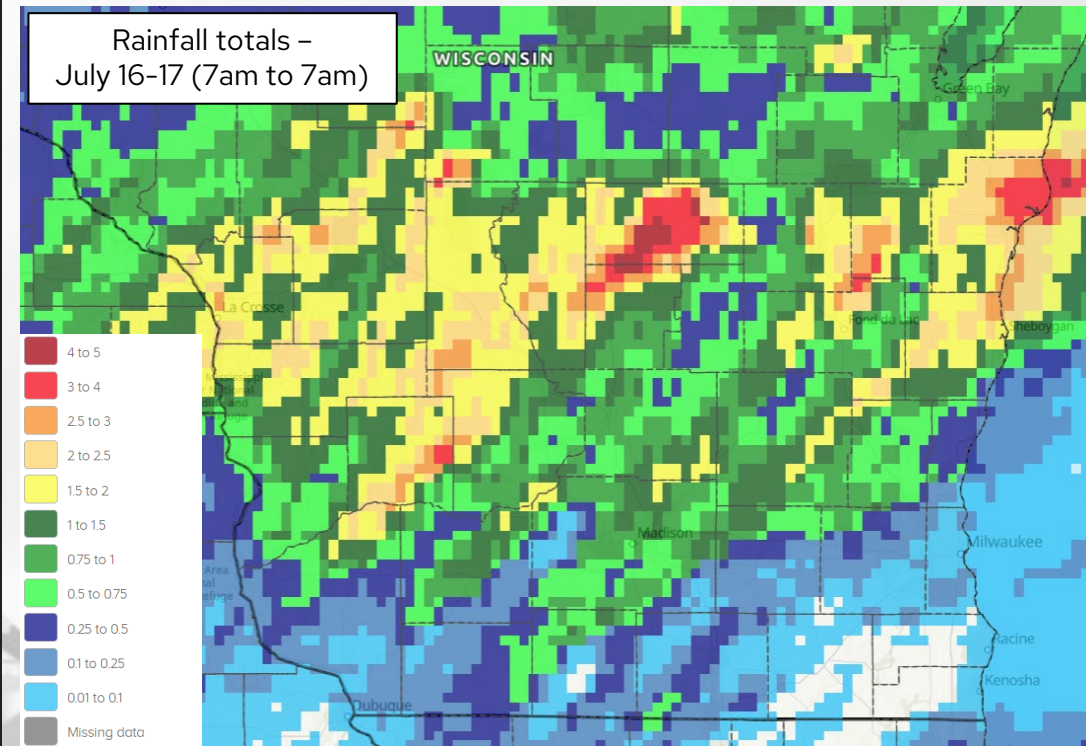
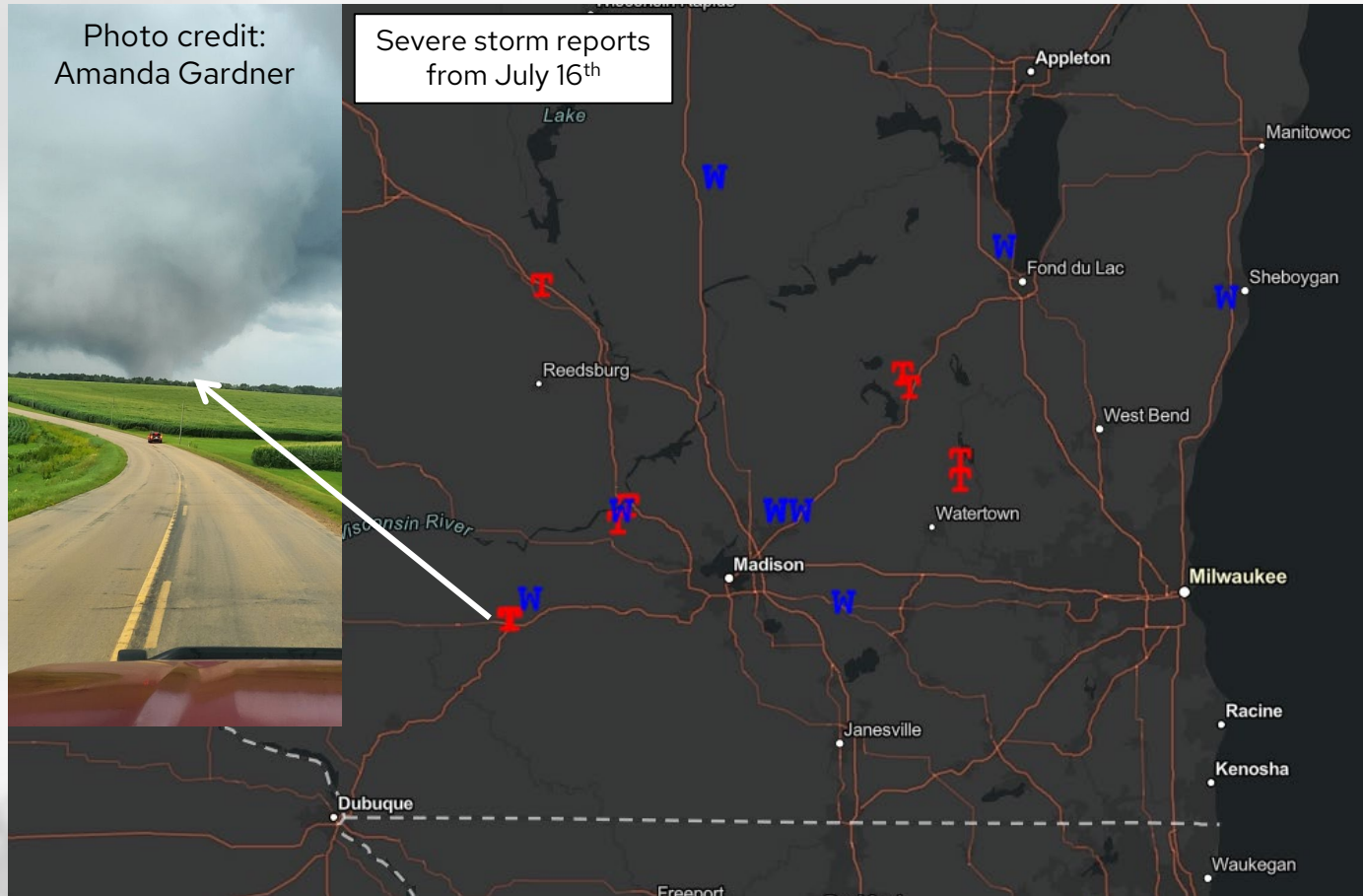
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Key Points

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- 1) 2-4 days of measurable [precip](#) across the state brought 0.5" or more for most, leading to some gains in [topsoil moisture](#).
 - 2) Conditions were [cooler than normal](#) last week, but [GDD accumulation](#) is still ahead of normal pace.
 - 3) Another [active week](#) for precip is on tap, with higher chances in the east.
 - 4) The July-to-August transition is showing a lean towards [cooler than normal](#).
- For this week's agronomic recommendations from UW Extension, click [here](#).
 - For this week's crop progress updates from USDA NASS, click [here](#).

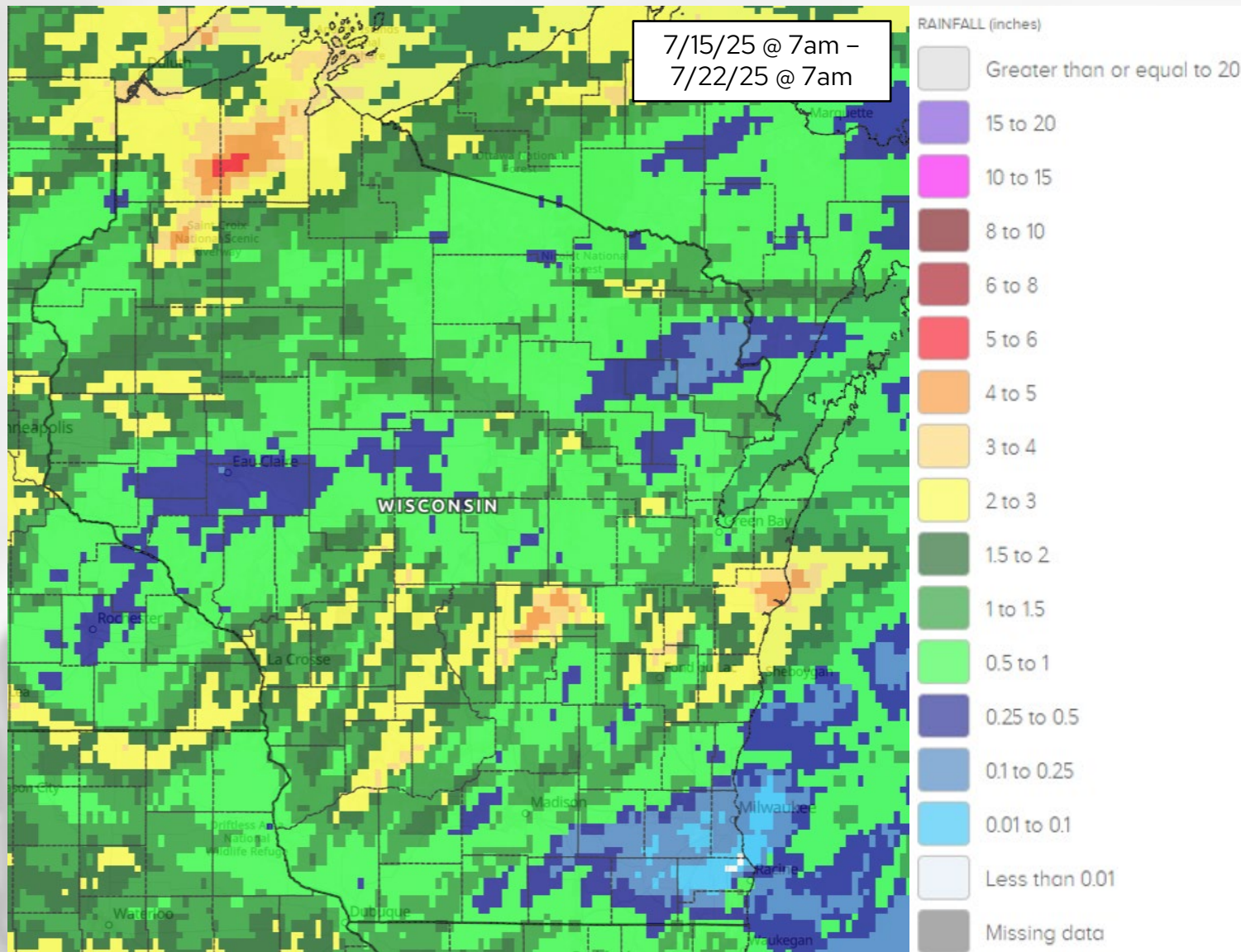
Severe Storms – July 16



- **Wind damage and tornado reports** came in the NWS during the afternoon and evening of July 16th.
- **5 tornadoes** were confirmed by the NWS; check out this [map](#) of the tornado tracks.
- Precip totals from this event **topped 2"** in parts of central WI.

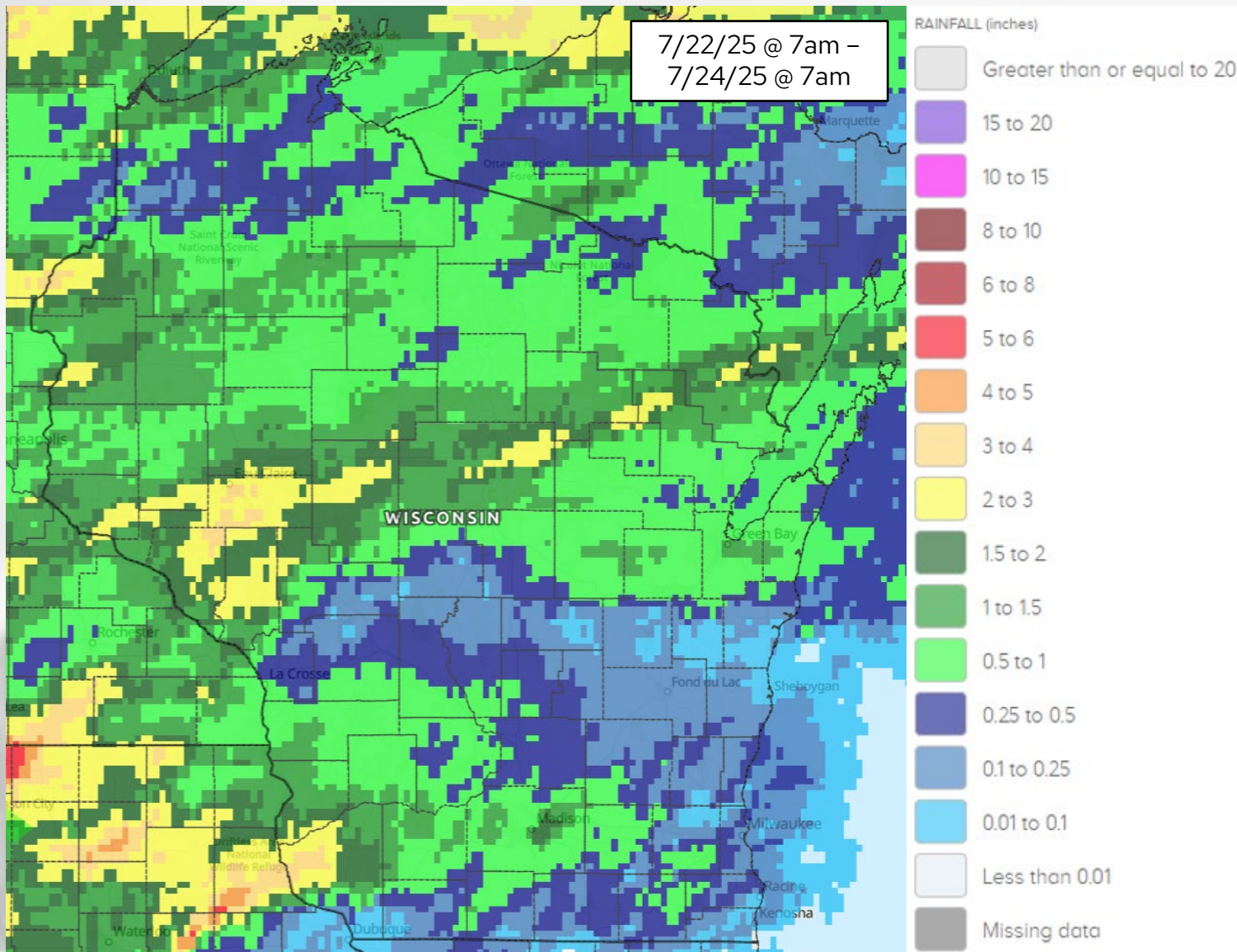
Storm reports: https://www.spc.noaa.gov/climo/gm.php?rpt=250716_rpts

7 Day Precip



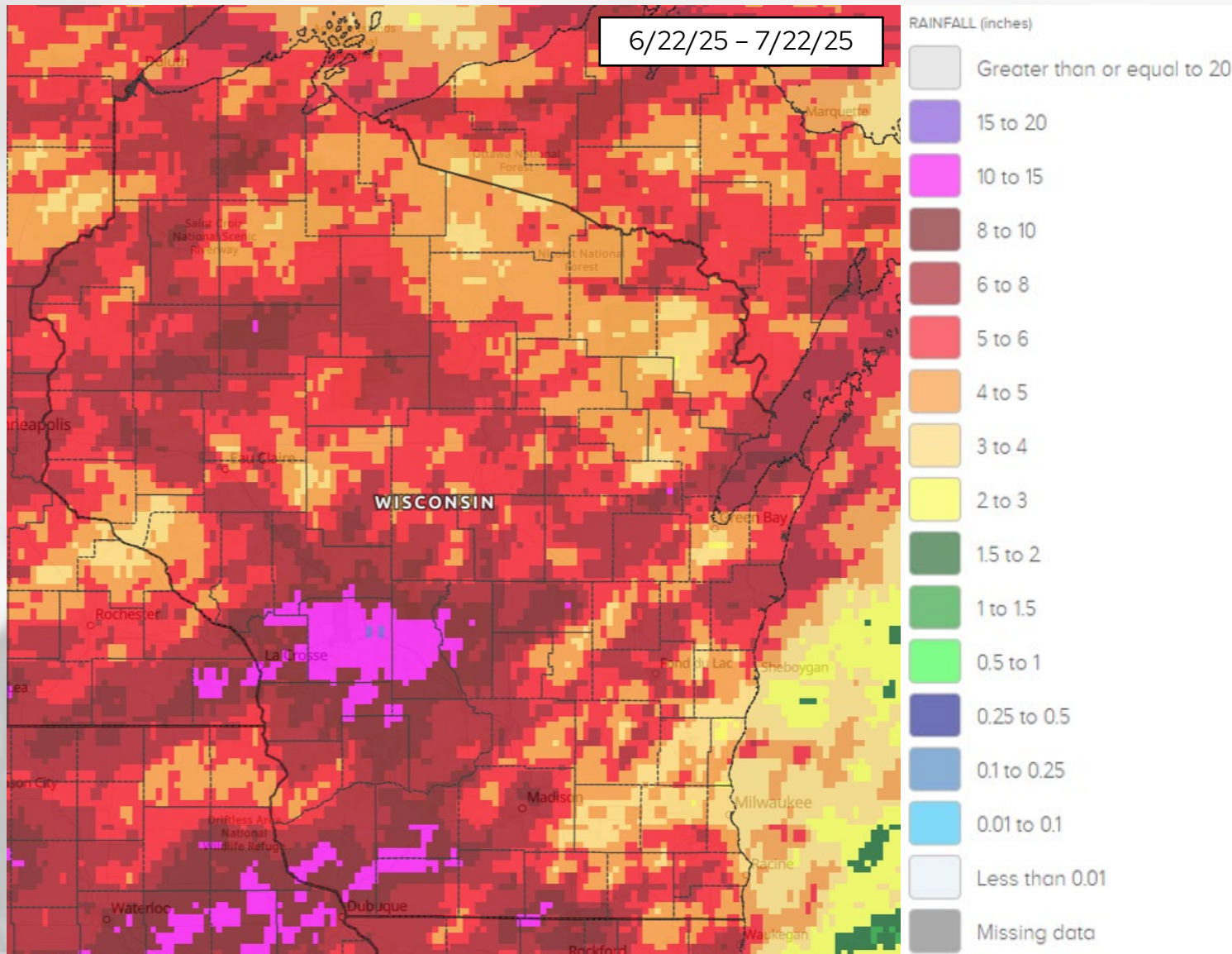
- Precip totals of **0.5" or more** were common across nearly the whole state.
 - 2-4"** in pockets between La Crosse & Manitowoc, as well as along Lake Superior. Some **pockets of >4"** in these regions.
- Lower totals in the SE and in some northern locations → **<0.5"**

Addition – July 22–23 Precip



- The northern half of WI received an **additional 0.5"+** of rainfall since Tuesday morning.
- Highest totals in the west-central, NE, and far SW → **2-4"**
- Lesser totals in the far south and SE → **0.25" or less.**

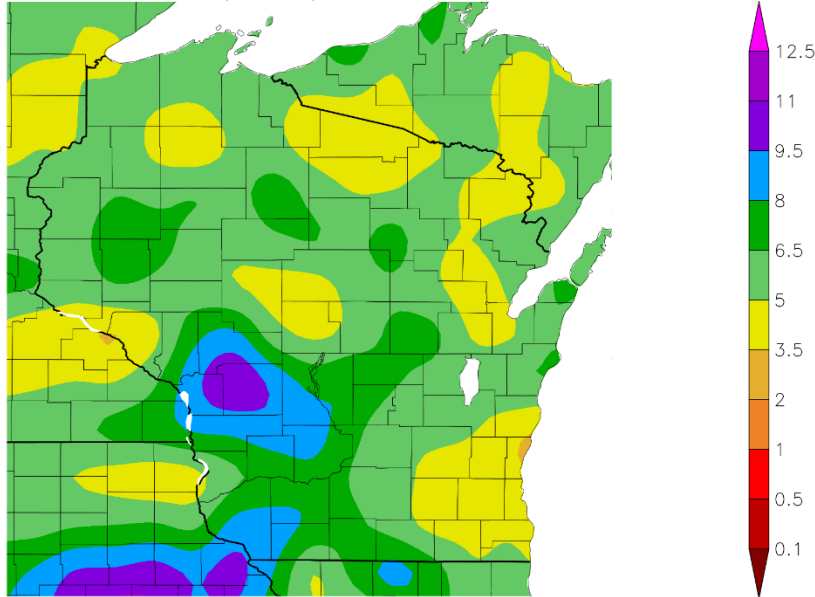
30 Day Precip



- **5-8" common** across a large portion of WI (shaded in red) following what has been an **active last 30 days** for precip.
- Highest totals (**10" or more**) in a few pockets around the south and west.
- Totals taper to **5" or less** in the far north and towards Milwaukee.

30 Day Precip Total/% Avg.

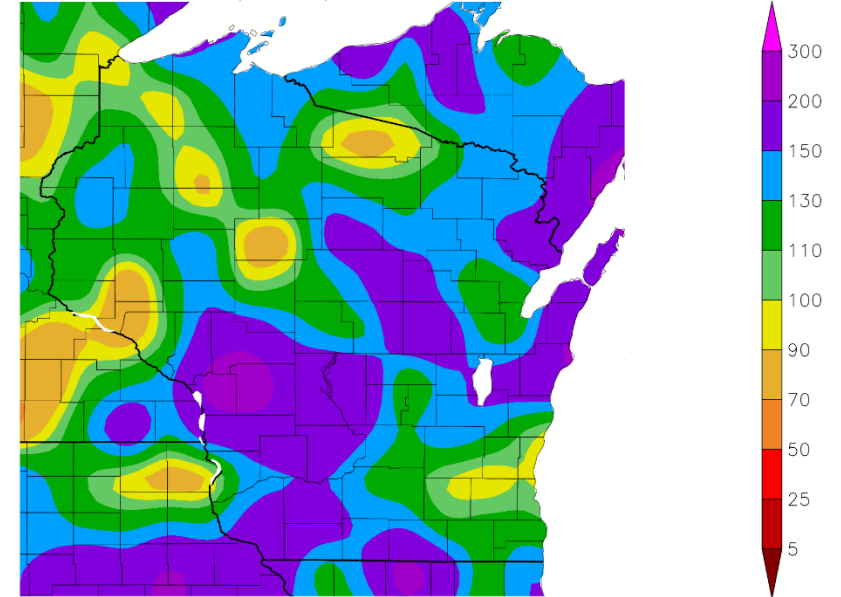
Precipitation (in)
6/22/2025 – 7/21/2025



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Percent of Normal Precipitation (%)
6/22/2025 – 7/21/2025



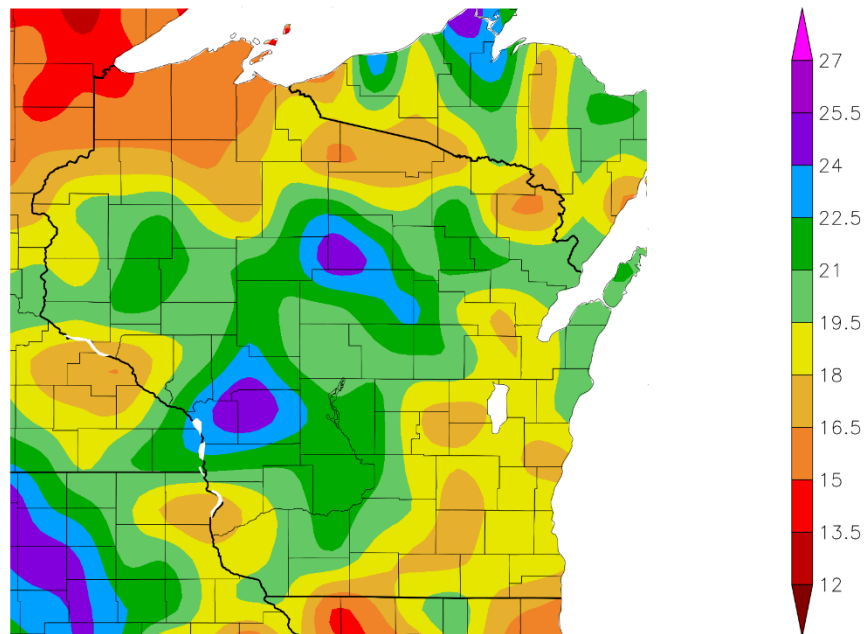
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- The majority of WI is **at or above normal** precip since June 22, with totals of **5" or more** for most.
- Highest totals in the west/SW (areas of **8+"**) → **150% or more** of normal
- **Nearer to normal** in pockets of the NW and around Milwaukee.

2025 Precipitation (so far)

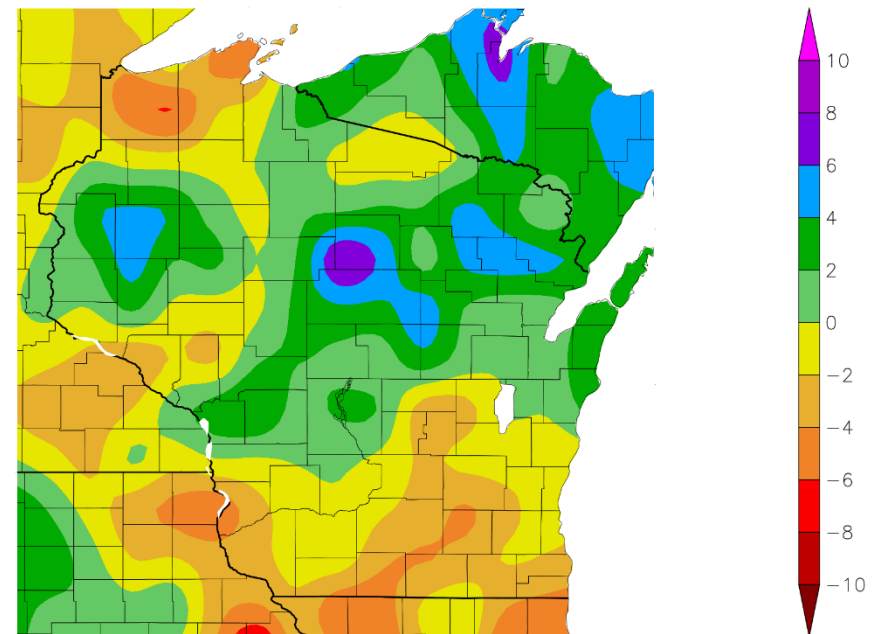
Precipitation (in)
1/1/2025 – 7/21/2025



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Departure from Normal Precipitation (in)
1/1/2025 – 7/21/2025



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Soil Moisture Models

- **Above-normal soil moisture levels** in the top 1 meter of soil are widespread in the north, central, and west/SW following an active precip week.
- **Near to slightly below normal** in the east where precip totals from last week were lower.

Model Notes:

Red areas = top 5 driest in 100 years.

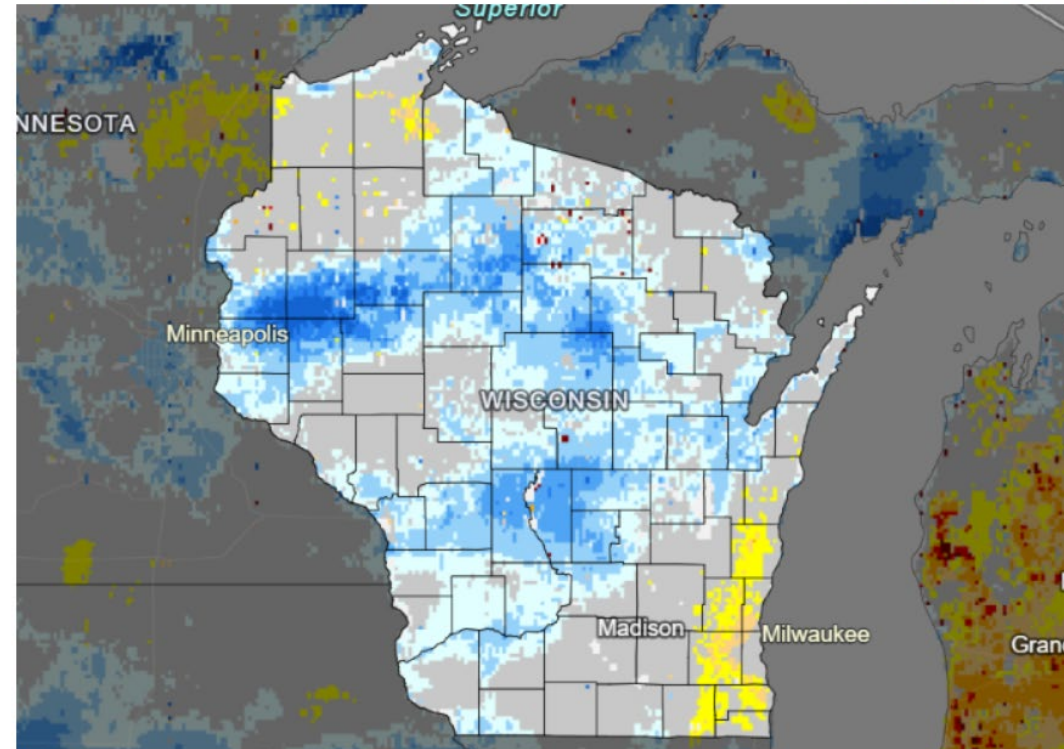
Dark red areas = top 2 driest in 100 years.

Blue areas = top 2 wettest in 100 years.

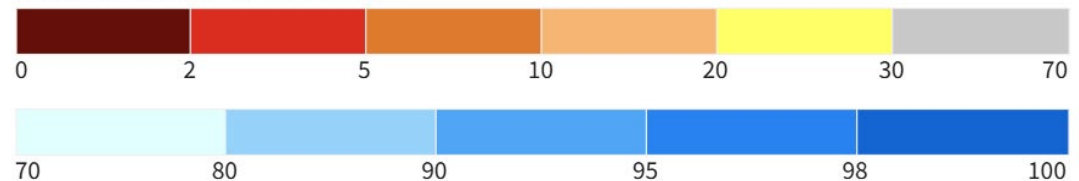
It's worth noting that each soil moisture model has their own characteristics and input variables, so there tends to be variation between models. Thus, it's worthwhile to look at multiple models opposed to just one.

https://weather.ndc.nasa.gov/sport/case_studies/lis_CONUS.html
<https://www.drought.gov/states/wisconsin>

NASA SPoRT-LIS 0-100 cm Soil Moisture Percentile



0-100 cm Soil Moisture Percentile

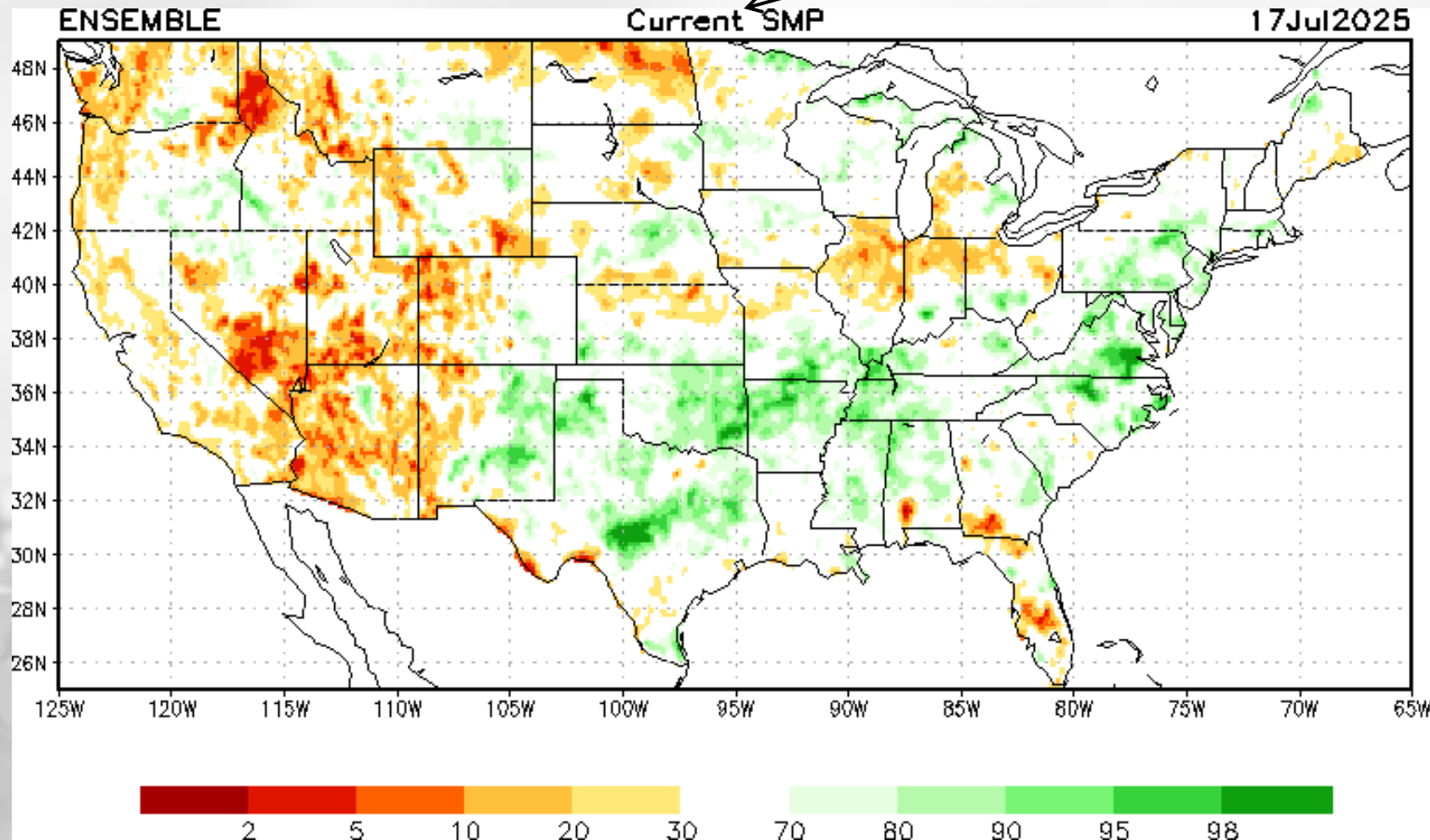


Source(s): NASA
Data Valid: 07/23/25

Drought.gov

Soil Moisture Models

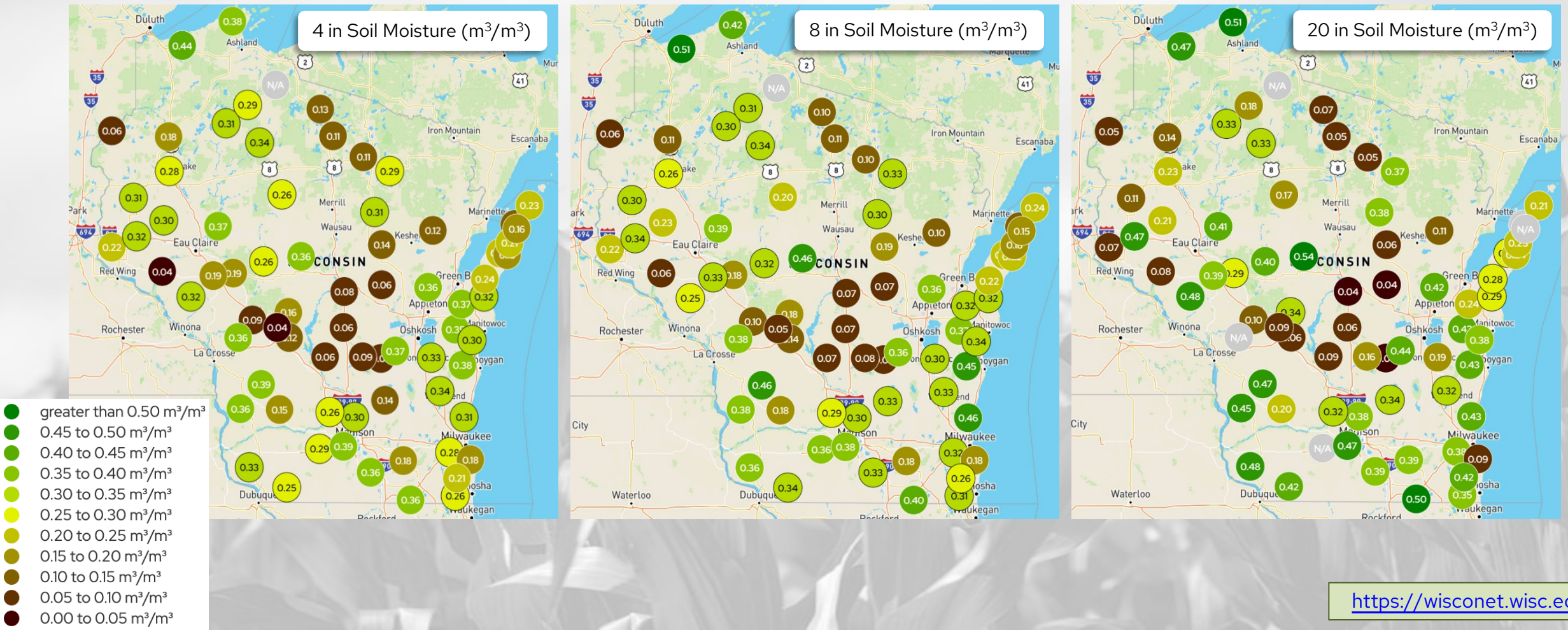
NOTE: this map displays the soil moisture percentile for July 17. It was the most recent update as of July 22.



https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/Drought/Monitoring/smp_new.shtml

Wisconet Soil Moisture

Maps showing soil moisture conditions on July 22nd @ 10am.
Units of map values are {Volume of water}/{Volume of soil}.



Wisconet Soil Moisture

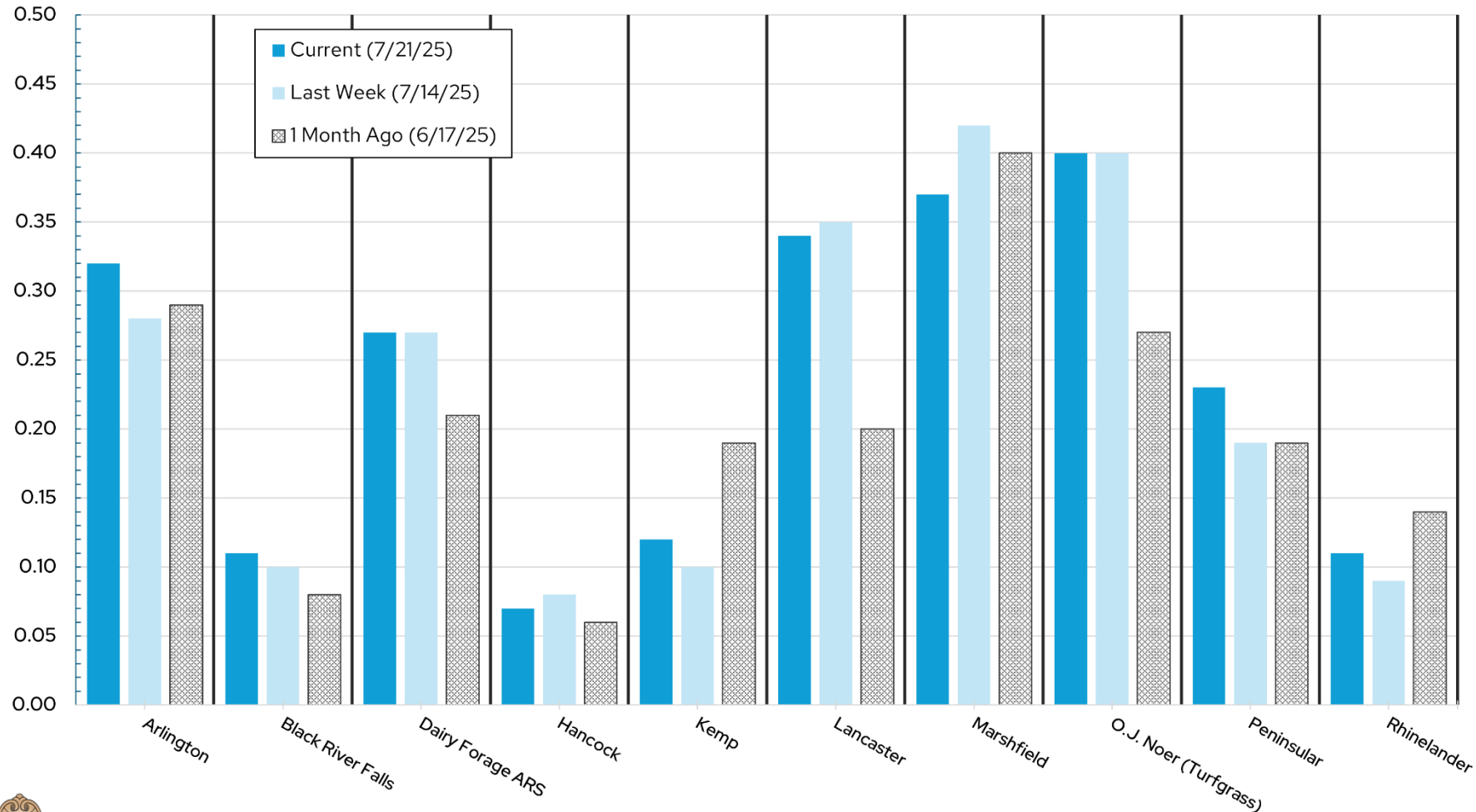
Change in soil moisture from July 15th (Start) to July 21st (End).
Units of change values are {Volume of water}/{Volume of soil}.

Research Farm	County	Total Precip (in)	4" Change (Start)	4" Change (End)	8" Change (Start)	8" Change (End)	20" Change (Start)	20" Change (End)
Arlington	Columbia	1.03	0.27	0.32	0.28	0.31	0.39	0.38
Black River Falls	Jackson	1.27	0.09	0.11	0.09	0.10	0.10	0.11
Dairy Forage ARS	Sauk	1.25	0.25	0.27	0.23	0.30	0.32	0.32
Hancock	Waushara	2.64	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.06
Kemp	Oneida	0.64	0.09	0.12	0.11	0.12	0.05	0.05
Lancaster	Grant	0.65	0.34	0.34	0.36	0.36	0.49	0.48
Marshfield	Marathon	0.36	0.40	0.37	0.48	0.46	0.56	0.54
O.J. Noer (<i>Turfgrass</i>)	Dane	0.70	0.39	0.40	0.38	0.38	0.47	0.47
Peninsular	Door	0.42	0.18	0.23	0.17	0.19	0.24	0.23
Rhineland	Oneida	1.19	0.08	0.11	0.07	0.11	0.05	0.05
Spooner	Washburn	1.31	0.17	0.18	0.09	0.11	0.14	0.14

Wisconet Soil Moisture

Wisconet 4" Soil Moisture Change

UW Research Farms

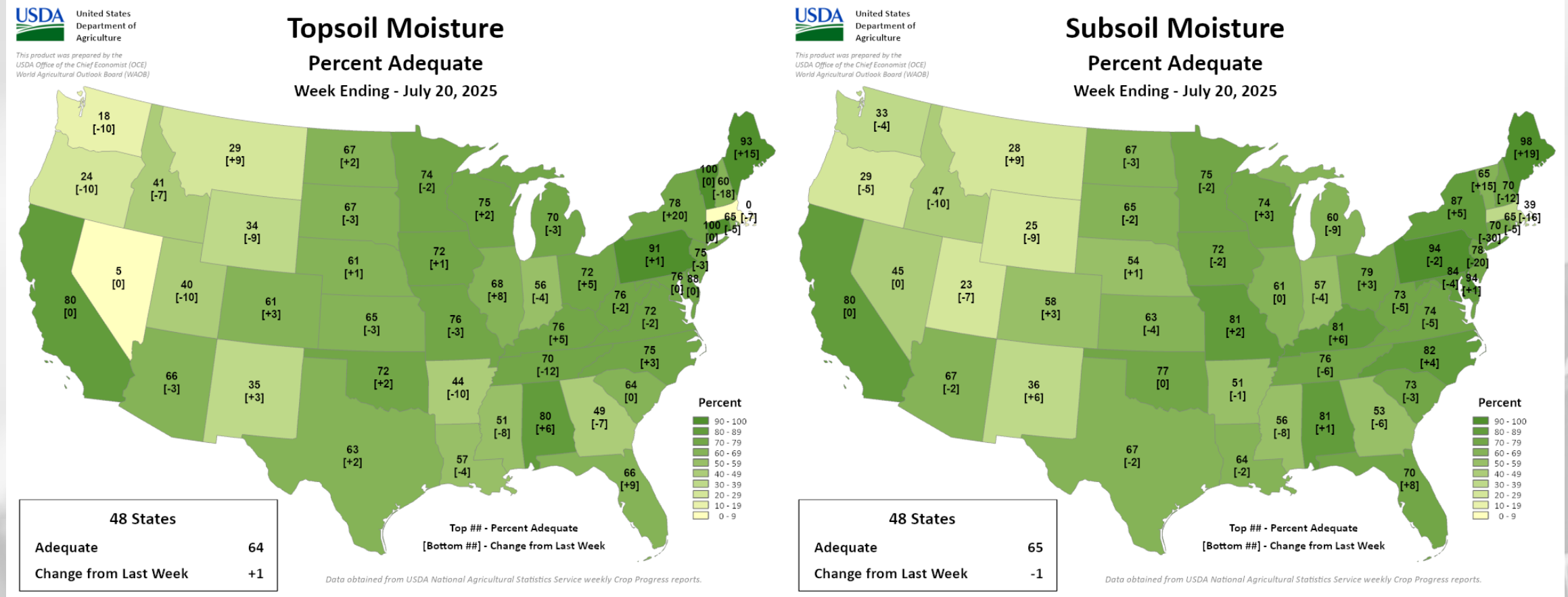


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Data Source: Wisconet

<https://wisconet.wisc.edu/>

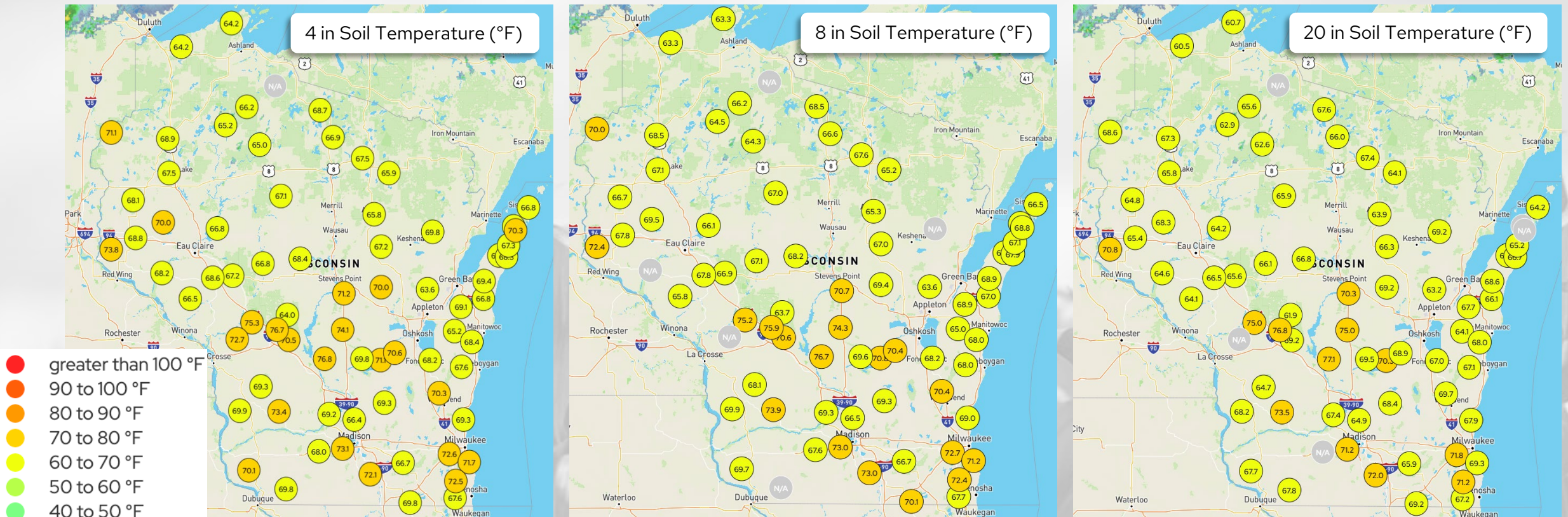
Adequate Soil Moisture



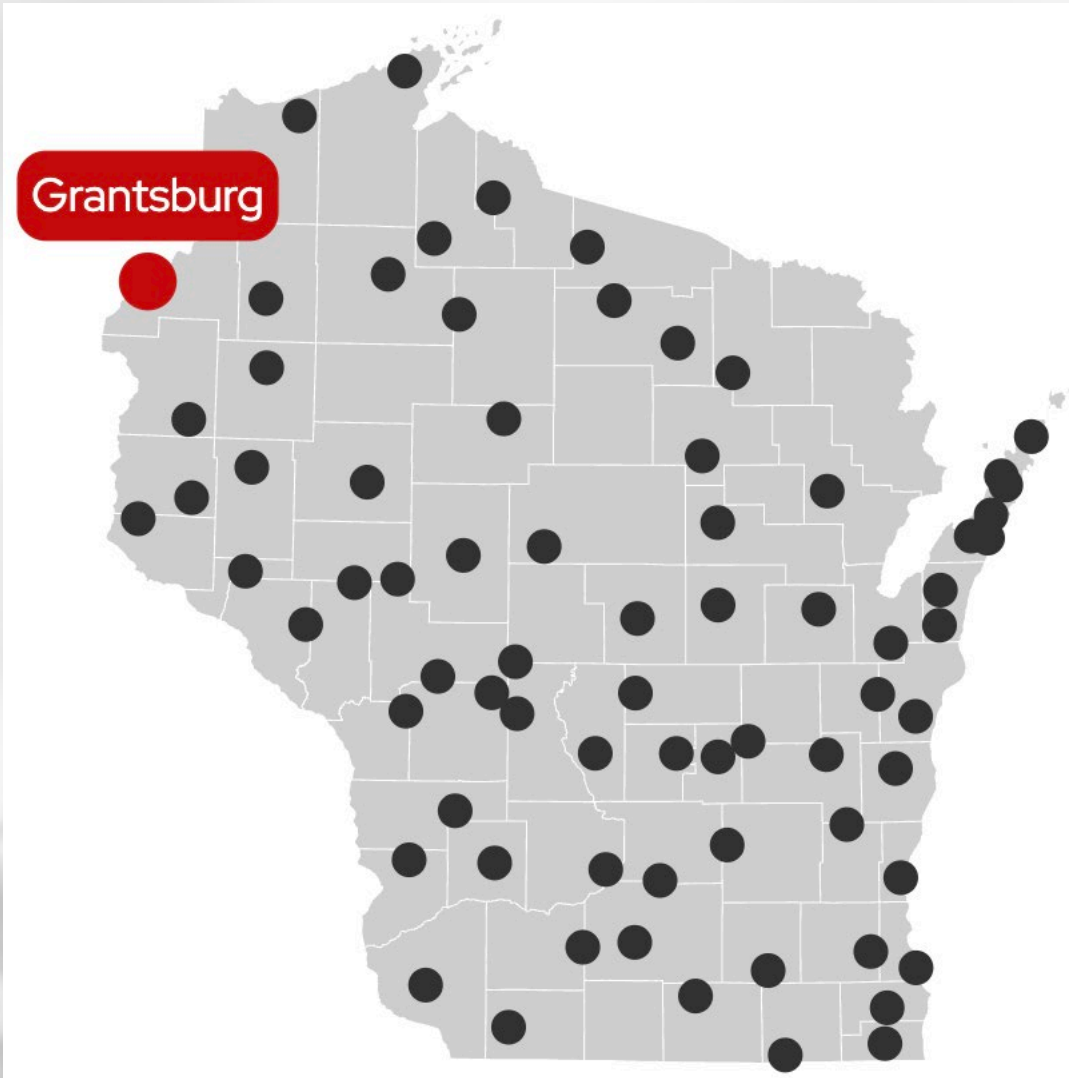
- **74-75%** of agricultural soils in the state with **adequate** topsoil and subsoil moisture.
- **9%** of fields in the state are reported as having **short to very short** topsoil moisture, **unchanged** from last week.

Wisconet Soil Temperature

Maps showing soil temperature conditions on
July 22nd @ 10am.



Wisconet Stations



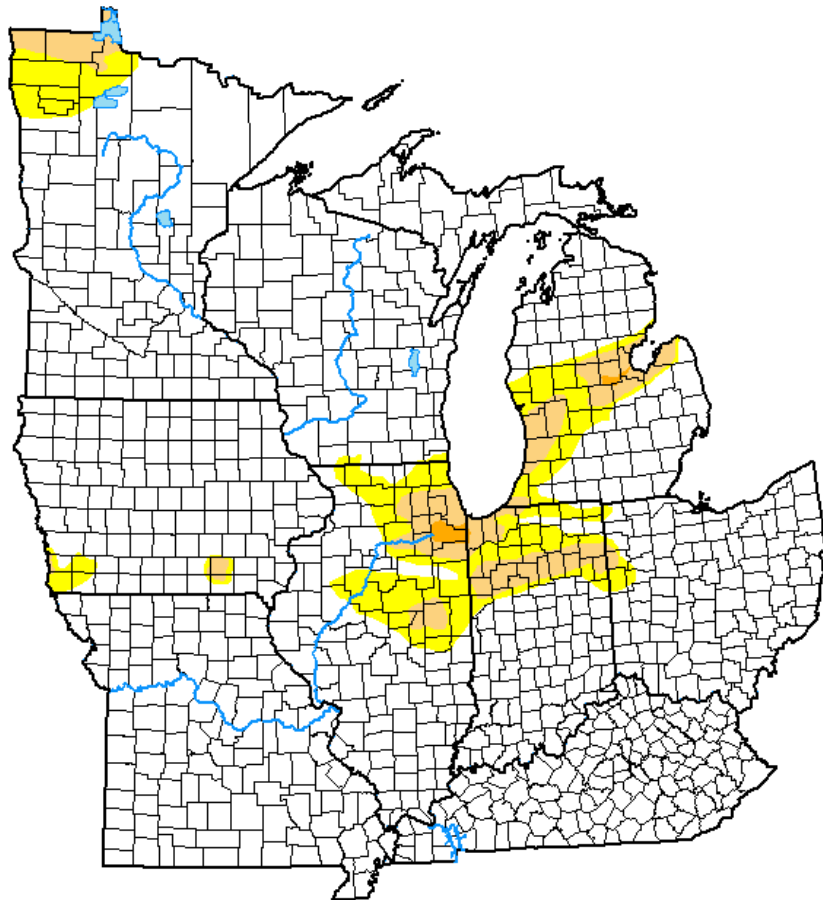
- As of July 22, 2025, there are **73 Wisconet stations** across the state.
- To find data for the station nearest to you, [click this link](https://wisconet.wisc.edu/) to go to a webpage with an interactive Wisconet station map.

➤ **Stations added since January 1, 2025:**

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|----------------------------------|-----------|
| ➤ Taycheedah, Fond du Lac County | (4/23/25) |
| ➤ Brigham, Iowa County | (5/7/25) |
| ➤ Westboro, Taylor County | (5/13/25) |
| ➤ Shanagolden, Ashland County | (5/28/25) |
| ➤ Darlington, Lafayette County | (5/29/25) |
| ➤ Grand Marsh, Adams County | (6/12/25) |
| ➤ River Falls, Pierce County | (6/17/25) |
| ➤ Flambeau, Price County | (6/18/25) |
| ➤ Hunter, Sawyer County | (6/18/25) |
| ➤ Bayfield, Bayfield County | (6/19/25) |
| ➤ Mindoro, La Crosse County | (7/1/25) |
| ➤ Hay River, Dunn County | (7/2/25) |
| ➤ Rice Lake, Barron County | (7/2/25) |
| ➤ Grantsburg, Burnett County | (7/3/25) |

US Drought Monitor

U.S. Drought Monitor Midwest



July 22, 2025

(Released Thursday, Jul. 24, 2025)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	88.84	11.16	4.23	0.21	0.00	0.00
Last Week 07-15-2025	80.66	19.34	4.34	0.38	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 04-22-2025	65.57	34.43	11.00	1.07	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-07-2025	44.12	55.88	29.47	3.56	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 10-01-2024	21.78	78.22	28.15	6.40	1.46	0.66
One Year Ago 07-23-2024	88.99	11.01	3.85	0.82	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate Drought	D4 Exceptional Drought

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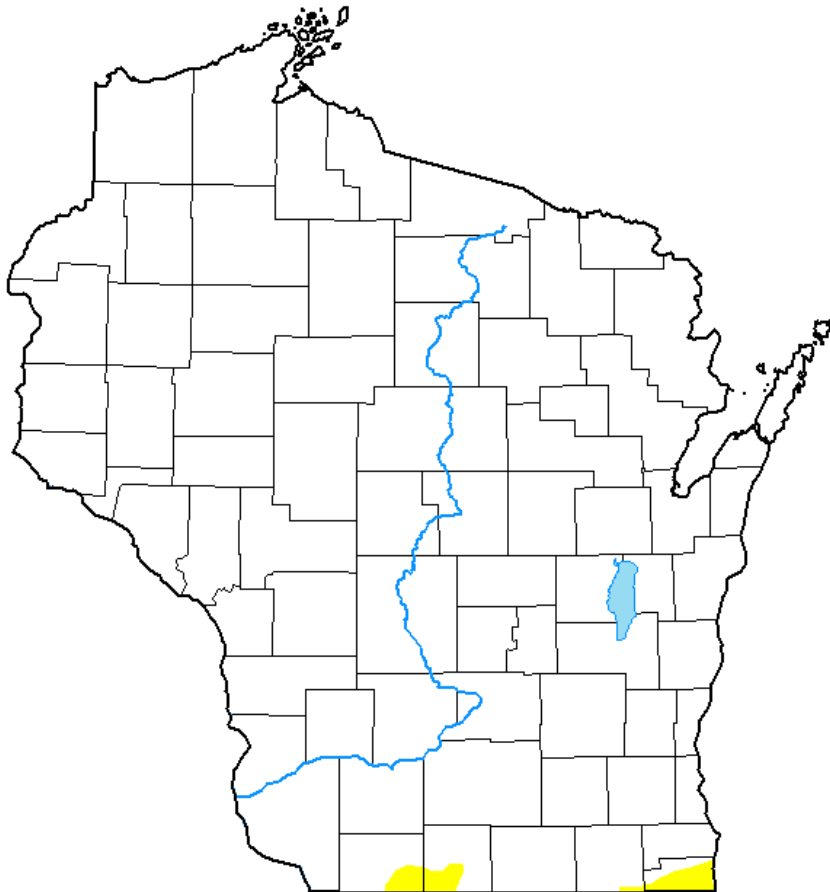
- Midwest: Compared to last week:
 - 8% **decrease** in D0 coverage.
 - *Slight decrease* in D1-D2 coverage.
- Midwest: **1 class improvement** across the region. **1 class degradation** in northern IN. Drought is most common in eastern IL, northern IN, and central MI.
- Wisconsin: The state is now **drought-free!** Isolated pockets of D0 remain in the far south, with **elimination** of D0 in the north.
- **96%** of the Midwest is drought free (4% in D1 or D2).

Note: D0 is not considered drought.

<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>

US Drought Monitor

U.S. Drought Monitor Wisconsin



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	99.24	0.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 07-15-2025	92.57	7.43	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 04-22-2025	67.61	32.39	2.58	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-07-2025	36.12	63.88	39.54	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 10-01-2024	18.68	81.32	29.83	8.45	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 07-23-2024	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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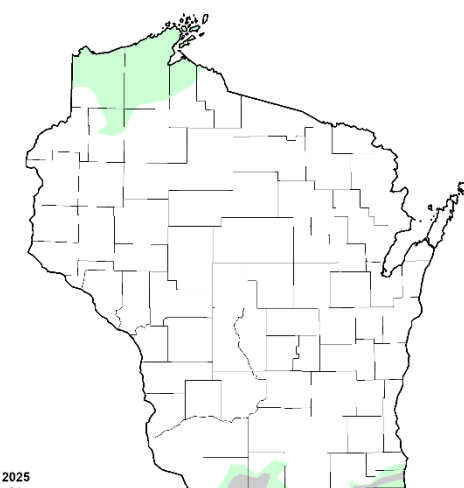
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Amount of state in:

- D1-D4 – 0.0% ↓
- D2-D4 – 0.0% --
- D3-D4 – 0.0% --
- D4 – 0.0% --

Note: ↑↓ indicate change from last week. Red up
arrows indicate increase in drought area; vice-versa
for green arrows. -- indicates no change from last week.

U.S. Drought Monitor Class Change - Wisconsin
1 Week



July 22, 2025
compared to
July 15, 2025

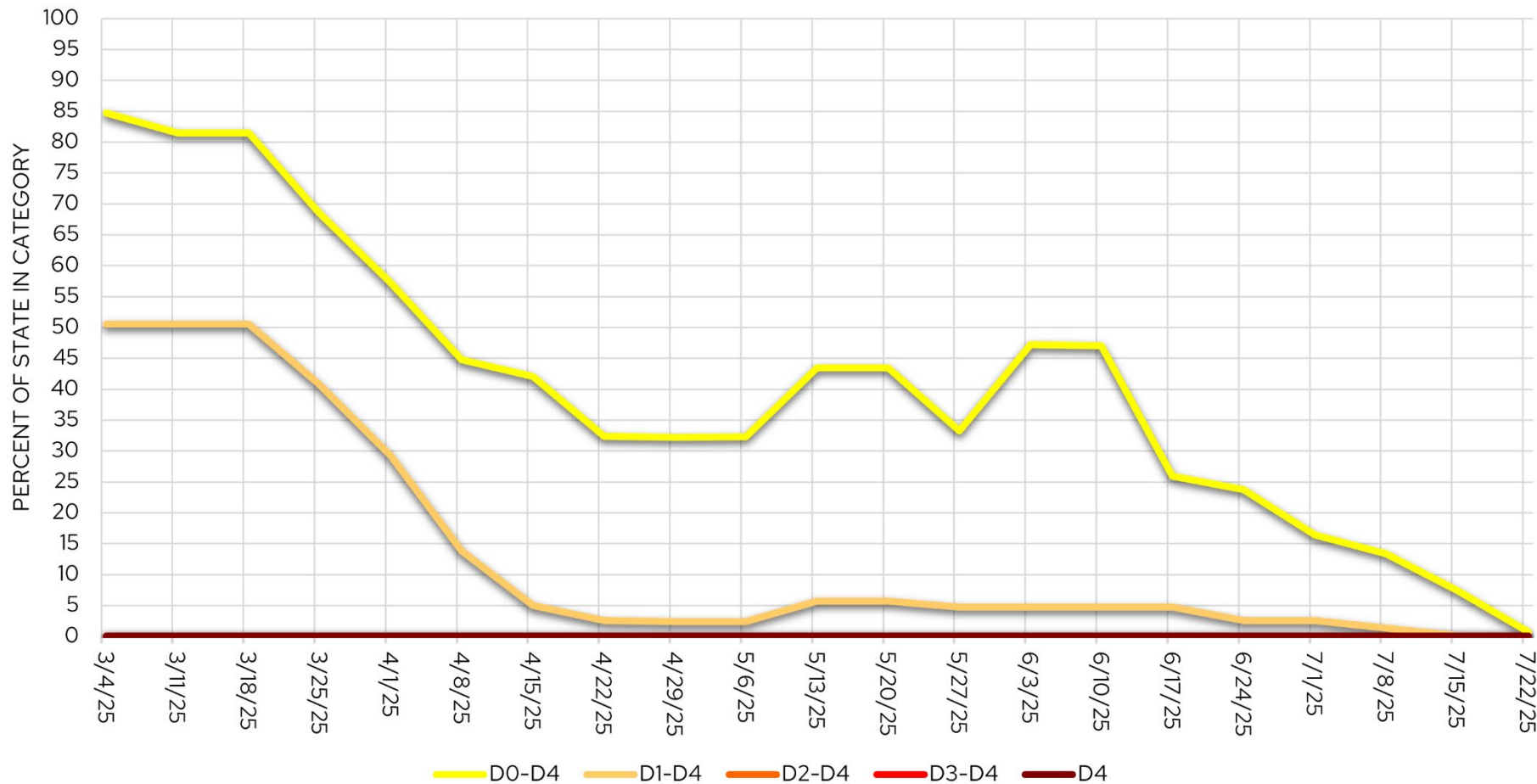
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5 Class Degradation
4 Class Degradation
3 Class Degradation
2 Class Degradation
1 Class Degradation
No Change
1 Class Improvement
2 Class Improvement
3 Class Improvement
4 Class Improvement
5 Class Improvement

USDM Time Series

Wisconsin Drought Time Series (USDM)

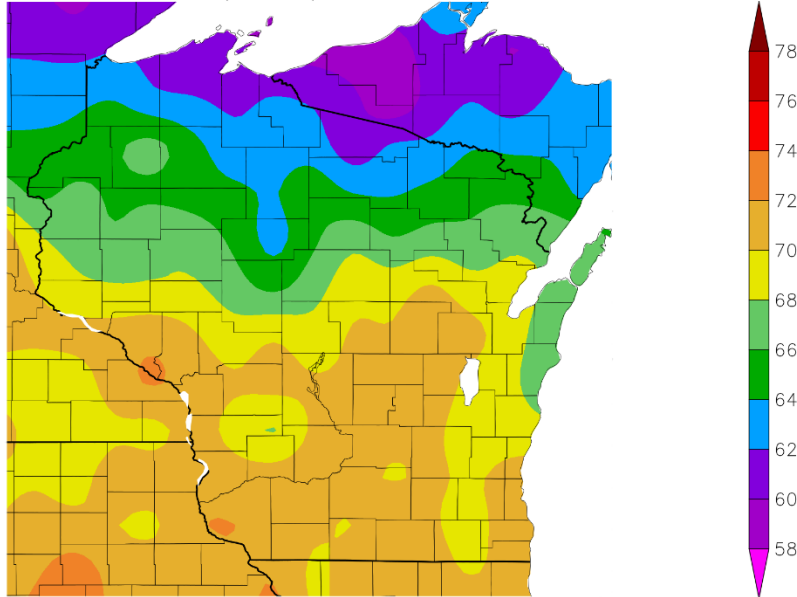


This is the first time that the state has been drought-free since **9/10/24**.

The last time D0 coverage was below 1% was **7/23/24**.

7 Day Temperatures

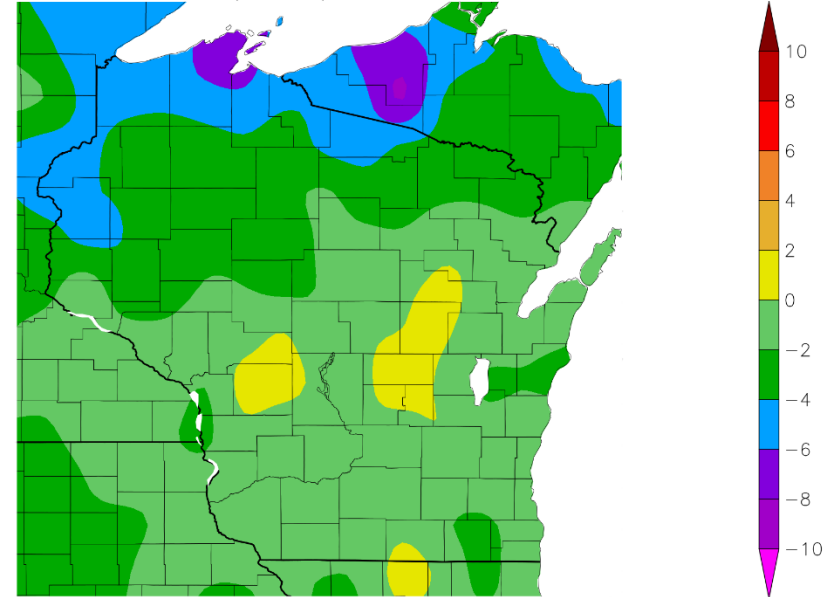
Temperature (F)
7/15/2025 – 7/21/2025



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Departure from Normal Temperature (F)
7/15/2025 – 7/21/2025



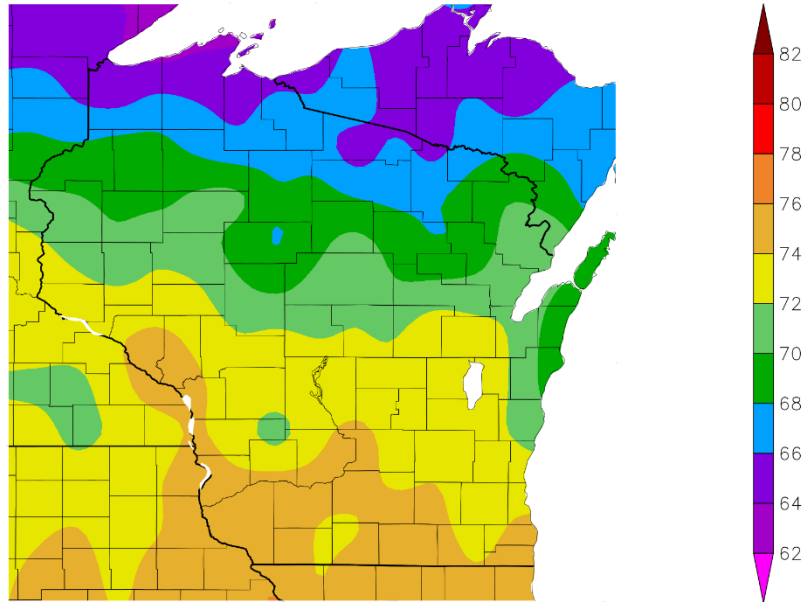
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- Average temp. range of **68-72°F** in the south, central, and west to **60-62°F** in the far north.
- **Below normal** across almost all of the state; for some, as much as **6°F below normal**.
- Most days had high temps reaching the upper 70s to low 80s, with **isolated instances of high reaching 90°F**.

30 Day Temperatures

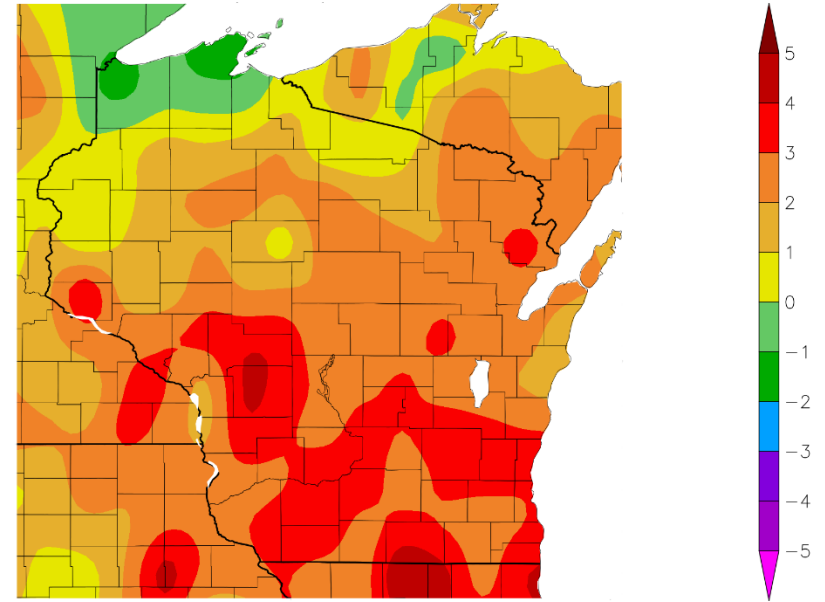
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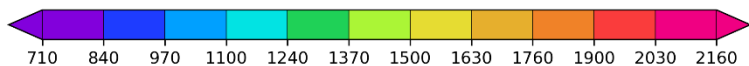
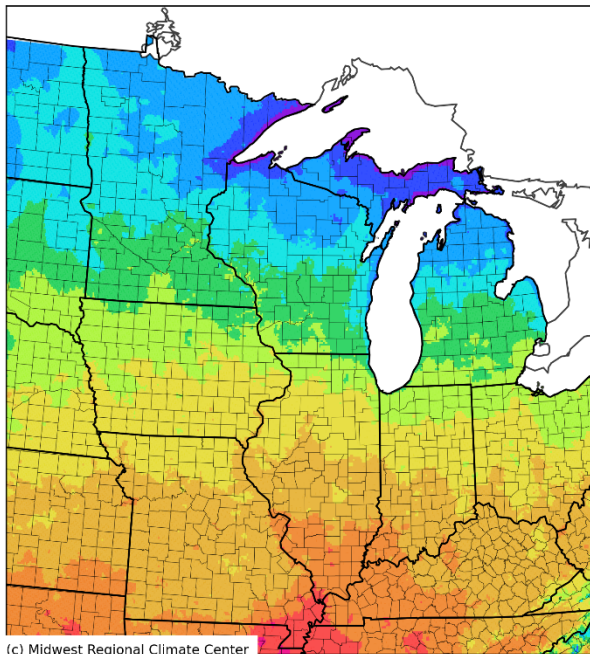
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- Average temperatures for the past month ranged from **74-76°F** in the S & W to **64-68°F** in the N.
- **Above normal** by **at least 2°F** for most of WI. **2-4°F above normal** in the south.
- Nearer to normal in the far north.

Growing Degree Days (Base = 50°F; Since May 1)

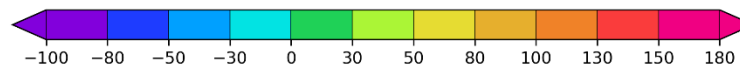
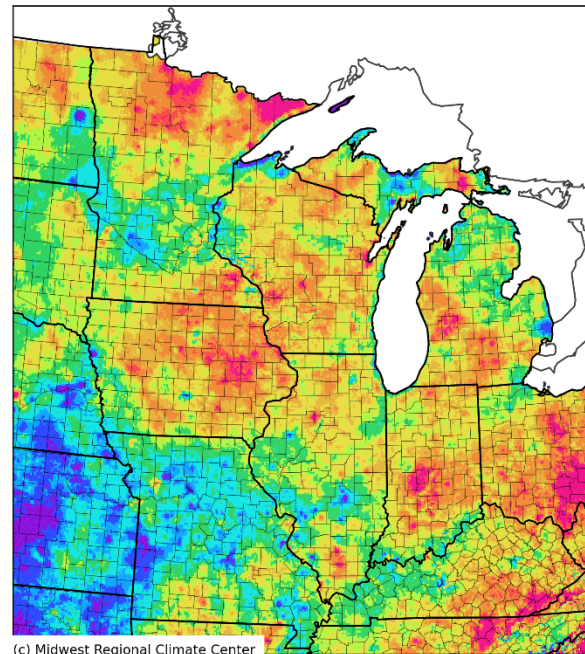
Accumulated Total MGDD (50°F/86°F)

May 01, 2025 to July 20, 2025



Accumulated Total MGDD (50°F/86°F): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals

May 01, 2025 to July 20, 2025



- Range from **1300-1500 GDD** in the SW to **1000-1100 GDD** in the N and E.
- GDD accumulation is running **50+ GDD ahead of schedule** across most of WI. Some instances of **100 GDD ahead of normal**.

To calculate GDD for your corn variety and planting date, use this [tool](#).

To see specific degree models for pests in your location, use the [Vegetable Disease & Insect Forecasting Network](#).

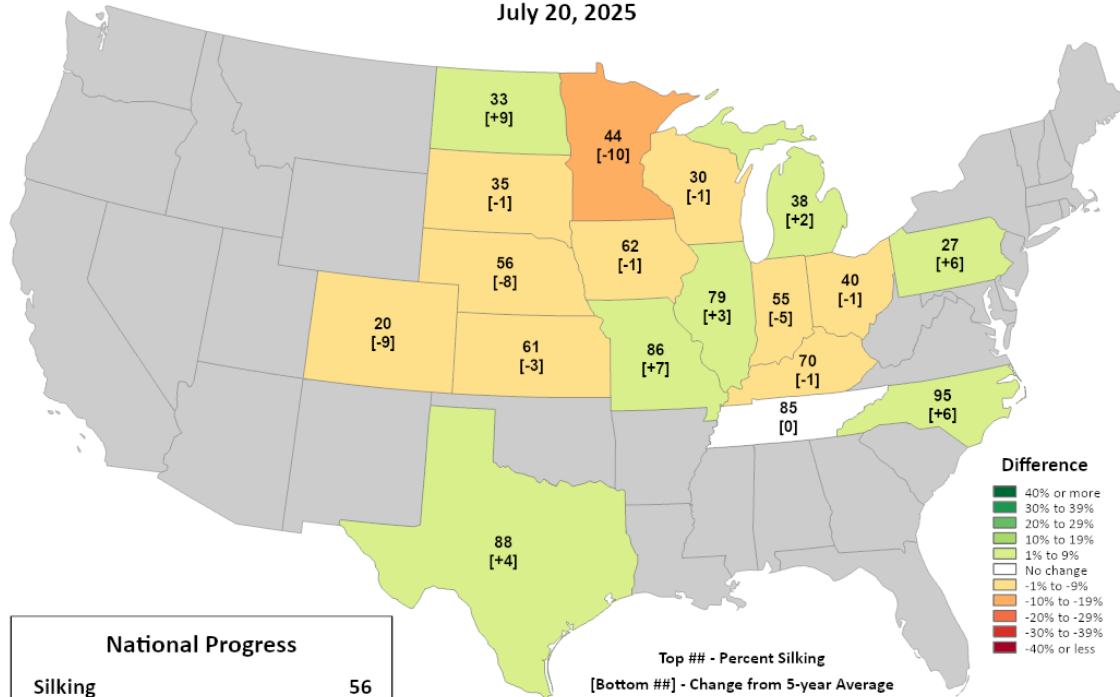
Corn & Soybean Progress

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Corn Progress

Percent Silking

July 20, 2025

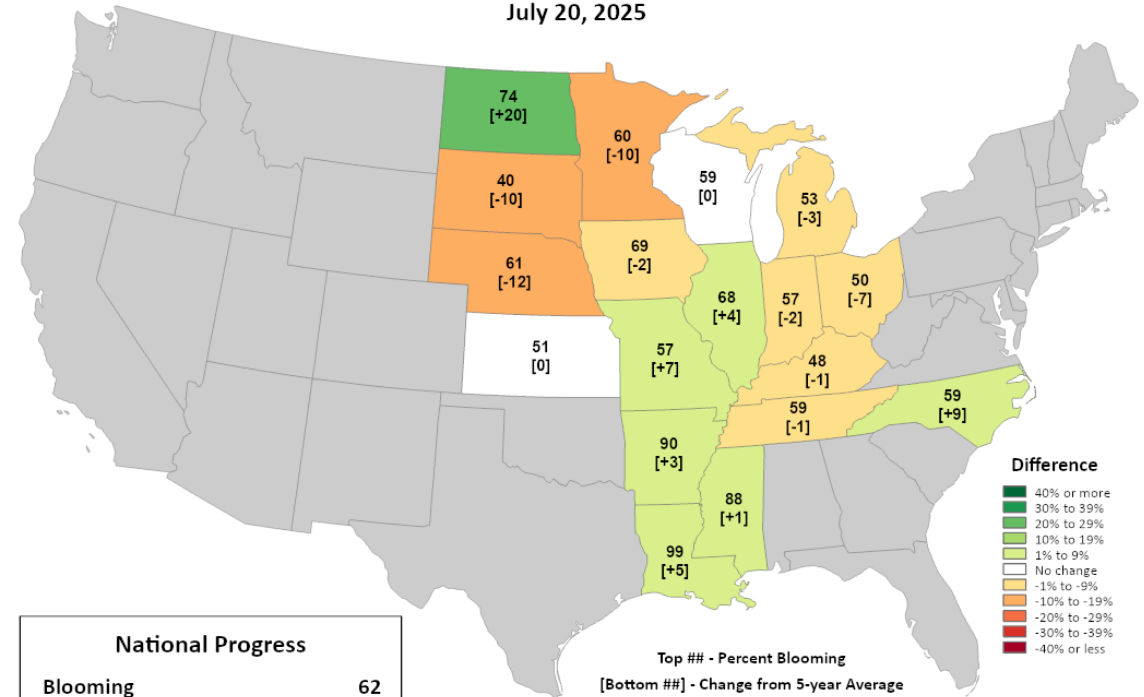


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Soybeans Progress

Percent Blooming

July 20, 2025



- Corn silking has begun in Wisconsin (**30% complete**), which is slightly behind the normal pace for late July.
- Soybean blooming is over half done in WI fields (**59% complete**), which is right at normal pace for late July.
 - Pod setting is being reported in **17%** of soybean fields in WI.

<https://agindrought.unl.edu/Other.aspx>

Corn & Soybean Condition

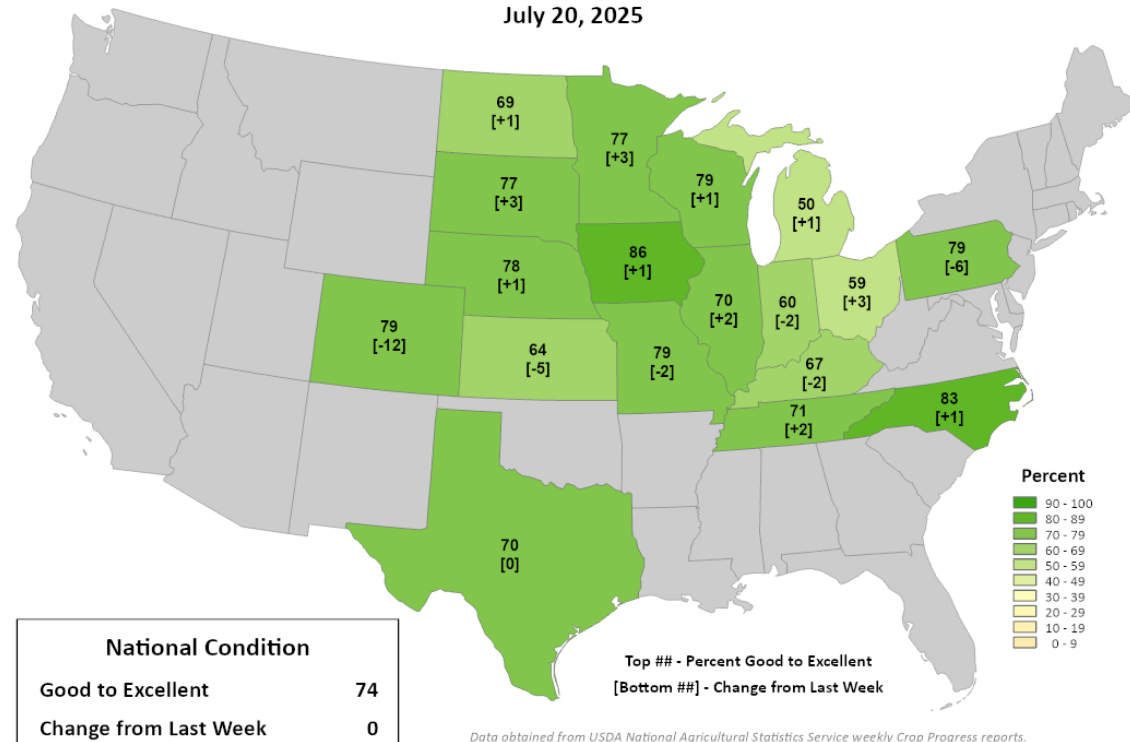


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Corn Conditions

Percent Good to Excellent

July 20, 2025



Crop Progress Report

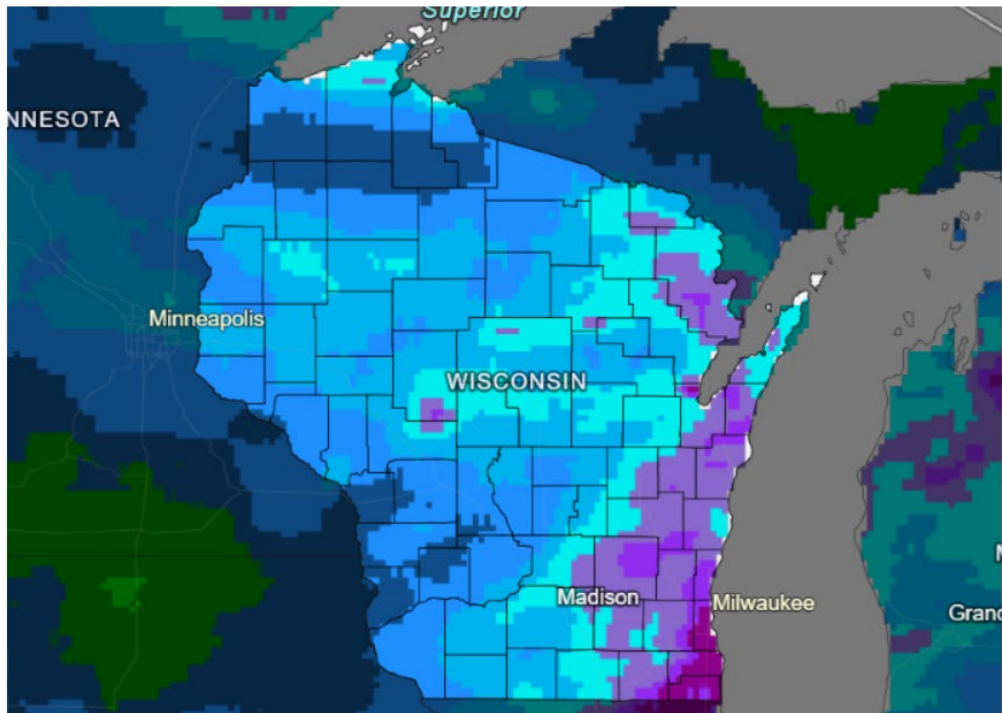
Crop progress report for Wisconsin for the week ending on July 21st

- Corn silking is **30% complete** (slightly behind the 5-year average)
 - Condition was rated **79%** good to excellent.
- Soybean blooming reported at **59% complete** (even with the 5-year average), with **17%** of soybeans setting pods.
 - Condition was rated **75%** good to excellent.
- **97%** of winter wheat is coloring and is rated **72%** good to excellent. Harvest is **14%** complete.
- The second cutting of alfalfa hay was **81%** complete (1 day behind the 5-year average), with the third cutting at **13%** complete.
- Pasture and range conditions are rated **74%** good to excellent (**up 4%** from last week).
- Oats are **94%** headed and **67%** coloring (1 day ahead of average). Harvest is **7%** complete.

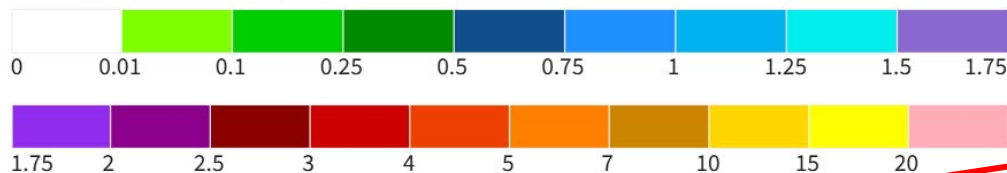
Full report: https://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Wisconsin/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2025/WI-Crop-Progress-07-21-25.pdf

7 Day Precip Forecast

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for July
23-30, 2025



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



Source(s): National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center
Last Updated: 07/23/25

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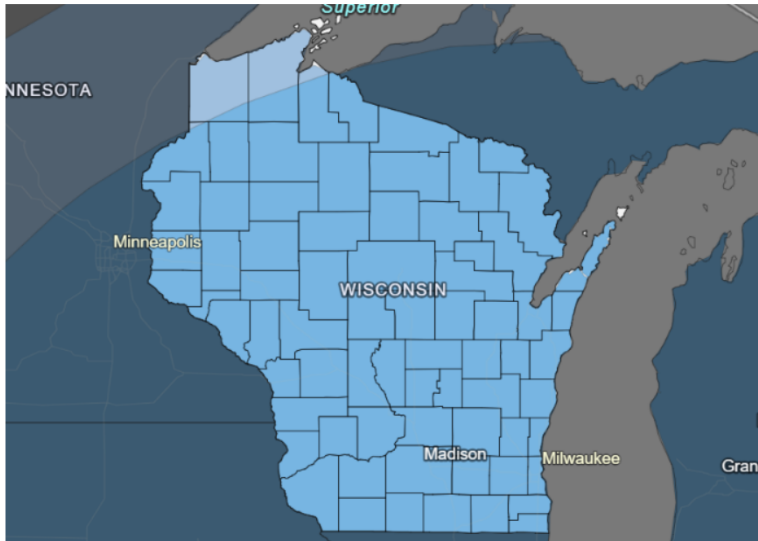
- **When?** → precip chances on most days thru next week Tuesday.
- **Where?** → statewide, with increased chances in the east.
- Statewide Normal (1991-2020) for this upcoming week: **0.89"**
- Check your local forecast for details on totals and timing.

Forecast for 7/24/25 thru 7/31/25
(Begins at 7am CDT)

<https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/qpf/p168i.gif>
<https://www.drought.gov/states/wisconsin>

8-14 Day Temp & Precip Outlook

8-14 Day Temperature Outlook for July 31–August 6, 2025



Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures

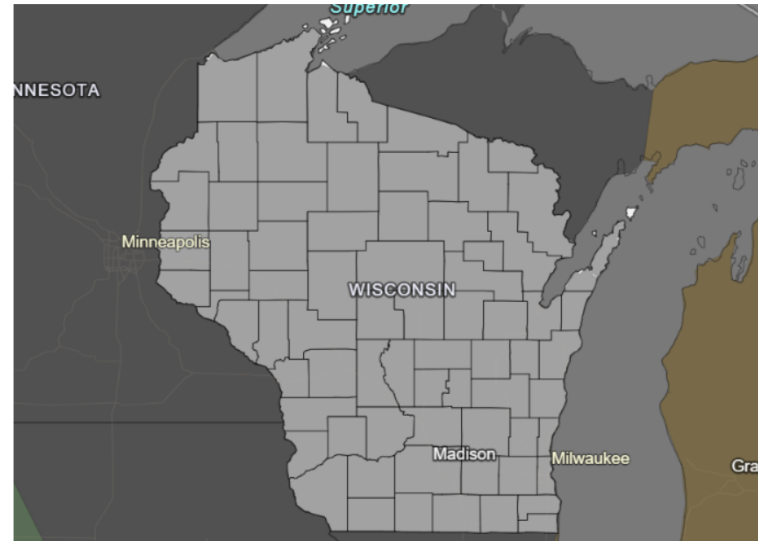


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8-14 Day Precipitation Outlook for July 31–August 6, 2025



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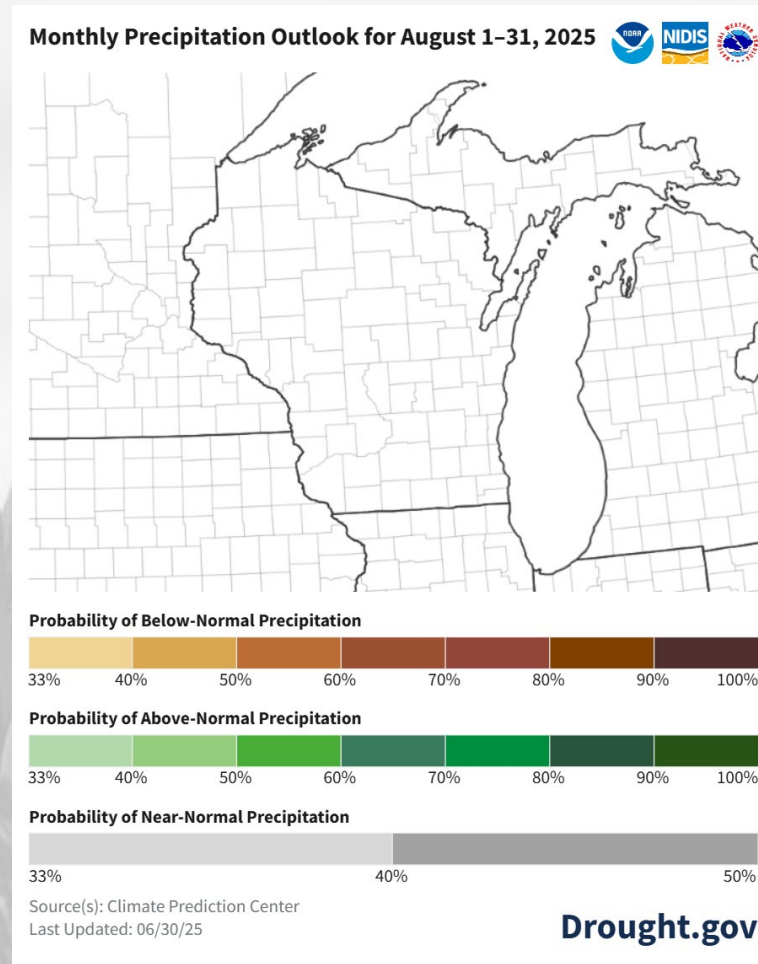
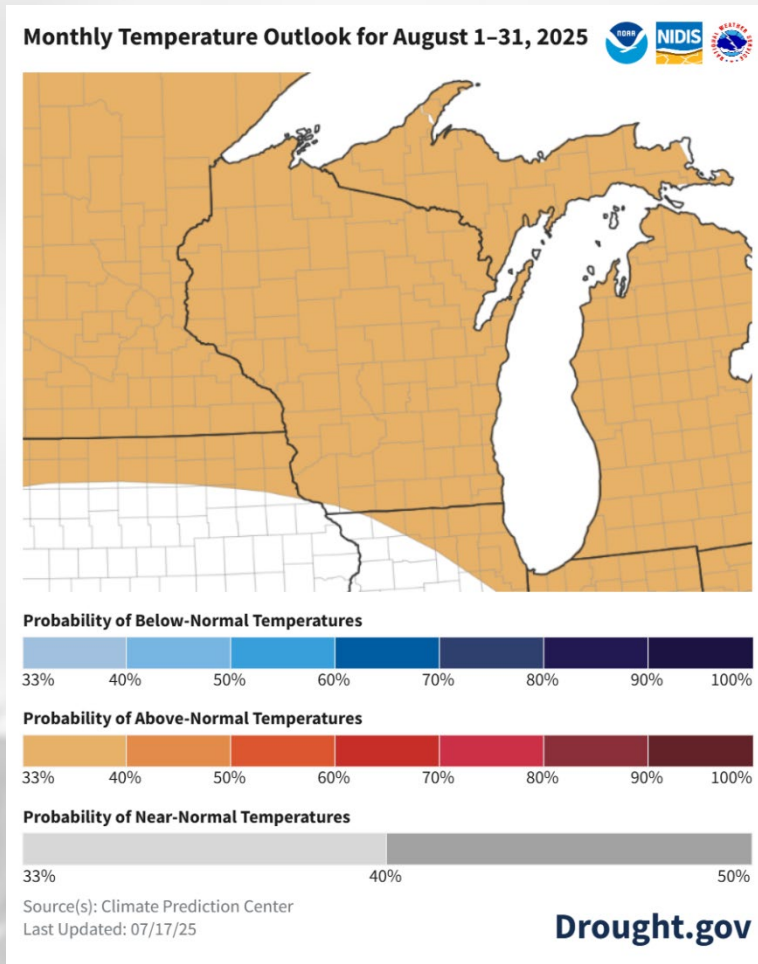
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July transition to August: Temperatures are leaning towards below normal for all of WI, with precipitation leaning towards near normal.

- Statewide normals (1991-2020) for July 31-Aug 6 are **68.2°F** and **0.82"**.

30 Day Temp & Precip Outlook

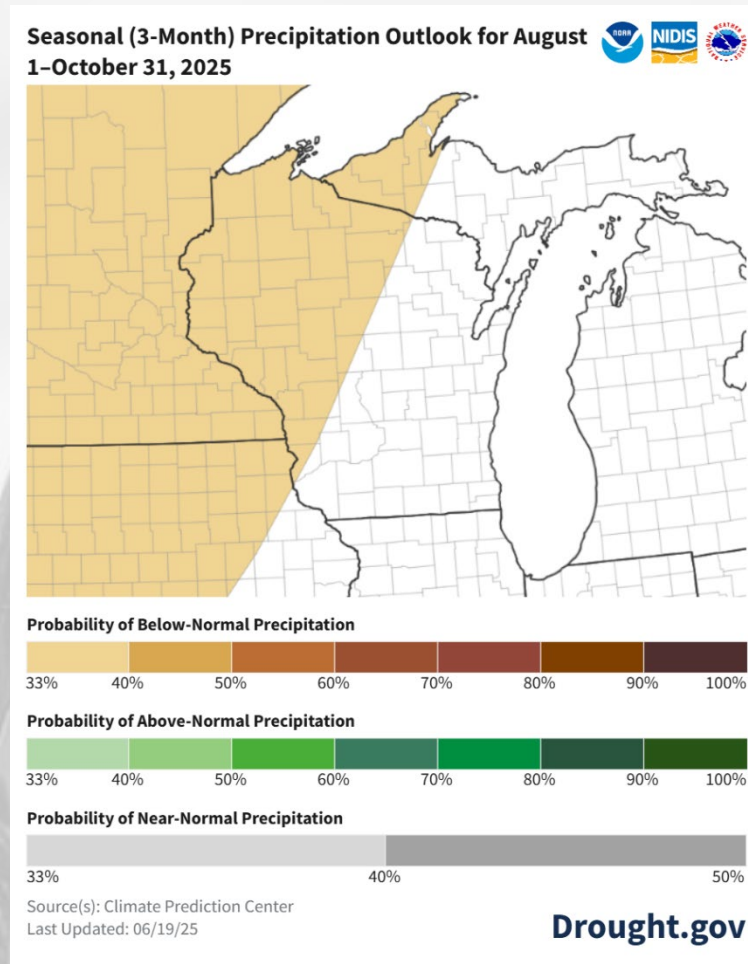
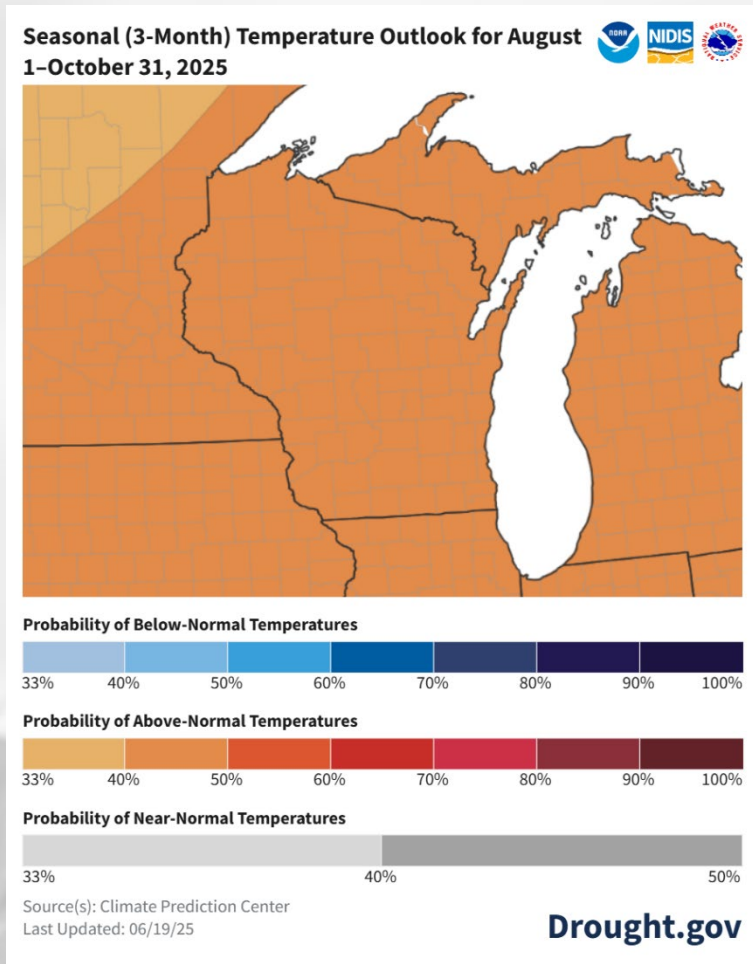


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Month of August: Temperatures are leaning slightly towards above normal, with uncertainty for precip (equal chances).

- Statewide normals (1991–2020) for August are **67.2°F** and **4.24"**.

90 Day Temp & Precip Outlook



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Late Summer into Fall: Temperatures are leaning towards above normal. Precip is uncertain in the east & south, with a slight lean towards below normal further north and west.

- Statewide normals (1991–2020) for Aug–Oct are **57.6°F** and **10.55"**.

Take-Home Points

Current Conditions

- Most of WI saw **2-4 days with measurable precipitation** last week, bringing **0.5" or more** for most. Higher totals of **2-4+"** were observed regionally. This added to 30-day totals that are **above normal** for most of the state.
- **Cooler-than-average** temperatures were common across the state last week, with some days not reaching 80°F. This was a switch from what has been a **warmer-than-normal past 30 days** for most of WI.

Impact

- **Abnormally wet soil moisture conditions** are common across the north, central, and west with the continued shots of precip. Most Wisconet research farm sites experienced **gains in 4" and 8" soil moisture** from last week.
- Drought has been **eliminated** in the state, with the lowest drought coverage/severity in the state since July 1 year ago.
- Corn and soybean development are running at a pace **near to the 5-year normal**. Pod setting has begun in some soybean fields (**17% complete**) with **winter wheat and oat harvest getting underway**. Condition for corn, soybeans, and wheat showed **minimal change** from last week ([NASS](#)).

Outlook

- Another week with **multiple rainy days** is forecasted for the state. Chances are **higher in the east**.
- Climate probabilities for the July-to-August transition show a lean towards **below-normal temperatures** for all of WI (**40-50% likelihood**, except for the far NW).
- The initial August outlooks **do not indicate strong probabilities** of above- or below-normal temperatures or precip.

Agronomic Considerations

Field Work and Conditions

- Avoid trafficking fields in moist conditions to prevent compaction.
- Corn and soybean are well into reproductive stages throughout the state. Corn sweat will be evident this week!

Manure Applications

- Reminder of [Wisconsin's NR 151 Runoff Rules](#) with the timing of manure spreading and current runoff levels. Check [DATCP Runoff Risk Advisory Forecast](#).

Pest Management

- Scout fields to note which weed species escaped herbicide application.
- As corn and soybean crops grow, [note growth stages](#) to time future applications and sampling.
- Check moth trap catches in your region with the [DATCP Pest Survey](#). [Sign up for insect pest alerts](#) specific to your region.
- Routine scouting in corn to watch for: [corn earworm](#) and [western bean cutworm](#). Corn earworm is likely to produce earlier than normal larval infestations this year. Pay close attention to sweet corn.
- Second generation [true armyworm](#) populations are present with several heavy infestations reported. Be actively scouting for this pest!
- Note [Japanese beetle populations](#) in soybean fields.
- Use the [VDIFN model](#) to see risk in your region for several economically important pests.
- Scout for [soybean aphid](#) and [soybean gall midge](#) (SGM not presently in Wisconsin; however, the pest has been located in nearby states).
- Scout for tar spot as it has been [reported in Wisconsin](#). [Have a plan in place to deal with tar spot](#) if it becomes an issue. Check out the [latest disease update](#).
- Be vigilant for [white mold](#) in soybean as plants begin to flower. See [risk forecast here](#). Check out the new [White Mold ROI calculator](#).

Forage Management

- Alfalfa stands are at or nearing second harvest with some starting a third cut in southern WI. Scout for [potato leafhopper](#). Also scout for [pea aphid](#).
- [Consider annual forage options](#) for late season forage supply.
- [Recording when silage tassels can help predict harvest date](#). Consider [in-field management strategies](#) to reduce mycotoxins in silage.

Small Grains

- Winter wheat and oat harvest is underway. As you harvest, remember the [importance of combine cleaning](#) to prevent weed seed spread from field to field.
- Consider planting a [cover crop after small grain](#) harvest. Review [Cover Crops 101](#) for a list of viable species and seeding recommendations.

Fruit Considerations

General

- Wisconsin fruit growers can reference the Midwest Fruit Pest Management Guide (MFPMG) for a list of registered products and recommended best practices. View the [MFPMG Online](#) or order a hard copy here: [MFPMG Hard Copy](#).
- Japanese beetle has been observed in Southern WI. Review best monitoring and management practices here: [Japanese beetle](#).

Apples

- Warm and rainy weather have also brought early reports of bitter rot in some orchards; see the article on [bitter rot management](#) from the July 4 WI Fruit newsletter.
- [Sooty blotch and flyspeck](#) has been observed in Southern WI, pushed along by warm, humid conditions. Continue monitoring NEWA models.
- Apple growers should continue monitoring degree-day (base 50°F) accumulation for [Codling moth](#). Second generation larvae will typically emerge at ~1250 degree-days (base 50°F) from the biofix date. Ensure to refresh traps/lures and continue monitoring weekly.
- [Apple maggot](#) was captured in southern WI. Growers can use red sphere traps to monitor populations and establish a biofix date.
- Apple and grape growers can reference the NEWA weather station network to monitor for disease infection periods in their area. Check out your nearest weather station: [NEWA Weather Station Network \(Cornell\)](#).
- [Woolly apple aphid](#) has been observed in southern WI. Check for white “cottony” appearing tufts where leaf petioles meet branches.
- Check out the WI DATCP [Orchard Insect Pest Bulletin](#) for more information on current insect trap captures across the state.

Grapes.

- Black rot fruit symptoms have been reported in vineyards around WI. Review this 2022 article by Dr. Leslie Holland on [Fruit and Cluster Rots](#) for more information on black rot and fruit rot management.
- [Downy mildew](#) foliar symptoms (“oil-stains”) have been observed in West Madison. Scout for pale-yellow lesions on the tops of leaves and white downy growth on the underside of leaves.
- Overview of grape insect/mite monitoring and management: [Grape Insects and Mite Pests, 2024 Field Season](#) (Cornell, 2024).

Vegetable considerations can be found on the next slide →

Vegetable Considerations

Pests

- [Western bean cutworms](#) are moving into southern and central WI. Check for larva on sweet corn as well as
- The second generation of [true armyworms](#) is now active in WI. Check the [True Armyworm Trap Network](#) data from DATCP for trap catches in your area. While they primarily feed on grasses like sweet corn, they can also be a pest of many other vegetables including cabbage, carrot, onion, and pepper.
- [Onion thrips](#) can infest your plants throughout the season, but the risk increases when nearby alfalfa or small grains are harvested. Be on the lookout for white spots or streaking on leaves
- [Tomato hornworms](#) often do not warrant chemical control because their damage is often minimal, but if you have a large infestation of over 2 hornworm per plant consider spot treating the bad areas. Make sure to treat when the larva are small and more susceptible to an insecticide.
- Regularly scout stems and the underside of leaves of squash and pumpkins for [squash bugs](#) and eggs. Depending on your scale either crush egg clusters or if chemical control is necessary, make sure to target the young nymphs that are most susceptible to chemical control. Visit the [commercial vegetable production guide](#) for control options. Organic options can be found [here](#).

Diseases

- [Gummy stem blight and black rot](#) of cucurbits are caused by the same fungus and differ in whether leaves and stems or fruit are infected, respectively. Leaf spots start as dead tissue on the leaf edge and spreads into the leaf in a v shape pattern. On fruit, lesions initially appear water soaked before turning black.
- Conditions are right for the development of [septoria leaf spot](#) in solanaceous crops. Disease can survive on infected debris and then is spread by water splashing as well as equipment, people and insects moving through wet leaves. Lesions are tan to grey with dark margins and often a yellow halo.
- [Early blight](#) risk is high across the state. One way to distinguish this from other diseases is the larger lesions will have concentric rings. Prevention includes limiting periods of leaf wetness (when possible!), increasing air flow through pruning, sanitizing pruners, and avoiding areas where leaves are wet.
- Another disease that can look like septoria and early blight is [bacterial spot](#). Both fruits and leaves can be affected. Fruit spots are raised, brown and scabby but do not lead to rot. On leaves, symptoms are very similar to septoria with brown lesions with a yellow halo.
- Onion [stemphylium leaf blight](#) is often spread by infected residue or alternative hosts including purslane, pigweed, and bull thistle. Control methods include removing or destroying infected residue, reducing damage from other diseases and insects, reducing periods of leaf wetness when possible and [fungicides](#).
- Cucurbit [downy mildew](#) has now been confirmed on cucumbers in 11 Michigan counties. There are currently no confirmed cases in WI, but early detection is key so be on the lookout for angular lesions that are initially contained within leaf veins. As the disease progresses, the whole leaf can turn brown and the underside of the leaf may appear fuzzy under humid conditions as this water mold produces spores.
- While scouting your cucurbits also keep an eye out for [powdery mildew](#). Symptoms are pale yellow leaf spots that progress into white powdery spots on both the upper and lower leaf surfaces. Powdery mildew reduces yield and fruit quality because of sunscald, uneven ripening and reduced storability.

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