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FOR WEEK OF: March 28 – April 4

GENERAL

Farm activities were limited due to muddy conditions, which delayed fertilizing and spring planting. Wind damage was reported in some counties due to storms over the weekend.

Temperatures: The Spring warm-up is well underway for West Virginia. Temperatures reached the 80's for a couple of sites and ranged through the 70's for most others. Chilly overnight lows kept the Charleston and Bluefield areas at below normal temperatures for the week. All other sites were at or above normal. The highest temperature was 84 degrees at Williamson. The lowest temperature was 27 degrees at Terra Alta. The state average temperature was 48 degrees.

Precipitation: Average rainfall was a full inch above last week's value. Numerous communities had over two inches of rain. Parkersburg was the highest with 3.44. The state average precipitation was 2.20 inches.

Number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 2.0 days last week. Total acres plowed that are intended for spring planted crops were 12 percent complete, compared with 14 percent in 2004 and 24 percent for the 5-yr average.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	PERCENT			
Current Week	--	--	34	66
Last Year	--	--	65	35

FRUIT

Adults of redbanded leafroller and spotted tentiform leafminer are beginning to emerge in apple orchards. Apple and peach conditions were reported in very poor condition.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc
	PERCENT				
Cattle & Calves	--	1	19	74	6
Sheep & Lambs	--	--	11	84	5
Apples	100	--	--	--	--
Peaches	100	--	--	--	--
Hay	12	12	37	39	--
Wheat	--	--	12	88	--
Pasture	7	13	35	45	--

GRAINS

Corn was 0 percent planted, compared with 2 percent last year and 2 percent for the 5-yr average. Oats were 1 percent planted, compared with 7 percent last year and 15 percent for the 5-yr average. Fields were 0 percent emerged, compared with 1 percent last year. The 5-yr average was not available. Winter wheat conditions ranged from fair to good, but most fields were in good condition.

LIVESTOCK and PASTURE

Cattle conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most herds were reported in good condition. Cattle were 73 percent calved, compared with 81 percent last year and 76 percent for the 5-yr average. Sheep conditions ranged from fair to excellent, but most flocks were reported in good condition. Sheep were 73 percent lambled, compared with 79 percent last year and 78 percent for the 5-yr average. Pasture conditions ranged from very poor to good, but most were reported as good. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as mostly adequate, but ranged from short to surplus. Feed grain supplies were reported from adequate to surplus, but most were adequate.

HAY

Hay conditions ranged from very poor to good, but most fields were reported in fair to good condition.

TOBACCO

Tobacco was 94 percent seeded, compared with 72 percent in 2004 and 59 percent for the 5-yr average. Beds were 4 percent emerged, but last year's percentage and the 5-yr average was not available.

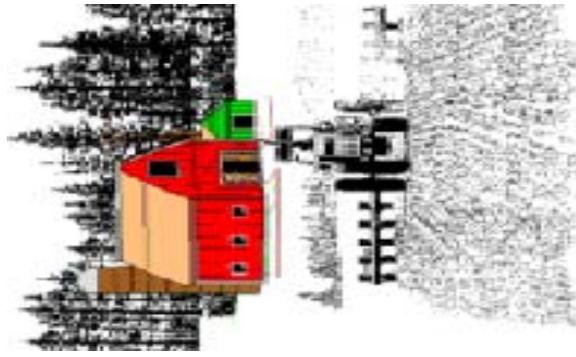
HISTORICAL CROP PROGRESS

YEAR	CORN	OATS		TOBACCO		PERCENT OF TOTAL ACRES PREPARED FOR SPRING PLANTING
	PLANTED	PLANTED	EMERGED	SEEDED	EMERGED	
2005	0	1	0	94	4	12
2004	2	7	1	72	NA	14
5 YR AVG	2	15	NA	59	NA	24

NA-Not Available

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Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 04-03-05

Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Weekly Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Week's Norm	Since April 1st 2005	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST--									
WHEELING	75	34	50		2.17		1.34	0.66	
PARKERSBURG	78	36	50	+2	3.44	0.33	1.98	0.65	0.33
CRESTON	78	30	49		2.77		1.44	0.85	
--NORTHCENTRAL--									
MORGANTOWN	76	33	49		2.17		0.61	0.90	
CLARKSBURG	76	33	48	+3	1.97	0.37	1.02	0.78	0.37
BELINGTON	77	31	47		2.17		0.95	1.52	
WESTON	79	32	48		2.00		0.95	0.80	
--SOUTHWEST--									
WILLIAMSON	84	35	52		1.59		1.47	1.03	
HUNTINGTON	82	38	52	+3	2.63	0.34	1.85	0.68	0.34
CHARLESTON	81	32	49	-1	2.03	0.34	1.64	1.19	0.34
RIPLEY	78	33	50		1.95		1.42	0.98	
--CENTRAL--									
TERRA ALTA	70	27	45		2.42		0.88	1.68	
ELKINS	77	29	50	+6	2.72	0.36	1.50	1.38	0.36
MARLINTON	69	28	45		1.86		1.13	0.05	
BECKLEY	72	30	45	+1	1.97	0.32	1.20	0.78	0.32
--SOUTHERN--									
PINEVILLE	79	34	50		2.15		1.40	0.72	
BLUEFIELD	76	30	48	-1	2.15	0.33	1.31	1.04	0.33
WHITE SUL SP	73	31	47		2.01		0.94	0.03	
FLAT TOP	72	30	45		1.97		1.20	0.78	
--NORTHEASTERN--									
MARTINSBURG	65	34	49	0	2.74	0.33	0.90	1.13	0.33
ROMNEY	70	34	49		2.11		0.71	1.26	
PETERSBURG	70	34	49		1.31		0.11	0.34	
State Average Temperature	48								
State Average Precipitation	2.20								

Source: Dept. of Commerce, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration
National Weather Service, Charleston, WV

SOURCE: West Virginia Statistical Office
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FOR WEEK OF: April 4 – April 10

GENERAL

The warm spring weather has been beneficial for plant growth and crop conditions. Fields are drying up, enabling field work to continue.

Temperatures: The spring warm-up continued for West Virginia this week. Over the past three weeks, the state average temperature has climbed from 43 to 48 to this week's average of 57 degrees. Readings reached into the mid 80's for many sites. The average is 7 to 10 degrees higher than normal for early April. The highest temperature was 87degrees in Williamson and the lowest temperature was 26 degrees in Marlinton.

Precipitation: It was also a very dry week with the state average of only 0.19 of an inch, in contrast with last week's 2.20 inches of precipitation. Elkins had the most noticeable precipitation, where over an inch of rain fell this week. Most of the rain fall in Elkins occurred during an 18 hour period.

Number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 5.0 days last week. Total acres plowed that are intended for spring planted crops were 26 percent complete, compared with 34 percent in 2004 and 36 percent for the 5-yr average.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	PERCENT			
Current Week	--	--	68	32
Last Week	--	--	34	66
Last Year	--	3	66	31

Farm activities included building and repairing fence, applying fertilizer, and equipment maintenance in preparation for field work.

FRUIT

Overwintering eggs of rosy apple aphid have been hatching in apple orchards. Apple and peach conditions ranged from fair to excellent, but most were reported in good condition.



HISTORICAL CROP PROGRESS

YEAR	CORN	OATS		TOBACCO		PERCENT OF TOTAL ACRES PREPARED FOR SPRING PLANTING
	PLANTED	PLANTED	EMERGED	SEEDED	EMERGED	
2005	8	5	2	94	9	26
2004	2	12	1	72	6	34
5 YR AVG	3	28	7	83	23	36

NA-Not Available

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc
	PERCENT				
Cattle & Calves	--	2	21	73	4
Sheep & Lambs	--	1	13	80	6
Apples	--	--	51	41	8
Peaches	--	--	58	35	7
Hay	1	1	57	37	4
Wheat	--	--	8	77	15
Pasture	--	5	47	44	4

GRAINS

Corn was 8 percent planted, compared with 2 percent last year and 3 percent for the 5-yr average. Oats were 5 percent planted, compared with 12 percent last year and 28 percent for the 5-yr average. Fields were 2 percent emerged, compared with 1 percent last year and 7 percent for the 5-yr average. Winter wheat conditions ranged from fair to excellent, but most fields were in good condition.

LIVESTOCK and PASTURE

Cattle conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most herds were reported in good condition. Cattle were 79 percent calved, compared with 83 percent last year and 80 percent for the 5-yr average. Sheep conditions ranged from fair to excellent, but most flocks were reported in good condition. Sheep were 85 percent lambled, compared with 85 percent last year and 84 percent for the 5-yr average. Pasture conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most were reported as mostly fair to good. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as mostly adequate, but ranged from short to surplus. Feed grain supplies were reported from short to adequate, but most were adequate.

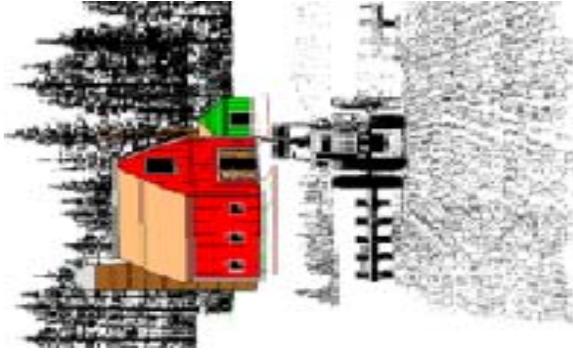
HAY

Hay conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but most fields were reported in fair condition.

TOBACCO

Tobacco was 94 percent seeded, compared with 72 percent in 2004 and 83 percent for the 5-yr average. Beds were 9 percent emerged, compared with 6 percent last year and 23 percent for the 5-yr average.

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Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Weekly Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Week's Norm	Since April 1st 2005	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST--									
WHEELING	79	32	57		0.00		1.34	0.91	
PARKERSBURG	83	38	60	10	0.01	0.33	1.98	0.66	1.06
CRESTON	83	35	58		0.03		1.44	0.88	
--NORTHCENTRAL--									
MORGANTOWN	80	36	60		0.00		0.61	0.97	
CLARKSBURG	81	33	58	11	0.06	0.37	1.02	0.81	1.18
BELINGTON	80	30	55		0.72		0.95	1.69	
WESTON	83	32	57		0.08		0.95	0.85	
--SOUTHWEST--									
WILLIAMSON	87	37	63		0.00		1.47	1.03	
HUNTINGTON	84	38	62	11	0.05	0.34	1.85	0.76	1.08
CHARLESTON	83	34	59	8	0.08	0.34	1.64	1.42	1.09
RIPLEY	82	32	59		0.55		1.42	1.06	
--CENTRAL--									
TERRA ALTA	75	28	55		0.12		0.88	1.85	
ELKINS	81	30	55	9	1.15	0.36	1.50	1.71	1.15
MARLINTON	75	26	50		0.12		1.13	0.24	
BECKLEY	77	33	54	8	0.10	0.32	1.20	0.98	1.07
--SOUTHERN--									
PINEVILLE	82	34	60		0.02		1.40	0.87	
BLUEFIELD	81	35	59	8	0.13	0.33	1.31	1.38	1.10
WHITE SUL SP	80	31	55		0.02		0.94	0.29	
FLAT TOP	77	33	54		0.10		1.20	0.98	
--NORTHEASTERN--									
MARTINSBURG	84	30	58	7	0.21	0.33	0.90	1.40	1.10
ROMNEY	85	30	56		0.21		0.71	2.14	
PETERSBURG	82	32	55		0.34		0.11	0.56	

State Average Temperature 57
State Average Precipitation 0.19

Source: Dept. of Commerce, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration
National Weather Service, Charleston, WV

SOURCE: West Virginia Statistical Office
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FOR WEEK OF: April 11 – April 17

GENERAL

This was a good week, weather-wise, for field activities. Some counties are experiencing dry conditions, which has slowed pasture and hay growth.

Temperatures: There was quite a range in average temperatures. Of the eight sites where we compare actual temperatures to normal temperatures, four were below normal for the week and four were at or above normal. Several locations reached the 80 degree mark on at least one day of the week. However, the very dry air, clear skies and calm winds allowed overnight lows to fall into the 20's for several communities. The highest temperature was 85 degrees in Williamson and the lowest temperature was 22 degrees in Marlinton. Statewide, our average temperature of 52 degrees was five degrees below last week.

Precipitation: Unusually dry weather continued over West Virginia this week. The state average rainfall was 0.11 of an inch, at a time of year when we normally receive seven to eight tenths of an inch, for the week. Eleven of the locations had no measurable rain for the week.

Number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 6.0 days last week. Total acres plowed that are intended for spring planted crops were 47 percent complete, compared with 45 percent in 2004 and 48 percent for the 5-yr average.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	PERCENT			
Current Week	1	17	72	10
Last Week	--	--	68	32
Last Year	--	3	63	34

Farm activities included preparing fields for planting, applying fertilizer and planting.

FRUIT

Adults of oriental fruit moth have begun to emerge in apple and peach orchards, with biofix set for April 11. Apple and peach conditions ranged from fair to excellent, but most were reported in fair condition.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc
	PERCENT				
Cattle & Calves	--	1	17	75	7
Sheep & Lambs	--	1	10	83	6
Apples	--	--	56	37	7
Peaches	--	--	60	33	7
Hay	--	1	50	44	5
Wheat	--	--	31	69	--
Pasture	--	10	33	52	5

GRAINS

Corn was 8 percent planted, compared with 4 percent last year and 5 percent for the 5-yr average. Oats were 39 percent planted, compared with 14 percent last year and 41 percent for the 5-yr average. Fields were 6 percent emerged, compared with 4 percent last year and 14 percent for the 5-yr average. Winter wheat conditions ranged from fair to good, but most fields were in good condition. The crop was 0 percent headed.

LIVESTOCK and PASTURE

Cattle conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most herds were reported in good condition. Cattle were 85 percent calved, compared with 89 percent last year and 87 percent for the 5-yr average. Sheep conditions ranged from fair to excellent, but most flocks were reported in good condition. Sheep were 85 percent lambed, compared with 90 percent last year and 89 percent for the 5-yr average. Pasture conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most were reported as good. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as mostly adequate, but ranged from very short to surplus. Feed grain supplies were reported from short to surplus, but most were adequate.

HAY

Hay conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most fields were reported in fair to good condition.

TOBACCO

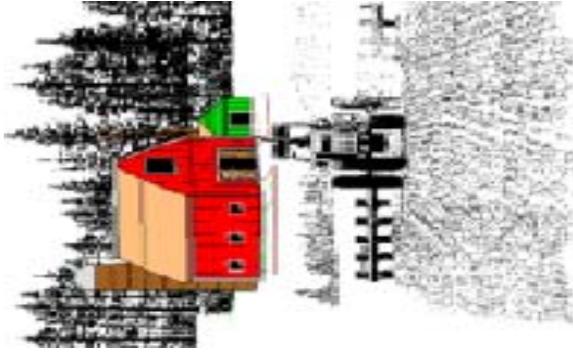
Tobacco was 100 percent seeded, compared with 89 percent in 2004 and 93 percent for the 5-yr average. Beds were 24 percent emerged, compared with 29 percent last year and 47 percent for the 5-yr average.

HISTORICAL CROP PROGRESS

YEAR	CORN	OATS		TOBACCO		PERCENT OF TOTAL ACRES PREPARED FOR SPRING PLANTING
	PLANTED	PLANTED	EMERGED	SEEDED	EMERGED	
2005	8	39	6	100	24	47
2004	4	14	4	89	29	45
5 YR AVG	5	41	14	93	47	48

NA-Not Available

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Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 04-17-05

Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Weekly Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Week's Norm	Since April 1st 2005	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST-----									
WHEELING	77	37	55		0.00		1.34	3.09	
PARKERSBURG	82	37	57	5	0.00	0.70	1.98	3.35	1.76
CRESTON	84	31	56		0.00		1.44	3.52	
--NORTHCENTRAL-----									
MORGANTOWN	75	32	55		0.00		0.61	3.04	
CLARKSBURG	76	31	49	-1	0.00	0.77	1.02	4.74	1.95
BELINGTON	78	27	50		0.00		0.95	3.92	
WESTON	79	31	53		0.00		0.95	3.83	
--SOUTHWEST-----									
WILLIAMSON	85	37	58		0.36		1.83	3.75	
HUNTINGTON	83	36	59	5	0.06	0.73	1.91	2.84	1.81
CHARLESTON	82	32	54	0	0.14	0.70	1.78	3.86	1.79
RIPLEY	82	33	56		0.02		1.44	3.58	
--CENTRAL-----									
TERRA ALTA	72	34	49		0.00		0.88	4.31	
ELKINS	77	29	52	4	0.01	0.77	1.51	3.86	1.92
MARLINTON	75	22	45		0.28		1.25	2.84	
BECKLEY	76	28	47	-1	0.18	0.77	1.38	4.25	1.92
--SOUTHERN-----									
PINEVILLE	82	33	53		0.33		1.73	3.84	
BLUEFIELD	80	29	49	-4	0.47	0.77	1.78	3.83	1.87
WHITE SUL SP	80	27	48		0.31		1.25	2.05	
FLAT TOP	76	28	47		0.18		1.38	4.25	
--NORTHEASTERN-----									
MARTINSBURG	73	28	51	-2	0.00	0.70	0.90	3.30	1.80
ROMNEY	74	27	50		0.00		0.71	3.98	
PETERSBURG	76	26	48		0.00		0.11	2.70	

State Average Temperature 52
State Average Precipitation 0.11

Source: Dept. of Commerce, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration
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FOR WEEK OF: April 18 – April 24

GENERAL

Warm spring temperatures took a dive this past weekend. Snow accumulation and frost was reported across the state.

Temperatures: The week began with temperatures in the 80's. By the end of the week, temperatures fell into the 20's and 30's. Freeze warnings were issued and snow fell over much of the region. The highest elevations received nearly a foot of snow and many sites had 4 or more inches. The highest temperature was 85 degrees in Martinsburg, Romney and Petersburg and the lowest temperature was 26 degrees in Terra Alta. Due to a very warm start, the state average temperature of 55 degrees was 3 degrees higher than last.

Precipitation: The state average precipitation of 1.51 inches was far above last week's 0.11. Five reporting stations had over two inches of liquid.

Number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 4.0 days last week. Total acres plowed that are intended for spring planted crops were 61 percent complete, compared with 56 percent in 2004 and 53 percent for the 5-yr average.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	PERCENT			
Current Week	--	9	83	8
Last Week	1	17	72	10
Last Year	--	2	69	29

Farm activities included land preparation, planting, fence building and moving livestock to pasture.

FRUIT

Adult flight of spotted tentiform leafminer and oriental fruit moth is peaking in orchards based on capture in pheromone traps. First generation egg hatch of oriental fruit moth has begun. Apple and peach conditions ranged from fair to excellent, but most were reported in fair condition.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

HISTORICAL CROP PROGRESS

YEAR	CORN	OATS		TOBACCO	WHEAT	PERCENT OF TOTAL ACRES PREPARED FOR SPRING PLANTING
	PLANTED	PLANTED	EMERGED	EMERGED	HEADED	
2005	14	54	19	43	1	61
2004	11	38	9	55	1	56
5 YR AVG	9	49	19	75	NA	53

NA-Not Available

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	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc
	PERCENT				
Cattle & Calves	--	1	17	76	6
Sheep & Lambs	--	--	10	84	6
Apples	--	--	50	42	8
Peaches	--	--	58	35	7
Hay	--	1	52	42	5
Wheat	--	--	7	81	12
Pasture	--	6	29	60	5

GRAINS

Corn was 14 percent planted, compared with 11 percent last year and 9 percent for the 5-yr average. Oats were 54 percent planted, compared with 38 percent last year and 49 percent for the 5-yr average. Fields were 19 percent emerged, compared with 9 percent last year and 19 percent for the 5-yr average. Winter wheat conditions ranged from fair to excellent, but most fields were in good condition. The crop was 1 percent headed, compared with 1 percent last year and the 5-yr average is not available.

LIVESTOCK and PASTURE

Cattle conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most herds were reported in good condition. Cattle were 89 percent calved, compared with 91 percent last year and 89 percent for the 5-yr average. Sheep conditions ranged from fair to excellent, but most flocks were reported in good condition. Sheep were 87 percent lambled, compared with 91 percent last year and 91 percent for the 5-yr average. Pasture conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most were reported as good. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as mostly adequate, but ranged from very short to surplus. Feed grain supplies were reported from short to surplus, but most were adequate.

HAY

Hay conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most fields were reported in mostly fair to good condition.

TOBACCO

Tobacco beds were 43 percent emerged, compared with 55 percent last year and 75 percent for the 5-yr average.

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FOR WEEK OF: April 25 – May 1

GENERAL

Cool conditions have slowed the growth of hay and pasture fields. Some planting of small grains occurred during the week, despite the cool and damp conditions.

Temperatures: It was a chilly and damp spring week for the Mountain State. Daytime highs were generally in the 60's, but failed to pass the 60 degree mark on a few days. Overall, the state average, at 50 degrees, was 5 degrees cooler than last week and every site was below normal for the week. The highest temperature was 73 degrees in Romney and the lowest temperature was 26 degrees in Marlinton.

Precipitation: The bulk of the rain fall in central and southern sections of the state. The heaviest rain was recorded at Williamson where two and a half inches were reported. Numerous sites had over an inch. The state average precipitation was 1.18.

Number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 3.0 days last week. Total acres plowed that are intended for spring planted crops were 71 percent complete, compared with 63 percent in 2004 and 64 percent for the 5-yr average.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
PERCENT				
Current Week	--	3	68	29
Last Week	--	9	83	8
Last Year	--	--	80	20

Farm activities included planting, fertilizing and soil preparation.

FRUIT

Curled leaf clusters infested with rosy apple aphid and green peach aphid have been found in apple and peach orchards, respectively. Apple and peach conditions ranged from fair to excellent, but most were reported in good condition.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc
PERCENT					
Cattle & Calves	--	1	18	74	7
Sheep & Lambs	--	1	7	86	6
Apples	--	--	35	57	8
Peaches	--	--	28	65	7
Hay	--	2	46	48	4
Wheat	--	2	9	82	7
Pasture	--	9	31	56	4

GRAINS

Corn was 29 percent planted, compared with 36 percent last year and 26 percent for the 5-yr average. Fields were 1 percent emerged, compared with 6 percent last year, but the 5-yr average was not available. Oats were 69 percent planted, compared with 55 percent last year and 60 percent for the 5-yr average. Fields were 43 percent emerged, compared with 25 percent last year and 27 percent for the 5-yr average. Soybeans were 0% planted, compared with 7% last year and 4% for the 5-yr average. Winter wheat conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most fields were in good condition. The crop was 2 percent headed, compared with 9 percent last year and the 7 percent for the 5-yr average.

LIVESTOCK and PASTURE

Cattle conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most herds were reported in good condition. Cattle were 91 percent calved, compared with 93 percent last year and 91 percent for the 5-yr average. Sheep conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most flocks were reported in good condition. Sheep were 90 percent lambled, compared with 95 percent last year and 94 percent for the 5-yr average. Pasture conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most were reported as good. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as mostly adequate, but ranged from short to surplus. Feed grain supplies were reported from short to surplus, but most were adequate.

HAY

Hay conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most fields were reported in fair to good condition.

TOBACCO

Tobacco beds were 70 percent emerged, compared with 91 percent last year and 87 percent for the 5-yr average.

HISTORICAL CROP PROGRESS

YEAR	CORN		OATS		TOBACCO	SOYBEANS	WHEAT	PERCENT OF TOTAL ACRES PREPARED FOR SPRING PLANTING
	PLANTED	EMERGED	PLANTED	EMERGED	EMERGED	PLANTED	HEADED	
2005	29	1	69	43	70	0	2	71
2004	36	6	55	25	91	7	9	63
5 YR AVG	26	NA	60	27	87	4	7	64

NA-Not Available

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GENERAL

Last week began with frost and cool temperatures. Warmer temperatures over the weekend helped improve hay and pasture fields and were beneficial for planting and emergence of planted crops.

Temperatures: Temperatures were unusual when compared to normals. A few overnight lows in the 20's and 30's held the week's state average to 49 degrees, much like last week's average. By late week, however, afternoon highs were finally reaching the low and mid 70's. The highest temperature was 79 degrees in Huntington and Williamson. The lowest temperature was 23 degrees in Marlinton.

Precipitation: It was an unusually dry week for early spring in the Mountain State. Most sites received less than one tenth of an inch of rain and five locations had zero or a trace of rain. Normal weekly rainfall for this time of year ranges from around 0.90 to one inch. The statewide average this week was only 0.07 of an inch.

Number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 5.0 days last week. Total acres plowed that are intended for spring planted crops were 78 percent complete, compared with 78 percent in 2004 and 73 percent for the 5-yr average.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
PERCENT				
Current Week	--	7	83	10
Last Week	--	3	68	29
Last Year	--	5	90	5

Farm activities included fertilizer spreading, fence building, and planting crops.

FRUIT

Based on degree day accumulations since biofix, egg hatch of first generation oriental fruit moth is estimated at 24 percent complete. Adult emergence of codling moth began the end of last week in apple orchards, with biofix set for May 6. Nymphs of white apple leafhopper are beginning to appear on the undersides of apple leaves. Apple and peach conditions ranged from fair to excellent, but most orchards were reported in good condition.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc
PERCENT					
Cattle & Calves	--	1	19	75	5
Sheep & Lambs	--	1	7	86	6
Apples	--	--	35	57	8
Peaches	--	--	28	65	7
Oats	--	3	83	11	3
Hay	--	8	41	47	4
Wheat	--	2	14	77	7
Pasture	--	11	34	53	2

GRAINS

Corn was 42 percent planted, compared with 40 percent last year and 35 percent for the 5-yr average. Fields were 3 percent emerged, compared with 10 percent last year, but the 5-yr average was not available. Oats were 82 percent planted, compared with 60 percent last year and 71 percent for the 5-yr average. Fields were 58 percent emerged, compared with 35 percent last year and 44 percent for the 5-yr average. Soybeans were 0 percent planted, compared with 17 percent last year and 17 percent for the 5-yr average. Winter wheat conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most fields were in good condition. The crop was 3 percent headed, compared with 12 percent last year and the 13 percent for the 5-yr average.

LIVESTOCK and PASTURE

Cattle conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most herds were reported in good condition. Cattle were 95 percent calved, compared with 98 percent last year and 94 percent for the 5-yr average. Sheep conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most flocks were reported in good condition. Sheep were 95 percent lambled, compared with 97 percent last year and 96 percent for the 5-yr average. Pasture conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most were reported as good. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as mostly adequate, but ranged from very short to surplus. Feed grain supplies were reported from short to mostly adequate.

HAY

Hay conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most fields were reported in fair to mostly good condition.

TOBACCO

Tobacco beds were 94 percent emerged, compared with 97 percent last year and 94 percent for the 5-yr average.

HISTORICAL CROP PROGRESS

YEAR	CORN		OATS		TOBACCO	SOYBEANS	WHEAT	PERCENT OF TOTAL ACRES PREPARED FOR SPRING PLANTING
	PLANTED	EMERGED	PLANTED	EMERGED	EMERGED	PLANTED	HEADED	
2005	42	3	82	58	94	0	3	78
2004	40	10	60	35	97	17	12	78
5 YR AVG	35	NA	71	44	94	17	13	73

NA-Not Available

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GENERAL

Seed germination rates are a concern as a result of the cool, damp spring most areas have experienced. The growth of orchard grass has also been effected by weather conditions.

Temperatures: It was a big warm-up for West Virginia this week. The state average climbed from 49 degrees last week to 63 degrees this week. Cooler air arrived late in the week, but highs in the mid and upper 80's earlier in the week kept the average higher. The highest temperature was 88 degrees in Parkersburg, Williamson and Martinsburg. The lowest temperature was 31 degrees in Marlinton.

Precipitation: Showers and thunderstorms late in the week dumped well over an inch of rain in many locations. The heaviest rain fell over the Northwest and North Central portions of the state. The state average precipitation was 0.95 of an inch.

Number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 5.0 days last week. Total acres plowed that are intended for spring planted crops were 84 percent complete, compared with 84 percent in 2004 and 81 percent for the 5-yr average.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	PERCENT			
Current Week	2	15	75	8
Last Week	--	7	83	10
Last Year	--	7	88	5

Farm activities included planting small grains and crops, herbicide applications, spreading lime and fertilizer and maintenance of hay equipment.

FRUIT

Based on pheromone trap capture, adult males of San Jose scale and tufted apple bud moth have begun to emerge in apple orchards, and lesser peachtree borer emergence has begun in peach orchards. Based on accumulated degree days since biofix, first generation egg hatch of oriental fruit moth is estimated at 61% complete. Apple and peach conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most orchards were reported in good condition.

TOBACCO

Tobacco beds were 95 percent emerged, but 2004 and the 5-yr average percentages were not available for comparison.

HISTORICAL CROP PROGRESS

YEAR	CORN		OATS		TOBACCO	SOYBEANS		WHEAT	PERCENT OF TOTAL ACRES PREPARED FOR SPRING PLANTING
	PLANTED	EMERGED	PLANTED	EMERGED	EMERGED	PLANTED	EMERGED	HEADED	
2005	61	15	85	58	95	21	6	9	84
2004	60	22	77	43	NA	32	21	65	84
5 YR AVG	55	NA	84	55	NA	33	NA	51	81

NA-Not Available.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc
	PERCENT				
Cattle & Calves	--	1	14	78	7
Sheep & Lambs	--	1	10	81	8
Apples	--	7	35	51	7
Peaches	--	6	29	58	7
Oats	2	12	70	15	1
Hay	1	12	47	35	5
Wheat	1	8	12	72	7
Pasture	--	13	37	48	2

GRAINS

Corn was 61 percent planted, compared with 60 percent last year and 35 percent for the 5-yr average. Fields were 15 percent emerged, compared with 22 percent last year, but the 5-yr average was not available. Oats conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but most fields were in fair condition. Oats were 85 percent planted, compared with 77 percent last year and 84 percent for the 5-yr average. Fields were 58 percent emerged, compared with 43 percent last year and 55 percent for the 5-yr average. Soybeans were 21 percent planted, compared with 32 percent last year, and 33 percent for the 5-yr average. Soybeans were 6 percent emerged, compared with 21 percent last year, but the 5-yr average was not available. Winter wheat conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but most fields were in good condition. The crop was 9 percent headed, compared with 65 percent last year and 51 percent for the 5-yr average.

LIVESTOCK and PASTURE

Cattle conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most herds were reported in good condition. Cattle were 97 percent calved, but 2004 and the 5-yr average percentages were not available for comparison. Sheep conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most flocks were reported in good condition. Sheep were 95 percent lambled, but 2004 and the 5-yr average percentages were not available for comparison. Pasture conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most were reported as good. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as mostly adequate, but ranged from very short to surplus. Feed grain supplies were reported from very short to mostly adequate.

HAY

Hay conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but most fields were reported in fair condition.

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GENERAL

Cool weather has delayed crop emergence and first-cut of hay in many areas. A few producers were able to harvest hay with wrappers.

Temperatures: Unusually cool weather visited the Mountain State this week. The weekly average temperature of 57 degrees fell six degrees below last week's average and all reporting station had below normal temperatures for the week. Nearly every site also had lows in the 30's for at least one day. The highest temperature was 86 degrees in Williamson. The lowest temperature was 34 degrees in Belington and Marlinton.

Precipitation: The average rainfall was 1.29 inches for the week. Again, the heaviest rain fell over the northern half of the state. Clarksburg and Elkins measured over two inches for the week.

Number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 3.0 days last week. Total acres plowed that are intended for spring planted crops were 90 percent complete, compared with 91 percent in 2004 and 86 percent for the 5-yr average.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	PERCENT			
Current Week	--	6	69	25
Last Week	2	15	75	8
Last Year	--	4	65	31

Farm activities included fence maintenance, movement of cattle in pasture rotation and lime applications.

FRUIT

Emergence of adult dogwood borer has begun in apple orchards, based on capture in pheromone traps. Based on degree day accumulations since biofix, egg hatch of first generation oriental fruit moth is estimated at 81% complete. Apple and peach orchards were reported in good condition.

TOBACCO

Tobacco beds were 95 percent emerged, but 2004 and the 5-yr average percentages were not available for comparison. Fields were 5 percent transplanted, compared with 28 percent in 2004 and 30 percent for the 5-yr average.

HISTORICAL CROP PROGRESS

YEAR	CORN		OATS		TOBACCO		SOYBEANS		WHEAT	HAY	PERCENT OF TOTAL ACRES PREPARED FOR SPRING PLANTING
	PLANTED	EMERGED	PLANTED	EMERGED	EMERGED	TRANSPLANTED	PLANTED	EMERGED	HEADED	1 st CUT	
2005	83	56	94	78	95	5	59	50	93	11	90
2004	84	57	96	81	NA	28	56	47	94	12	91
5 YR	72	NA	90	69	NA	30	51	NA	76	11	86

NA-Not Available.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc
	PERCENT				
Cattle & Calves	--	1	9	85	5
Sheep & Lambs	--	2	8	83	7
Apples	--	--	--	100	--
Peaches	--	--	--	100	--
Oats	--	3	24	68	5
Hay	1	8	22	63	6
Wheat	--	--	8	84	8
Pasture	--	1	18	70	11

GRAINS

Corn was 83 percent planted, compared with 84 percent last year and 72 percent for the 5-yr average. Fields were 56 percent emerged, compared with 57 percent last year, but the 5-yr average was not available. Oats conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most fields were in good condition. Oats were 94 percent planted, compared with 96 percent last year and 90 percent for the 5-yr average. Fields were 78 percent emerged, compared with 81 percent last year and 69 percent for the 5-yr average. Soybeans were 59 percent planted, compared with 56 percent last year, and 51 percent for the 5-yr average. Soybeans were 50 percent emerged, compared with 47 percent last year, but the 5-yr average was not available. Winter wheat conditions ranged from fair to excellent, but most fields were in good condition. The crop was 93 percent headed, compared with 94 percent last year and 76 percent for the 5-yr average.

LIVESTOCK and PASTURE

Cattle conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most herds were reported in good condition. Sheep conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most flocks were reported in good condition. Pasture conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most were reported as good. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as mostly adequate, but ranged from very short to surplus. Feed grain supplies were reported from short to mostly adequate.

HAY

Hay conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but most fields were reported in good condition. First-cutting was 11 percent complete, compared with 12 percent last year and 11 percent for the 5-yr average.

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FOR WEEK OF: May 23 – May 29

GENERAL

Cool, damp conditions have delayed first cutting of hay and has slowed crop growth.

Temperatures: It was yet another chilly week for West Virginia. All reporting sites had well below normal temperatures as one of the coolest Mays on record comes to an end. A couple of sites did reach 80 this week, but cloudy skies and chilly overnight lows kept the state average to 58 degrees for the week. The highest temperature was 81 degrees in Parkersburg. The lowest temperature was 36 degrees in Marlinton.

Precipitation: Rainfall was about half of what fell last week. Five of the reporting locations reached normal for the week and the bulk of the rain fell on Monday and Tuesday. The state average precipitation was 0.69 inches for the week.

Number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 4.0 days last week. Total acres plowed that are intended for spring planted crops were 92 percent complete, compared with 92 percent in 2004 and 89 percent for the 5-yr average.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	PERCENT			
Current Week	--	4	80	16
Last Week	--	6	69	25
Last Year	--	--	52	48

Farm activities included preparing equipment for hay harvest, repairing fence, and limited hay cutting.

FRUIT

Apple conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most orchards were reported in good condition. Peach conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most orchards were in fair to good condition.

TOBACCO

Tobacco was 26 percent transplanted, compared with 35 percent in 2004 and 39 percent for the 5-yr average.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

HISTORICAL CROP PROGRESS

YEAR	CORN		OATS		TOBACCO	SOYBEANS		WHEAT	HAY	PERCENT OF TOTAL ACRES PREPARED FOR SPRING PLANTING
	PLANTED	EMERGED	PLANTED	EMERGED	TRANSPLANTED	PLANTED	EMERGED	HEADED	1 st CUT	
2005	87	63	95	82	26	71	59	93	12	92
2004	85	67	NA	86	35	68	54	95	13	92
5 YR	78	NA	NA	78	39	60	NA	92	15	89

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	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc
	PERCENT				
Cattle & Calves	--	1	10	84	5
Sheep & Lambs	--	1	8	84	7
Apples	--	10	19	61	10
Peaches	--	10	40	40	10
Oats	2	9	51	36	2
Hay	1	10	44	40	5
Soybeans	--	1	27	71	1
Wheat	1	6	16	70	7
Pasture	--	4	38	52	6

GRAINS

Corn was 87 percent planted, compared with 85 percent last year and 78 percent for the 5-yr average. Fields were 63 percent emerged, compared with 67 percent last year, but the 5-yr average was not available. Oats conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but most fields were in fair condition. Oats were 95 percent planted, but last year's percentage and the 5-yr average were not available for comparison. Fields were 82 percent emerged, compared with 86 percent last year and 78 percent for the 5-yr average. Soybeans conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most fields were reported in good condition. The crop was 71 percent planted, compared with 68 percent last year, and 60 percent for the 5-yr average. Fields were 59 percent emerged, compared with 54 percent last year, but the 5-yr average was not available. Winter wheat conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but most fields were in good condition. The crop was 93 percent headed, compared with 95 percent last year and 92 percent for the 5-yr average.

LIVESTOCK and PASTURE

Cattle conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most herds were reported in good condition. Sheep conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most flocks were reported in good condition. Pasture conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most were reported as good. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as mostly adequate, but ranged from very short to surplus. Feed grain supplies were reported from very short to mostly adequate.

HAY

Hay conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but most fields were reported in mostly fair to good condition. First-cutting was 12 percent complete, compared with 13 percent last year and 15 percent for the 5-yr average.

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GENERAL

Warmer, humid conditions over the past week enabled farmers to continue harvesting hay, especially near week's end. Most home gardens are in and starting to take off.

Temperatures: After one of the coolest Mays on record, summer is finally arriving in West Virginia! Temperatures reached into the 80s statewide and even managed to reach the lower 90s at a few sites. The state average for the week, 65 degrees, was 7 degrees higher than last week, but still below normal for some locations. The highest temperature was 91 degrees recorded at Williamson and Huntington. The lowest temperature was 36 degrees in Marlinton.

Precipitation: Rainfall totals were below normal for the week. A couple of thunderstorms over southern sections of the state brought nearly an inch of rain, but for the most part, totals were less than one half inch. The state average precipitation was 0.32 inches for the week.

Number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 5.0 days last week. Total acres plowed that are intended for spring planted crops were 96 percent complete, compared with 95 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average was not available.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
PERCENT				
Current Week	--	5	87	8
Last Week	--	4	80	16
Last Year	--	--	45	55

Farm activities included plowing, planting, haymaking and harvesting strawberries.

FRUIT

Apple conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most orchards were reported in good condition. Peach conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most orchards were in good condition. The second flight of spotted tentiform leafminer and oriental fruit moth adults has begun in apple and peach orchards. Based on accumulated degree days since biofix (first moth flight), egg hatch of first generation oriental fruit moth and codling moth is estimated at 100 and 14 percent complete, respectively. Spirea aphids are increasing on the terminals of apple trees.

TOBACCO

Tobacco was 58 percent transplanted, compared with 53 percent in 2004 and 56 percent for the 5-yr average.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc
PERCENT					
Cattle & Calves	--	1	9	84	6
Sheep & Lambs	--	1	9	81	9
Apples	--	7	14	72	7
Peaches	--	7	26	60	7
Corn	--	2	37	54	7
Oats	2	13	44	38	3
Hay	1	5	35	53	6
Soybeans	--	1	22	76	1
Wheat	2	6	12	64	16
Pasture	--	4	28	62	6

GRAINS

Corn conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most fields were reported in good condition. The crop was 91 percent planted, compared with 91 percent last year and 85 percent for the 5-yr average. Fields were 68 percent emerged, compared with 83 percent last year, but the 5-yr average was not available. Oats conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but most fields were in fair condition. Oats were 89 percent emerged, compared with 91 percent last year and 84 percent for the 5-yr average. The crop was 6 percent headed, compared to 28 percent last year, but the 5-yr average was not available. Soybeans conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most fields were reported in good condition. The crop was 79 percent planted, compared with 80 percent last year, and 74 percent for the 5-yr average. Fields were 70 percent emerged, compared with 68 percent last year, but the 5-yr average was not available. Winter wheat conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but most fields were in good condition. The crop was 95 percent headed, compared with 95 percent last year and 94 percent for the 5-yr average.

LIVESTOCK and PASTURE

Cattle conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most herds were reported in good condition. Sheep conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most flocks were reported in good condition. Pasture conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most were reported as good. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as mostly adequate, but ranged from very short to surplus. Feed grain supplies were reported from very short to adequate, but most were reported as adequate.

HAY

Hay conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but most fields were reported in mostly good condition. First-cutting was 22 percent complete, compared with 21 percent last year and 24 percent for the 5-yr average.

HISTORICAL CROP PROGRESS

YEAR	CORN		OATS		TOBACCO	SOYBEANS		WHEAT	HAY	PERCENT OF TOTAL ACRES PREPARED FOR SPRING PLANTING
	PLANTED	EMERGED	EMERGED	HEADED	TRANSPLANTED	PLANTED	EMERGED	HEADED	1 st CUT	
2005	91	68	89	6	58	79	70	95	22	96
2004	91	83	91	28	53	80	68	95	21	95
5 YR	85	NA	84	NA	56	74	NA	94	24	NA

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FOR WEEK OF: June 6 - June 12

GENERAL

Warmer temperatures are responsible for rapid growth of forage and all planted crops. Producers are having difficulty getting their hay cuttings cured. Some hail damage to fruit occurred in Hampshire County.

Temperatures: There was a dramatic warmup for West Virginia this week. The state average for the week was ten degrees higher than last week. Upper 80s and lower 90s were common for afternoon highs. One revealing statistic is that two weeks ago the state average temperature was 58 degrees and this week was 75 degrees! The highest reported temperature was 94 degrees at Williamson and the lowest was 55 at Marlinton.

Precipitation: Isolated thunderstorms dumped heavy rain on a few sites. Other locations were near or below the normal rainfall for the week. A few communities had over two inches of rain. Others had less than one tenth of an inch. The state's average precipitation was 0.82 inches.

Number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 5.0 days last week.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	PERCENT			
Current Week	--	19	76	5
Last Week	--	5	87	8
Last Year	--	--	53	47

Farm activities included making hay when the weather permits, cutting grass forage for haylage, repairing fence and harvesting strawberries.

FRUIT

Apple and Peach orchards were reported in good condition.

TOBACCO

Tobacco conditions ranged from fair to mostly good. The crop was 80 percent transplanted, compared with 61 percent in 2004 and 63 percent for the 5-yr average.

HAY

Hay conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most fields were reported in fair to mostly good condition. First-cutting was 37 percent complete, compared with 31 percent last year and 34 percent for the 5-yr average.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc
	PERCENT				
Cattle & Calves	--	1	9	82	8
Sheep & Lambs	--	1	7	83	9
Apples	--	--	--	100	--
Peaches	--	--	--	100	--
Corn	--	--	23	71	6
Oats	--	6	38	46	10
Hay	--	4	43	47	6
Soybeans	--	--	21	79	--
Tobacco	--	--	22	78	--
Wheat	--	--	17	75	8
Pasture	--	3	34	56	7

GRAINS

Corn conditions ranged from fair to excellent, but most fields were reported in good condition. The crop was 98 percent planted, compared with 98 percent last year and 88 percent for the 5-yr average. Fields were 92 percent emerged, compared with 95 percent last year, but the 5-yr average was not available. Oats conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most fields were reported in fair to mostly good condition. Oats were 99 percent emerged, compared with 100 percent last year and 92 percent for the 5-yr average. The crop was 18 percent headed, compared to 45 percent last year and 27 percent for the 5-yr average. Soybeans conditions ranged from fair to mostly good. The crop was 92 percent planted, compared with 88 percent last year and 79 percent for the 5-yr average. Fields were 91 percent emerged, compared with 85 percent last year, but the 5-yr average was not available. Winter wheat conditions ranged from fair to excellent, but most fields were in good condition. The crop was 1 percent harvested; and there was no comparison data available.

LIVESTOCK and PASTURE

Cattle conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most herds were reported in good condition. Sheep conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most flocks were reported in good condition. Pasture conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most were reported as good. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as mostly adequate, but ranged from very short to surplus. Feed grain supplies were reported from short to mostly adequate.

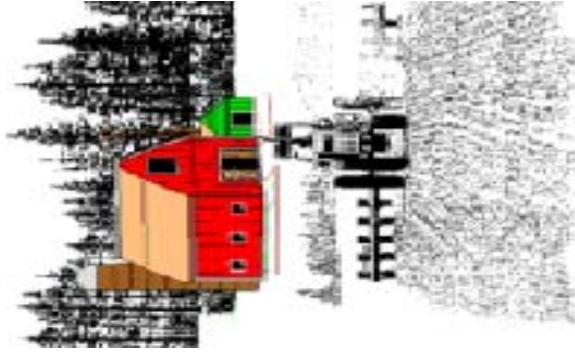
HISTORICAL CROP PROGRESS

YEAR	CORN		OATS		TOBACCO	SOYBEANS		WHEAT	HAY
	PLANTED	EMERGED	EMERGED	HEADED	TRANSPLANTED	PLANTED	EMERGED	HARVESTED	1 ST CUT
2005	98	92	99	18	80	92	91	1	37
2004	98	95	100	45	61	88	85	NA	31
5 YR	88	NA	92	27	63	79	NA	NA	34

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Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 06-13-05

Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Weekly Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Week's Norm	Since April 1st 2005	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST--									
WHEELING	90	64	78		2.19		9.52	13.10	
PARKERSBURG	93	66	80	10	0.02	0.91	7.30	12.36	8.92
CRESTON	92	63	78		0.02		8.14	13.74	
--NORTHCENTRAL--									
MORGANTOWN	89	59	77		0.94		7.02	11.86	
CLARKSBURG	91	62	77	9	0.18	1.01	8.42	16.47	9.78
BELINGTON	89	57	73		2.18		10.83	16.62	
WESTON	91	61	76		1.45		9.58	17.04	
--SOUTHWEST--									
WILLIAMSON	94	67	79		0.20		7.97	14.76	
HUNTINGTON	93	67	79	8	0.32	0.91	8.39	10.98	9.38
CHARLESTON	91	61	76	7	1.69	0.91	10.21	14.75	9.17
RIPLEY	91	64	77		0.35		8.92	13.95	
--CENTRAL--									
TERRA ALTA	82	58	72		1.13		9.70	15.14	
ELKINS	88	56	72	8	0.32	1.07	10.41	15.72	10.18
MARLINTON	81	55	68		1.18		6.98	13.71	
BECKLEY	83	57	70	7	0.91	0.77	8.24	15.96	9.01
--SOUTHERN--									
PINEVILLE	89	61	75		0.42		7.84	15.24	
BLUEFIELD	89	58	72	5	0.74	0.91	7.34	18.24	9.26
WHITE SUL SP	85	58	72		2.08		6.98	11.28	
FLAT TOP	83	57	70		0.91		7.82	15.99	
--NORTHEASTERN--									
MARTINSBURG	90	61	77	7	0.29	0.84	4.99	15.12	8.82
ROMNEY	91	59	76		0.16		5.39	12.97	
PETERSBURG	92	59	75		0.37		5.14	12.01	

State Average Temperature 75
State Average Precipitation 0.82

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FOR WEEK OF: June 13 - June 19

GENERAL

In general, West Virginia weather was cooler and drier than previous weeks. Rainfall continues to be extremely variable across the state. Producers are still struggling to get their cuttings of hay cut and cured.

Temperatures: Some locations managed to reach 90 for at least one day, but cool overnight lows held the average down. The warmest readings were over extreme southern sections of the state. The highest reported temperature was 94 degrees at Petersburg and the lowest was 43 at Marlinton. The state average temperature was 68 degrees, 7 degrees lower than last week and the average rainfall was about half of last week's.

Precipitation: Rainfall for most of the state was well below normal. A few isolated thunderstorms dumped over an inch of rain. These, however, were few and many sites had less than a third of an inch of rain. The state's average precipitation was 0.44 inches.

Number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 6.0 days last week.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	PERCENT			
Current Week	1	28	68	3
Last Week	--	19	76	5
Last Year	--	--	49	51

Farm activities included making hay and keeping equipment in good operating order.

FRUIT

Apple and Peach orchard conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most were reported in good condition. The second flight of redbanded leafroller moths is increasing in apple orchards. Egg hatch of second generation oriental fruit moth has begun. Based on accumulated degree days since biofix (first moth capture), egg hatch of first generation codling moth and tufted apple bud moth, and second generation oriental fruit moth is estimated at 83, 68, and 8% complete, respectively. Some damage was reported to apple and pear trees due to fire blight.

TOBACCO

Tobacco conditions ranged from fair to mostly good. The crop was 99 percent transplanted, compared with 82 percent in 2004 and 77 percent for the 5-yr average.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc
	PERCENT				
Cattle & Calves	--	1	12	82	5
Sheep & Lambs	--	1	9	85	5
Apples	--	7	14	72	7
Peaches	--	7	26	60	7
Corn	--	1	25	69	5
Oats	2	10	25	54	9
Hay	--	5	43	45	7
Soybeans	--	1	12	86	1
Tobacco	--	--	15	85	--
Wheat	1	6	16	64	13
Pasture	--	5	40	47	8

GRAINS

Corn conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most fields were reported in good condition. The crop was 94 percent emerged, but no comparison data is available. Oats conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but most fields were reported in good condition. Oats were 26 percent headed, compared to 59 percent last year and 35 percent for the 5-yr average. Soybeans conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most were in good condition. The crop was 93 percent planted, compared with 96 percent last year and 87 percent for the 5-yr average. Fields were 92 percent emerged, compared with 93 percent last year, but the 5-yr average was not available. Winter wheat conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but most fields were in good condition. The crop was 2 percent harvested, but there was no comparison data available.

LIVESTOCK and PASTURE

Cattle conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most herds were reported in good condition. Sheep conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most flocks were reported in good condition. Pasture conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most fields were reported as fair to mostly good. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as very short to mostly adequate. Feed grain supplies were reported from short to mostly adequate.

HAY

Hay conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most fields were reported in fair to mostly good condition. First-cutting was 59 percent complete, compared with 38 percent last year and 46 percent for the 5-yr average.

HISTORICAL CROP PROGRESS

YEAR	CORN	OATS	TOBACCO	SOYBEANS		WHEAT	HAY
	EMERGED	HEADED	TRANSPLANTED	PLANTED	EMERGED	HARVESTED	1 st CUT
2005	94	26	99	93	92	2	59
2004	NA	59	82	96	93	NA	38
5 YR AVG	NA	35	77	87	NA	NA	46

NA-Not Available.

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FOR WEEK OF: June 20 - June 26

GENERAL

While hot and dry weather conditions across the state were conducive to hay making, pastures and crops are showing signs of stress.

Temperatures: Very warm weather returned to West Virginia this week. Many locations reached well into the 90s. As a result, most reporting stations had above normal readings for the week. The exception was the Eastern Panhandle where a couple of overnight lows in the upper 40s along with a few good showers held the weekly average below the normal value. The highest reported temperature was 96 degrees at Parkersburg and the lowest was 49 at Marlinton, Martinsburg, and Romney. The state average temperature was 71 degrees.

Precipitation: For much of the state, it was a very dry week. Several communities had no rainfall at all. Isolated showers brought only a few tenths elsewhere. The state's average precipitation was only 0.15 inches.

Number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 7.0 days last week.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
PERCENT				
Current Week	12	44	44	--
Last Week	1	28	68	3
Last Year	--	--	76	24

Farm activities included working on irrigation systems for vegetables, making hay and field work.

FRUIT

Apple and Peach orchards were reported in good condition. Green and spirea aphids have been abundant on the terminals of apple trees. Emergence of Japanese beetles has begun. Based on accumulated degree days since biofix (first moth capture in pheromone traps), egg hatch of first generation codling moth and tufted apple bud moth is finished, and second generation oriental fruit moth is estimated at 30% complete.

TOBACCO

Tobacco conditions ranged from fair to mostly good.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc
PERCENT					
Cattle & Calves	--	1	11	82	6
Sheep & Lambs	--	1	8	84	7
Apples	--	--	--	100	--
Peaches	--	--	--	100	--
Corn	--	2	34	62	2
Oats	--	7	35	51	7
Hay	--	6	37	50	7
Soybeans	--	3	14	83	--
Tobacco	--	--	18	82	--
Wheat	--	--	13	83	4
Pasture	--	11	40	43	6

GRAINS

Corn conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most fields were reported in good condition. Oats conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most fields were reported in good condition. Oats were 48 percent headed, compared to 68 percent last year and 58 percent for the 5-yr average. Soybeans conditions ranged from poor to mostly good. The crop was 94 percent emerged, compared with 96 percent last year but the 5-yr average was not available. Winter wheat conditions ranged from fair to excellent, but most fields were in good condition. The crop was 37 percent harvested compared to 2 percent at this time in 2004 and 8 percent for the 5-yr average.

LIVESTOCK and PASTURE

Cattle conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most herds were reported in good condition. Sheep conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most flocks were reported in good condition. Pasture conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most fields were reported as fair to mostly good.

HAY

Hay conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most fields were reported in good condition. First-cutting was 79 percent complete, compared with 50 percent last year and 63 percent for the 5-yr average.

HISTORICAL CROP PROGRESS

YEAR	OATS	SOYBEANS	WHEAT	HAY
	HEADED	EMERGED	HARVESTED	1 st CUT
2005	48	94	37	79
2004	68	96	2	50
5 YR AVG	58	NA	8	63

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FOR WEEK OF: June 27 - July 3

GENERAL

Hot and dry weather is causing parasitic problems in some livestock. Most of the state is in need of rain.

Temperatures: Temperatures in the 90s were common again this week. Some sites even reached the mid 90s. The weekly average of 75 degrees was 4 degrees higher than last week and most locations were three to five degrees above normal for the week. Reports from cooperative observers showed that even 4-inch soil temperatures were well into the 80s. The highest reported temperature was 95 degrees at Wheeling, Parkersburg, Creston and Clarksburg and the lowest was 52 at Bluefield. The state average temperature was 75 degrees.

Precipitation: Rainfall was hit-and-miss. For example, Parkersburg and Pineville each had over two inches of rain. On the other hand, Elkins, Romney and Ripley had less than two tenths of an inch. In most communities, the bulk of the rain fell on one day. That would be when an isolated storm happened to drift over that site. The state average of 0.95 for the week was a bit deceiving because many locations received very little precipitation.

Number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 6.0 days last week.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	PERCENT			
Current Week	20	42	38	--
Last Week	12	44	44	--
Last Year	--	12	75	13

Farm activities included harvesting wheat and hay, and farm maintenance.

FRUIT

Apple and Peach orchards were reported in good condition. Based on accumulated degree days since biofix (first moth capture in pheromone traps), egg hatch of second generation oriental fruit moth is estimated at 76% complete. The second flight of codling moth adults has begun based on trap capture. European red mites are increasing in some apple orchards. Non-bearing and dwarf apple trees are showing drought stress (drooping and rolled foliage) in some orchards.

TOBACCO

Tobacco conditions ranged from fair to mostly good.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc
	PERCENT				
Cattle & Calves	--	1	10	82	7
Sheep & Lambs	--	--	7	85	8
Apples	--	--	--	100	--
Peaches	--	--	--	100	--
Corn	--	5	39	54	2
Oats	--	7	26	64	3
Hay	--	7	31	53	9
Soybeans	--	5	36	59	--
Tobacco	--	--	23	77	--
Wheat	--	--	12	72	16
Pasture	--	17	45	35	3

GRAINS

Corn conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most fields were reported in good condition. Oats conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most fields were reported in good condition. Oats were 63 percent headed, compared to 87 percent last year and 74 percent for the 5-yr average. Soybeans conditions ranged from poor to mostly good. The crop was 2 percent blooming compared to 4 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average was not available. Winter wheat conditions ranged from fair to excellent, but most fields were in good condition. The crop was 40 percent harvested compared to 44 percent at this time in 2004 and 33 percent for the 5-yr average.

LIVESTOCK and PASTURE

Cattle conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most herds were reported in good condition. Sheep conditions ranged from fair to excellent, but most flocks were reported in good condition. Pasture conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most fields were reported as fair.

HAY

Hay conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most fields were reported in good condition. First-cutting was 90 percent complete, compared with 73 percent last year and 77 percent for the 5-yr average. Second-cutting was 5 percent complete, compared with 6 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average was not available.

HISTORICAL CROP PROGRESS

YEAR	OATS	SOYBEANS	WHEAT	HAY	
	HEADED	BLOOMING	HARVESTED	1 st CUT	2 nd CUT
2005	63	2	40	90	5
2004	87	4	44	73	6
5 YR AVG	74	NA	33	77	NA

NA-Not Available.

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FOR WEEK OF: July 4 - July 10

GENERAL

Scattered showers across the State provided much needed rainfall for crops and pastures.

Temperatures: As expected for early July, temperatures hit the lower 90s for many areas. The state average was lower than last week, but most communities were near the normal for early July. The highest reported temperature was 93 degrees at Parkersburg and Ripley and the lowest was 50 at Marlinton. The state average temperature was 72 degrees.

Precipitation: Some communities in the Mountain State finally got a good dose of rain this week. In fact, a few sites had over three inches of the liquid! Overall, the state average rainfall was 1.89 inches for the week and that is well above normal.

Number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 5.0 days last week.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	PERCENT			
Current Week	8	24	67	1
Last Week	20	42	38	--
Last Year	--	13	75	12

Farm activities included hay making, harvesting wheat, and equipment maintenance.

FRUIT

Apple and Peach orchard conditions were reported from poor to excellent, but most were in good condition. Japanese beetles have increased substantially following the rain of last week. Based on accumulated degree days since biofix (first moth capture in pheromone traps), egg hatch of second generation codling moth has begun and is estimated at 2% complete. Egg hatch of second generation oriental fruit moth is almost over, estimated at 94% complete.

TOBACCO

Tobacco conditions ranged from fair to excellent, but most fields were in good condition.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc
	PERCENT				
Cattle & Calves	--	1	10	85	4
Sheep & Lambs	--	1	9	85	5
Apples	--	8	17	67	8
Peaches	--	7	28	58	7
Corn	--	2	36	62	--
Oats	2	12	30	54	2
Hay	1	9	34	55	1
Soybeans	--	1	44	55	--
Tobacco	--	--	23	71	6
Wheat	1	6	13	72	8
Pasture	1	10	38	50	1

GRAINS

Corn conditions ranged from poor to mostly good. The crop was 7 percent silked compared to 32 percent silked last year and 13 percent silked for the 5-yr average. Oats conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but most fields were reported in good condition. Oats were 79 percent headed, compared to 93 percent last year and 84 percent for the 5-yr average. Soybeans conditions ranged from poor to mostly good. The crop was 11 percent blooming compared to 19 percent in 2004 and 8 percent for the 5-yr average. Winter wheat conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but most fields were in good condition. The crop was 42 percent harvested compared to 56 percent at this time in 2004 and 54 percent for the 5-yr average.

LIVESTOCK and PASTURE

Cattle conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most herds were reported in good condition. Sheep conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most flocks were reported in good condition. Pasture conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but most fields were reported as good.

HAY

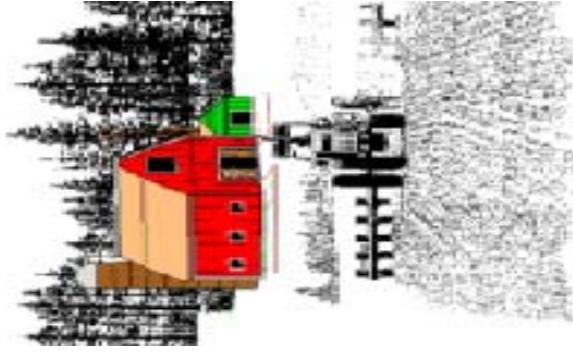
Hay conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but most fields were reported in good condition. First-cutting was 92 percent complete, compared with 84 percent last year and 84 percent for the 5-yr average. Second-cutting was 7 percent complete, compared with 10 percent in 2004 and a 5-yr average of 15 percent.

HISTORICAL CROP PROGRESS

YEAR	CORN	OATS	SOYBEANS	WHEAT	HAY	
	SILKED	HEADED	BLOOMING	HARVESTED	1 st CUT	2 nd CUT
2005	7	79	11	42	92	7
2004	32	93	19	56	84	10
5 YR AVG	13	84	8	54	84	15

NA-Not Available.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 07-10-05

Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Norm	Since April 1st 2005	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST-----									
WHEELING	90	57	74		0.23		11.25	14.57	
PARKERSBURG	93	62	76	1	0.28	1.03	10.63	14.64	12.72
CRESTON	92	58	74		1.20		11.14	15.11	
--NORTHCENTRAL-----									
MORGANTOWN	90	57	73		1.24		9.89	13.86	
CLARKSBURG	92	59	74	1	1.19	0.93	11.13	19.20	13.65
BELINGTON	87	53	70		3.45		15.62	19.28	
WESTON	92	59	74		1.25		12.10	20.11	
--SOUTHWEST-----									
WILLIAMSON	92	63	77		2.11		12.26	17.87	
HUNTINGTON	92	61	77	1	0.50	0.98	10.38	13.30	13.12
CHARLESTON	91	59	73	0	1.29	1.10	12.43	16.66	13.20
RIPLEY	93	55	74		0.80		10.34	15.55	
--CENTRAL-----									
TERRA ALTA	81	54	68		3.19		14.37	16.16	
ELKINS	87	55	69	0	3.06	1.12	14.06	18.47	14.52
MARLINTON	82	50	65		2.07		11.07	14.90	
BECKLEY	81	54	68	0	2.33	1.02	12.52	21.13	12.54
--SOUTHERN-----									
PINEVILLE	87	60	72		2.63		12.98	18.57	
BLUEFIELD	87	53	69	-2	3.42	0.93	13.40	20.42	12.87
WHITE SUL SP	85	56	69		1.79		11.07	12.61	
FLAT TOP	81	54	68		2.33		11.71	19.18	
--NORTHEASTERN-----									
MARTINSBURG	88	59	74	-2	2.24	0.84	8.34	15.51	12.05
ROMNEY	92	58	74		2.41		8.38	14.00	
PETERSBURG	89	57	72		2.57		8.62	14.17	

State Average Temperature 72
State Average Precipitation 1.89

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FOR WEEK OF: July 11 - July 17

GENERAL

It was a "tropical" week for West Virginia. Temperatures were warm, humidity levels were high and thunderstorms provided numerous heavy downpours across the state. Producers were trying to complete field work between scattered thunderstorms.

Temperatures: The state average temperature, at 76 degrees, was up four degrees from last week and the high humidity (courtesy of the remnants of Hurricane Dennis) made it seem even warmer. The highest reported temperature was 95 degrees at Parkersburg and the lowest was 57 at Marlinton.

Precipitation: Rainfall was also above normal, especially where thunderstorms moved over our reporting sites. We had some sites that received double the normal for the week. The state average precipitation was 1.37 inches.

Number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 4.0 days last week.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	PERCENT			
Current Week	5	26	65	4
Last Week	8	24	67	1
Last Year	1	20	73	6

Farm activities included wheat harvesting, hay making, and maintenance on buildings and equipment.

FRUIT

Apple orchard conditions were reported from poor to excellent, but most were in good condition. Peach orchards were reported in poor to excellent conditions, but most were in the fair to good range. Japanese beetles have increased substantially following the rain of last week. Green June beetles have joined Japanese beetles in feeding on apple foliage and stone fruits. Based on degree day accumulations since biofix (first moth capture in pheromone traps), egg hatch of second generation codling moth and third generation oriental fruit moth is estimated at 16 and 3% complete, respectively.

TOBACCO

Tobacco conditions ranged from fair to excellent, but most fields were in good condition.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc
	PERCENT				
Cattle & Calves	--	1	9	85	5
Sheep & Lambs	--	1	8	87	4
Apples	--	10	20	61	9
Peaches	--	10	40	40	10
Corn	--	4	26	67	3
Oats	2	14	34	50	--
Hay	1	8	24	60	7
Soybeans	--	4	8	88	--
Tobacco	--	--	20	76	4
Wheat	5	21	45	29	--
Pasture	1	11	28	55	5

GRAINS

Corn conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but mostly good. The crop was 21 percent silked compared to 59 percent silked last year and 28 percent silked for the 5-yr average. Oats conditions ranged from very poor to mostly good. Oats were 83 percent headed, compared to 93 percent last year and 95 percent for the 5-yr average. The crop was 9 percent harvested for grain compared to 12 percent in 2004 and 18 percent for a 5-yr average. Soybeans conditions ranged from poor to mostly good. Fields were 42 percent blooming compared to 31 percent in 2004 and 23 percent for the 5-yr average. The crop was 1 percent setting pods compared to 9 percent last year. The 5-yr average is not available. Winter wheat conditions ranged from very poor to good, but most fields were in fair condition. The crop was 54 percent harvested compared to 92 percent at this time in 2004 and 75 percent for the 5-yr average.

LIVESTOCK and PASTURE

Cattle conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most herds were reported in good condition. Sheep conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most flocks were reported in good condition. Pasture conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but most fields were reported as good.

HAY

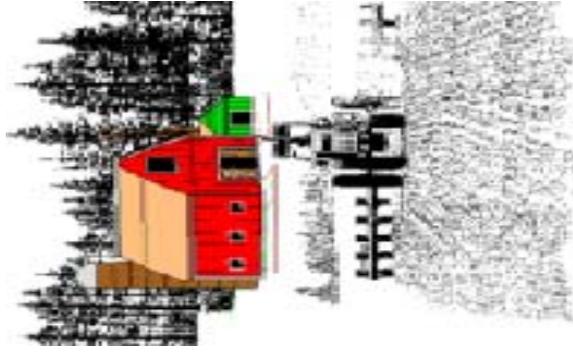
Hay conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but most fields were reported in good condition. First-cutting was 96 percent complete, compared with 91 percent last year and 93 percent for the 5-yr average. Second-cutting was 17 percent complete, compared with 20 percent in 2004 and a 5-yr average of 24 percent.

HISTORICAL CROP PROGRESS

YEAR	CORN	OATS		SOYBEANS		WHEAT	HAY	
	SILKED	HEADED	HARVESTED	BLOOMING	SETTING PODS	HARVESTED	1 st CUT	2 nd CUT
2005	21	83	9	42	1	54	96	17
2004	59	93	12	31	9	92	91	20
5 YR AVG	28	95	18	23	NA	75	93	24

NA-Not Available.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 07-17-05

Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Norm	Since April 1st 2005	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST-----									
WHEELING	93	63	79		0.97		12.22	15.25	
PARKERSBURG	95	67	80	4	2.24	1.05	12.87	15.45	13.77
CRESTON	94	65	78		2.13		13.27	15.18	
--NORTHCENTRAL-----									
MORGANTOWN	89	70	78		0.58		10.47	13.95	
CLARKSBURG	91	62	77	4	1.10	0.95	12.23	20.34	14.60
BELINGTON	89	59	74		1.30		16.92	20.59	
WESTON	90	65	77		1.59		13.69	21.21	
--SOUTHWEST-----									
WILLIAMSON	90	65	77		1.41		13.67	18.40	
HUNTINGTON	89	67	78	2	2.63	1.00	13.01	13.37	14.12
CHARLESTON	89	66	77	3	0.64	1.12	13.07	16.73	14.32
RIPLEY	92	68	80		1.45		11.79	15.77	
--CENTRAL-----									
TERRA ALTA	83	64	73		1.03		15.40	17.34	
ELKINS	89	63	74	4	1.45	1.12	15.51	21.92	15.64
MARLINTON	83	57	71		1.69		12.76	15.28	
BECKLEY	81	62	71	3	1.10	1.05	13.62	22.09	13.59
--SOUTHERN-----									
PINEVILLE	87	67	76		1.56		14.54	19.04	
BLUEFIELD	85	66	74	2	2.24	0.92	15.64	20.66	13.79
WHITE SUL SP	88	62	75		1.69		12.76	13.35	
FLAT TOP	81	62	71		1.10		12.81	20.14	
--NORTHEASTERN-----									
MARTINSBURG	91	64	79	2	0.42	0.85	8.76	16.61	12.90
ROMNEY	88	62	77		1.10		9.48	14.49	
PETERSBURG	88	61	75		0.65		9.27	14.78	

State Average Temperature 76
State Average Precipitation 1.37

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FOR WEEK OF: July 18 - July 24

GENERAL

It was another hot and humid week for West Virginia. The conditions of most crops improved from last week except for tobacco and wheat.

Temperatures: Not much change from last week's weather to this week. The state average temperature remained the same (76 degrees) and temperatures reached the 90s for a few West Virginia communities. Temperatures were at or above normal for all the sampling sites. The highest reported temperature was 93 degrees at Parkersburg, Williamson and Ripley. The lowest was 52 at Marlinton.

Precipitation: Although the average rainfall, at 0.94, was less than one inch, a couple of locations experienced heavy thunderstorms that dumped over two inches of rain. Patchy thunderstorms are typical for this time of year.

Number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 5.0 days last week.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	PERCENT			
Current Week	1	25	73	1
Last Week	5	26	65	4
Last Year	--	16	70	14

Farm activities included harvesting vegetables, hay making, and spraying and clipping pastures.

FRUIT

Apple and Peach orchards were reported from poor to excellent condition, but most were good. Based on accumulated degree days since biofix (first moth capture in pheromone traps), egg hatch of second generation codling moth and third generation oriental fruit moth is estimated at 45 and 15% complete, respectively. A few apple maggot flies have been captured in some apple orchards.

TOBACCO

Tobacco conditions ranged from fair to excellent, but most fields were in good condition.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc
	PERCENT				
Cattle & Calves	--	3	9	85	3
Sheep & Lambs	--	2	9	86	3
Apples	--	8	17	67	8
Peaches	--	7	28	58	7
Corn	--	4	19	72	5
Oats	2	8	27	60	3
Hay	1	10	37	49	3
Soybeans	--	1	4	95	--
Tobacco	--	--	9	86	5
Wheat	--	--	7	92	1
Pasture	1	9	43	46	1

GRAINS

Corn conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most were in good condition. Fields were 59 percent silked compared to 78 percent silked last year and 54 percent silked for the 5-yr average. Oats conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but mostly good. Oats were 84 percent headed, compared to 99 percent last year. The 5-yr average is not available. The crop was 36 percent harvested for grain compared to 44 percent in 2004 and 28 percent for a 5-yr average. Soybeans conditions ranged from poor to mostly good. Fields were 58 percent blooming compared to 70 percent in 2004 and 43 percent for the 5-yr average. The crop was 13 percent setting pods compared to 73 percent last year. The 5-yr average is not available. Winter wheat conditions ranged from fair to excellent, but most of the crop was in good condition. The crop was 100 percent harvested compared to 99 percent at this time in 2004 and 87 percent for the 5-yr average.

LIVESTOCK and PASTURE

Cattle conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most herds were reported in good condition. Sheep conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most flocks were reported in good condition. Pasture conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but most fields were reported in the fair to good range.

HAY

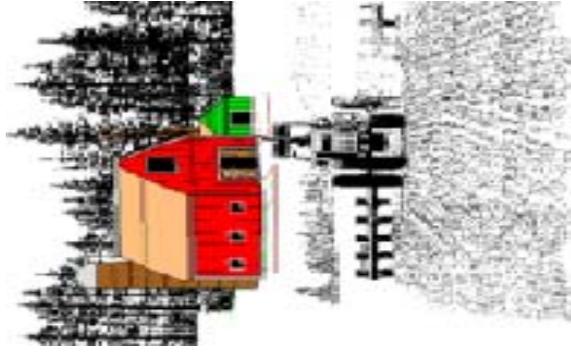
Hay conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but most fields were reported in good condition. Second-cutting was 23 percent complete, compared with 24 percent in 2004 and a 5-yr average of 30 percent.

HISTORICAL CROP PROGRESS

YEAR	CORN	OATS		SOYBEANS		WHEAT	HAY
	SILKED	HEADED	HARVESTED	BLOOMING	SETTING PODS	HARVESTED	2 nd CUT
2005	59	84	36	58	13	100	23
2004	78	99	44	70	73	99	24
5 YR AVG	54	NA	28	43	NA	87	30

NA-Not Available.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 07-24-05

Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Norm	Since April 1st 2005	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST-----									
WHEELING	91	63	78		0.36		12.58	15.56	
PARKERSBURG	93	68	80	4	1.52	1.05	14.39	16.41	14.82
CRESTON	91	63	78		0.84		14.11	15.82	
--NORTHCENTRAL-----									
MORGANTOWN	87	59	76		0.46		10.93	14.79	
CLARKSBURG	87	62	76	2	0.89	0.98	13.12	21.78	15.58
BELINGTON	86	56	73		0.47		17.39	21.58	
WESTON	91	61	77		0.67		14.36	22.29	
--SOUTHWEST-----									
WILLIAMSON	93	68	80		1.66		15.33	19.05	
HUNTINGTON	92	67	80	3	1.48	1.00	14.49	15.27	15.12
CHARLESTON	90	61	77	3	1.62	1.12	14.69	19.31	15.44
RIPLEY	93	64	78		1.89		13.68	19.01	
--CENTRAL-----									
TERRA ALTA	85	56	71		0.70		16.10	18.33	
ELKINS	85	55	74	4	0.76	1.07	16.27	21.97	16.71
MARLINTON	84	52	69		0.33		13.63	15.42	
BECKLEY	82	55	71	2	2.11	1.05	15.73	23.59	14.64
--SOUTHERN-----									
PINEVILLE	88	63	77		0.42		14.96	19.48	
BLUEFIELD	86	55	73	1	0.75	0.91	16.39	20.91	14.70
WHITE SUL SP	87	56	74		0.87		13.63	14.62	
FLAT TOP	82	55	71		2.26		15.07	21.64	
--NORTHEASTERN-----									
MARTINSBURG	89	57	77	0	0.13	0.84	8.89	17.90	13.74
ROMNEY	89	57	77		0.24		9.72	14.56	
PETERSBURG	89	56	77		0.22		9.49	14.98	

State Average Temperature 76
State Average Precipitation 0.94

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FOR WEEK OF: July 25 - July 31

GENERAL

Short, intense thunderstorms have provided needed late season precipitation in some counties. Despite scattered thunderstorms, oats harvested and hay 2nd cut made good progress from last week. Fairs and festivals are getting into full swing around the State.

Temperatures: Temperatures continue to range from 1 to 4 degrees above normal with readings in the 90s at many locations. Southwestern communities were the warmest with 98 degrees reported at Huntington and 97 in Ripley. The State average of 75 was within one degree of last week's. The highest reported temperature was 98 degrees at Parkersburg and Huntington. The lowest was 57 at Creston.

Precipitation: Patchy thunderstorms again rumbled over the Mountain State. Only one site, Clarksburg, had over two inches for the week. Since the storms were hit-and-miss, there was quite a variety of rainfall totals for the week. The State average precipitation was 0.82.

Number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 5.0 days last week.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
PERCENT				
Current				
Week	1	22	71	6
Last				
Week	1	25	73	1
Last				
Year	--	10	69	21

Farm activities included making hay and harvesting peaches.

FRUIT

Apple and Peach orchard conditions were reported from poor to excellent, but most were in good condition. Peach harvest had begun and was 9 percent complete compared to 33 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average is not available. The second flight of tufted apple bud moth and third flight of redbanded leafroller moths has begun based on capture in pheromone traps. Based on accumulated degree days since biofix (first moth capture in pheromone traps), egg hatch of second generation codling moth and third generation oriental fruit moth is estimated at 74 and 39% complete, respectively.

TOBACCO

Tobacco conditions ranged from fair to excellent, but most fields were in good condition. The crop was 1 percent topped, compared to 7 percent in 2004 and 14 percent for the 5-yr average.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc
PERCENT					
Cattle & Calves	--	1	11	82	6
Sheep & Lambs	--	1	8	85	6
Apples	--	7	14	72	7
Peaches	--	7	26	60	7
Corn	--	4	26	66	4
Oats	2	8	18	71	1
Hay	1	10	29	55	5
Soybeans	--	1	24	75	--
Tobacco	--	--	28	70	2
Pasture	1	11	35	48	5

GRAINS

Corn conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but mostly good. Fields were 85 percent silked compared to 85 percent last year and 67 percent silked for the 5-yr average. The crop was 7 percent in dough stage, compared to 22 percent last year and 17 percent for a 5-yr average. Oats conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but mostly good. Oats were 93 percent headed. Comparison data for 2004 and the 5-yr average are not available. The crop was 44 percent harvested for grain compared to 46 percent in 2004 and 53 percent for a 5-yr average. Soybeans conditions ranged from poor to mostly good. Fields were 76 percent blooming compared to 75 percent in 2004 and 57 percent for the 5-yr average. The crop was 30 percent setting pods compared to 65 percent last year. The 5-yr average was 30 percent.

LIVESTOCK and PASTURE

Cattle conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most herds were reported in good condition. Sheep conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most flocks were reported in good condition. Pasture conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but most fields were reported as good.

HAY

Hay conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but most fields were reported in good condition. Second-cutting was 38 percent complete, compared with 37 percent in 2004 and a 5-yr average of 38 percent.

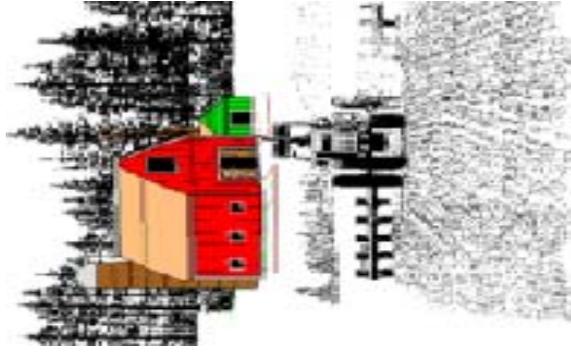
HISTORICAL CROP PROGRESS

YEAR	CORN		OATS		SOYBEANS		TOBACCO	HAY
	SILKED	DOUGHING	HEADED	HARVESTED	BLOOMING	SETTING PODS	TOPPED	2 nd CUT
2005	85	7	93	44	76	30	1	38
2004	85	22	NA	46	75	65	7	37
5 YR AVG	67	17	NA	53	57	30	14	38

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Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 07-31-05

Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Norm	Since April 1st 2005	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST-----									
WHEELING	94	60	76		0.38		12.96	18.28	
PARKERSBURG	98	65	80	4	0.91	1.03	15.30	17.58	15.85
CRESTON	95	57	76		0.25		14.36	16.96	
--NORTHCENTRAL-----									
MORGANTOWN	92	60	76		0.59		11.52	16.37	
CLARKSBURG	93	62	76	2	2.65	0.98	15.77	25.69	16.56
BELINGTON	88	61	74		0.91		18.30	24.05	
WESTON	93	64	76		0.92		15.28	24.51	
--SOUTHWEST-----									
WILLIAMSON	96	64	79		0.55		15.88	22.73	
HUNTINGTON	98	65	80	3	0.14	0.98	14.63	16.11	16.10
CHARLESTON	93	60	76	1	0.61	1.07	15.30	20.70	16.51
RIPLEY	97	62	77		0.98		14.66	20.90	
--CENTRAL-----									
TERRA ALTA	84	59	71		0.28		16.38	21.39	
ELKINS	90	60	73	3	0.95	1.05	17.22	24.71	17.76
MARLINTON	91	58	71		1.74		14.71	17.26	
BECKLEY	85	58	71	3	0.96	1.00	16.69	23.63	15.64
--SOUTHERN-----									
PINEVILLE	91	64	76		1.03		15.99	20.85	
BLUEFIELD	91	62	74	2	1.52	0.86	17.91	24.31	15.56
WHITE SUL SP	90	62	75		1.08		14.71	15.86	
FLAT TOP	85	58	71		0.96		16.03	21.68	
--NORTHEASTERN-----									
MARTINSBURG	97	60	77	0	0.13	0.84	9.02	19.35	14.58
ROMNEY	95	61	76		0.30		10.02	16.39	
PETERSBURG	97	60	76		0.27		9.76	15.29	

State Average Temperature 75
State Average Precipitation 0.82

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FOR WEEK OF: August 1 – August 7

GENERAL

Hot temperatures and high humidity levels continue across the State. Due to the lack of rainfall, water supply for livestock has become a problem for some farmers. Rainfall is needed to improve crop conditions and get pastures growing again.

Temperatures: Above normal temperatures continued over the Mountain State this week. Many communities had afternoon highs in the 90s for at least a couple of days. The weekly average, 76 degrees, was only one degree higher than last week. Overall, the state was three to four degrees above normal for the week. The highest reported temperature was 98 degrees at Parkersburg and Williamson. The lowest was 55 at Marlinton.

Precipitation: This week the State average rainfall was only 0.43 inches, less than one half inch. Most of that rain fell later in the week. There was no strong weather feature to trigger extensive rainfall. Showers were spotty and only a couple of reporting sites had heavy thunderstorm rain.

Number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 6.0 days last week.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	PERCENT			
Current Week	17	41	42	--
Last Week	1	22	71	6
Last Year	1	12	78	9

Farm activities included supplemental feeding for cattle, topping tobacco, harvesting peaches and making hay.

FRUIT

Apple and Peach orchard conditions were reported from very poor to excellent, but most were in good condition. Peach harvest had begun and was 23 percent complete compared to 51 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average is not available.

TOBACCO

Tobacco conditions ranged from fair to excellent, but most fields were in good condition. The crop was 30 percent topped, compared to 29 percent in 2004 and 27 percent for the 5-yr average.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc
	PERCENT				
Cattle & Calves	--	2	24	70	4
Sheep & Lambs	--	3	19	74	4
Apples	8	17	25	42	8
Peaches	7	14	21	51	7
Corn	1	8	50	40	1
Oats	2	10	28	58	2
Hay	1	11	41	42	5
Soybeans	1	14	47	38	--
Tobacco	--	--	21	69	10
Pasture	5	13	46	35	1

GRAINS

Corn conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but mostly fair. Fields were 90 percent silked compared to 92 percent last year and 77 percent silked for the 5-yr average. The crop was 15 percent in dough stage, compared to 32 percent last year and 26 percent for a 5-yr average. Corn was 1 percent in the dent stage, compared to 1 percent last year. The 5-yr average was not available. Oats conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but mostly good. Oats were 95 percent headed. Comparison data for 2004 and the 5-yr average are not available. The crop was 50 percent harvested for grain compared to 59 percent in 2004 and 67 percent for a 5-yr average. Soybeans conditions ranged from very poor to good, but most were fair. Fields were 77 percent blooming compared to 82 percent in 2004 and 69 percent for the 5-yr average. The crop was 51 percent setting pods compared to 71 percent last year. The 5-yr average was 39 percent.

LIVESTOCK and PASTURE

Cattle conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most herds were reported in good condition. Sheep conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most flocks were reported in good condition. Pasture conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but most fields were reported as fair.

HAY

Hay conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but most fields were reported in fair to good condition. Second-cutting was 53 percent complete, compared with 42 percent in 2004 and a 5-yr average of 45 percent.

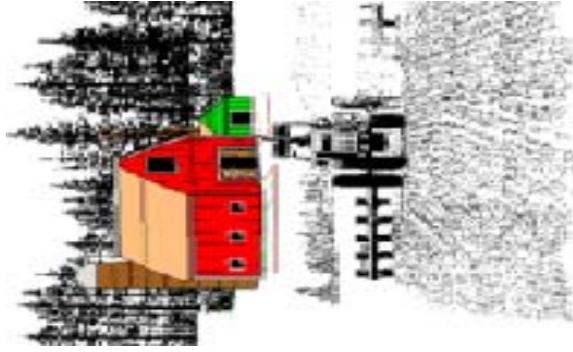
HISTORICAL CROP PROGRESS

YEAR	CORN			OATS		SOYBEANS		TOBACCO	HAY	PEACHES
	SILKED	DOUGHING	DENT	HEADED	HARV.	BLOOMING	SETTING PODS	TOPPED	2 nd CUT	HARV.
2005	90	15	1	95	50	77	51	30	53	23
2004	92	32	1	NA	59	82	71	29	42	51
5 YR AVG	77	26	NA	NA	67	69	39	27	45	NA

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Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 08-07-05

Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Total	Week's Norm	Since April 1st 2005	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST-----									
WHEELING	97	64	81		0.35		13.31	18.47	
PARKERSBURG	98	68	80	4	0.53	0.98	15.83	17.70	16.83
CRESTON	96	60	78		0.09		14.45	17.38	
--NORTHCENTRAL-----									
MORGANTOWN	93	64	77		0.17		11.69	16.61	
CLARKSBURG	92	64	77	4	0.57	1.00	16.34	26.16	17.56
BELINGTON	90	59	73		0.12		18.42	24.31	
WESTON	94	65	78		0.15		15.43	25.01	
--SOUTHWEST-----									
WILLIAMSON	98	65	79		0.14		16.02	23.56	
HUNTINGTON	97	59	80	4	0.81	0.94	15.44	17.61	17.04
CHARLESTON	94	60	77	3	0.25	1.00	15.55	21.77	17.51
RIPLEY	94	60	77		0.06		14.72	21.76	
--CENTRAL-----									
TERRA ALTA	85	61	72		1.36		17.74	21.72	
ELKINS	91	57	73	3	0.12	1.01	17.34	25.18	18.77
MARLINTON	84	55	69		0.06		15.64	17.68	
BECKLEY	85	58	71	3	0.35	0.88	17.04	24.29	16.52
--SOUTHERN-----									
PINEVILLE	90	64	76		0.70		16.69	22.68	
BLUEFIELD	89	58	73	1	0.65	0.78	18.56	25.20	16.34
WHITE SUL SP	89	60	74		0.93		15.64	17.51	
FLAT TOP	85	58	71		0.35		16.38	22.34	
--NORTHEASTERN-----									
MARTINSBURG	96	63	79	2	0.91	0.77	9.93	19.43	15.35
ROMNEY	94	61	77		0.35		10.37	16.58	
PETERSBURG	94	61	76		0.33		10.09	15.31	

State Average Temperature 76
State Average Precipitation 0.43

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FOR WEEK OF: August 8 – August 14

GENERAL

Hot, hot temperatures and high humidity levels continue across the State. Due to the lack of rainfall, crops are coping, but are stressed. Livestock are keeping close to water sources & shade. Rainfall is needed to improve crop conditions and keep pastures green. The State Fair is in full swing.

Temperatures: There was little relief from the hot, hazy and humid weather this week. Outside of the mountain locations, most West Virginia communities experienced highs well into the 90s. Parkersburg actually hit the 100 degree mark, the highest for the week. Above normal readings were state-wide. The state average temperature was 77 degrees. The lowest was 59 at Marlinton, Beckley and Flat Top.

Precipitation: Again, rainfall was spotty. Isolated thunderstorms brought rain to a few locations, but the state average was around one third of an inch and only two sites had over one inch during the week.

Number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 6.0 days last week.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	PERCENT			
Current Week	14	47	39	--
Last Week	17	41	42	--
Last Year	--	13	74	13

Farm activities included cutting hay, harvesting oats, fruits and vegetables, topping tobacco and repairing fence.

FRUIT

Apple and Peach orchard conditions were reported from very poor to excellent, but most were in the fair to good range. Peach harvest had begun and was 30 percent complete compared to 66 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average is not available.

TOBACCO

Tobacco conditions ranged from fair to excellent, but most fields were in good condition. The crop was 51 percent topped, compared to 42 percent in 2004 and 42 percent for the 5-yr average.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc
	PERCENT				
Cattle & Calves	--	2	19	72	7
Sheep & Lambs	--	1	11	82	6
Apples	8	17	29	37	9
Peaches	9	18	30	34	9
Corn	1	9	34	52	4
Hay	1	13	34	48	4
Soybeans	1	22	60	17	--
Tobacco	--	--	27	51	22
Pasture	5	13	39	41	2

GRAINS

Corn conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but mostly good. Fields were 95 percent silked compared to 92 percent last year and 86 percent silked for the 5-yr average. The crop was 49 percent in dough stage, compared to 59 percent last year and 38 percent for a 5-yr average. Corn was 10 percent in the dent stage, compared to 9 percent last year. The 5-yr average was not available. Oats were 70 percent harvested for grain compared to 75 percent in 2004 and 75 percent for a 5-yr average. Soybeans conditions ranged from very poor to good, but most were fair. Fields were 86 percent blooming compared to 86 percent in 2004 and 79 percent for the 5-yr average. The crop was 57 percent setting pods compared to 71 percent last year. The 5-yr average was 48 percent.

LIVESTOCK and PASTURE

Cattle conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most herds were reported in good condition. Sheep conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most flocks were reported in good condition. Pasture conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but most fields were reported as fair to good.

HAY

Hay conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but most fields were reported in good. Second-cutting was 58 percent complete, compared with 53 percent in 2004 and a 5-yr average of 52 percent.

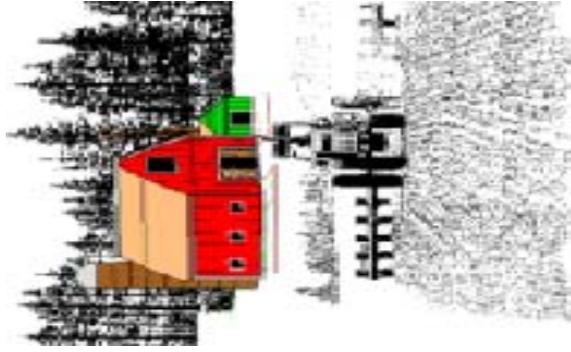
HISTORICAL CROP PROGRESS

YEAR	CORN			OATS	SOYBEANS		TOBACCO	HAY	PEACHES
	SILKED	DOUGHING	DENT	HARV.	BLOOMING	SETTING PODS	TOPPED	2 nd CUT	HARV.
2005	95	49	10	70	86	57	51	58	30
2004	92	59	9	75	86	71	42	53	66
5 YR AVG	86	38	NA	75	79	48	42	52	NA

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Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 08-14-05

Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Weekly Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Week's Norm	Since April 1st 2005	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST--									
WHEELING	97	68	80		0.12		13.43	18.83	
PARKERSBURG	100	69	82	8	0.15	0.94	15.98	18.20	17.77
CRESTON	96	65	79		0.31		14.76	17.99	
--NORTHCENTRAL--									
MORGANTOWN	94	65	78		0.32		12.01	17.72	
CLARKSBURG	94	64	78	5	0.27	1.05	16.61	26.74	18.61
BELINGTON	91	61	74		0.06		18.48	24.78	
WESTON	96	66	79		0.07		15.50	25.74	
--SOUTHWEST--									
WILLIAMSON	97	66	81		0.10		16.12	24.34	
HUNTINGTON	98	65	81	5	0.21	0.90	15.65	18.58	17.94
CHARLESTON	96	64	79	6	0.25	0.94	15.80	23.18	18.45
RIPLEY	97	66	80		0.00		14.72	22.44	
--CENTRAL--									
TERRA ALTA	86	61	73		0.47		18.21	23.03	
ELKINS	91	60	74	5	0.32	0.98	17.66	25.85	19.75
MARLINTON	84	59	70		1.07		16.06	17.92	
BECKLEY	85	59	71	3	0.29	0.80	17.33	25.64	17.32
--SOUTHERN--									
PINEVILLE	90	67	77		0.27		16.96	24.34	
BLUEFIELD	88	60	73	1	0.20	0.72	18.76	26.46	17.06
WHITE SUL SP	90	65	75		0.42		16.06	18.08	
FLAT TOP	85	59	71		0.29		16.67	23.69	
--NORTHEASTERN--									
MARTINSBURG	95	66	79	4	0.55	0.77	10.48	20.87	16.12
ROMNEY	95	65	78		0.56		10.93	17.26	
PETERSBURG	92	64	76		1.22		11.31	16.01	

State Average Temperature 77
State Average Precipitation 0.34

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 FOR WEEK OF: August 15 – August 21

GENERAL

Dry conditions persist as temperatures have remained high during the past week. Producers are preparing to chop silage and hay making continues throughout the region.

Temperatures: Above normal temperatures continued over West Virginia this week. Highs again pushed well into the 90's for many communities. Mid and upper 80's were registered over the western lowlands. Huntington reported the highest temperature at 98 degrees. Terra Alta reported the lowest at 84 degrees. The state average was 75 degrees.

Precipitation: Rainfall was much higher than the past few weeks. Most towns had between 1 and three inches of rain. The state average of 1.72 inches was skewed by the 7.20 inch total at Williamson. Flooding was common in Mingo County as a result of the heavy rain there. By far, the Eastern Panhandle had the least rain.

Number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 6.0 days last week.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	PERCENT			
Current Week	11	36	53	--
Last Week	14	47	39	--
Last Year	--	11	81	8

Farm activities included cutting hay, harvesting oats, fruits and vegetables, topping tobacco and cleaning barns.

FRUIT

Apple and Peach orchard conditions were reported from very poor to excellent, but most were in good condition. Peach harvest was 52 percent complete compared to 90 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average is not available. Nymphs of white apple leafhopper are appearing on the undersides of apple leaves. Based on accumulated degree days since biofix (first moth capture in pheromone traps), egg hatch of third generation oriental fruit moth is almost over on peach. Egg hatch of second generation tufted apple bud moth and third generation codling moth is estimated at 80 and 8 percent complete on apple, respectively.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc
	PERCENT				
Cattle & Calves	--	1	12	82	5
Sheep & Lambs	--	1	8	86	5
Apples	8	16	25	43	8
Peaches	7	14	21	51	7
Corn	1	6	24	65	4
Hay	1	14	35	48	2
Soybeans	2	12	38	48	--
Tobacco	--	--	28	63	9
Pasture	4	14	41	40	1

GRAINS

Corn conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but mostly good. Fields were 67 percent in dough stage, compared to 65 percent last year and 46 percent for a 5-yr average. The crop was 24 percent in the dent stage, compared to 23 percent last year and 12 percent for the 5-yr average. Corn was 1 percent mature, but no comparison data was available. Oats were 93 percent harvested for grain compared to 99 percent in 2004 and 87 percent for a 5-yr average. Soybeans conditions ranged from very poor to mostly good. Fields were 95 percent blooming compared to 98 percent in 2004 and 90 percent for the 5-yr average. The crop was 90 percent setting pods compared to 88 percent last year. The 5-yr average was 67 percent. Soybeans were 4 percent dropping leaves compared to 1 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average was not available.

LIVESTOCK and PASTURE

Cattle conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most herds were reported in good condition. Sheep conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most flocks were reported in good condition. Pasture conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but most fields were reported as fair to good.

HAY

Hay conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but most fields were reported in good. Second-cutting was 68 percent complete, compared with 61 percent in 2004 and a 5-yr average of 64 percent.

TOBACCO

Tobacco conditions ranged from fair to excellent, but most fields were in good condition. The crop was 52 percent topped, compared to 62 percent in 2004 and 61 percent for the 5-yr average. Tobacco was 1 percent harvested. No comparable data was available.

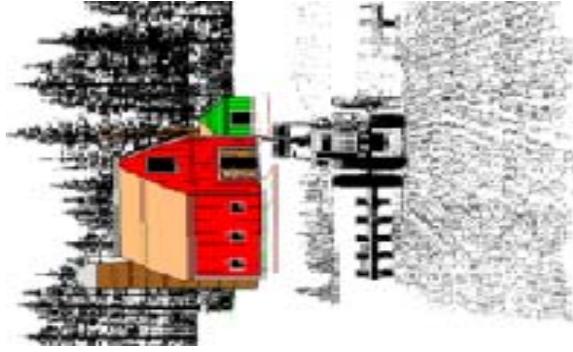
HISTORICAL CROP PROGRESS

YEAR	CORN			OATS	SOYBEANS			TOBACCO		HAY	PEACHES
	DOUGHING	DENT	MATURE	HARV.	BLOOMING	SETTING PODS	DROP. LVS.	TOPPED	HARV.	2 nd CUT	HARV.
2005	67	24	1	93	95	90	4	52	1	68	52
2004	65	23	N/A	99	98	88	1	62	N/A	61	90
5 YR AVG	46	12	N/A	87	90	67	N/A	61	N/A	64	NA

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Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 08-21-05

Station	Temperature				Precipitation					
	High	Low	Weekly Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Week's Norm	Since April 1st 2005	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal	
--NORTHWEST--										
WHEELING	94	63	76		0.81		14.24	21.01		
PARKERSBURG	97	64	79	5	0.90	0.90	16.88	19.21	18.67	
CRESTON	92	58	76		2.05		16.81	19.84		
--NORTHCENTRAL--										
MORGANTOWN	92	60	75		1.34		13.35	21.24		
CLARKSBURG	91	60	75	4	1.38	0.98	17.99	28.47	19.59	
BELINGTON	88	55	72		0.90		19.38	25.91		
WESTON	91	60	76		1.65		17.15	27.02		
--SOUTHWEST--										
WILLIAMSON	96	66	80		7.20		23.32	24.96		
HUNTINGTON	98	63	80	5	0.72	0.84	16.37	21.65	18.78	
CHARLESTON	92	60	78	6	1.44	0.90	17.24	23.65	19.35	
RIPLEY	96	59	78		1.94		16.66	23.53		
--CENTRAL--										
TERRA ALTA	84	57	70		1.62		19.83	25.73		
ELKINS	88	56	73	5	0.88	0.95	18.54	27.54	20.70	
MARLINTON	86	54	70		1.46		18.10	18.47		
BECKLEY	88	57	73	6	3.11	0.77	20.44	26.19	18.09	
--SOUTHERN--										
PINEVILLE	89	66	77		2.94		19.90	25.08		
BLUEFIELD	89	61	75	4	1.45	0.70	20.21	26.96	17.76	
WHITE SUL SP	88	61	74		2.04		18.10	18.53		
FLAT TOP	88	57	73		3.10		19.77	24.24		
--NORTHEASTERN--										
MARTINSBURG	90	58	75	0	0.54	0.76	11.02	21.07	16.88	
ROMNEY	95	58	75		0.23		11.16	18.05		
PETERSBURG	93	57	74		0.16		11.47	16.21		

State Average Temperature 75
State Average Precipitation 1.72

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 FOR WEEK OF: August 22 – August 28

GENERAL

Dry conditions are predominant as producers scurry to get silage chopped before Hurricane Katrina lands. Cooler dry air moved across the state last week providing several days of excellent hay making weather. Some producers have been hauling water to vegetables and livestock.

Temperatures: Temperatures cooled down a good bit this week. In fact, the state average, 70 degrees, was five degrees lower than the previous week. Only a couple of sites hit 90 during the week and for the first time in several weeks there were communities that had below normal average during the period. The highest temperature for the week, 93 degrees, and the lowest of 45 degrees were both recorded at Huntington.

Precipitation: Heavy rain hit some locations, especially in the western lowlands. Huntington received over three inches of rain and several other communities had more than two. Overall, however, the state average rainfall, at 1.36 inches, was below the previous week.

Number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 5.0 days last week.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	PERCENT			
Current Week	15	29	54	2
Last Week	11	36	53	--
Last Year	5	17	63	15

Farm activities included making hay, harvesting peaches, making silage and hauling water to vegetables and livestock.

FRUIT

Apple and Peach orchard conditions were reported from very poor to excellent. Apples were 5 percent harvested. The comparison date is unavailable. Apple conditions ranged from very poor to excellent condition, but most orchards were reported mostly fair to good condition. Peach harvest was 59 percent complete compared to 99 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average is not available. Peach conditions ranged from very poor to excellent condition, but most orchards were reported in fair to mostly good condition. Based on accumulated degree days since biofix (first moth capture in pheromone traps), egg hatch of second generation tufted apple bud moth is over and fourth generation oriental fruit moth is beginning. Egg hatch of third generation codling moth is estimated at 20 percent complete.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc
	PERCENT				
Cattle & Calves	--	2	19	73	6
Sheep & Lambs	--	2	12	80	6
Apples	7	15	39	32	7
Peaches	7	13	35	38	7
Corn	1	8	33	52	6
Hay	1	14	36	44	5
Soybeans	1	18	54	27	--
Tobacco	--	--	31	59	10
Pasture	10	12	36	38	4

GRAINS

Corn conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but mostly good. Fields were 79 percent in dough stage, compared to 81 percent last year and 66 percent for a 5-yr average. The crop was 48 percent in the dent stage, compared to 40 percent last year and 31 percent for the 5-yr average. Corn was 2 percent mature, compared to 1 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average was not available. Oats were 94 percent harvested for grain. No comparison data was available. Soybeans conditions ranged from very poor to good, but most were in fair condition. The crop was 91 percent setting pods compared to 97 percent last year. The 5-yr average was 82 percent. Soybeans were 15 percent dropping leaves compared to 18 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average was 15 percent.

LIVESTOCK and PASTURE

Cattle conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most herds were reported in good condition. Sheep conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most flocks were reported in good condition. Pasture conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but most fields were reported in fair to good condition.

HAY

Hay conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but most fields were reported in good condition. Second-cutting was 76 percent complete, compared with 74 percent in 2004 and a 5-yr average of 75 percent.

TOBACCO

Tobacco conditions ranged from fair to excellent, but most fields were in good condition. The crop was 71 percent topped, compared to 91 percent in 2004 and 77 percent for the 5-yr average. Tobacco was 2 percent harvested compared to 10 percent in 2004. No 5-yr average data was available.

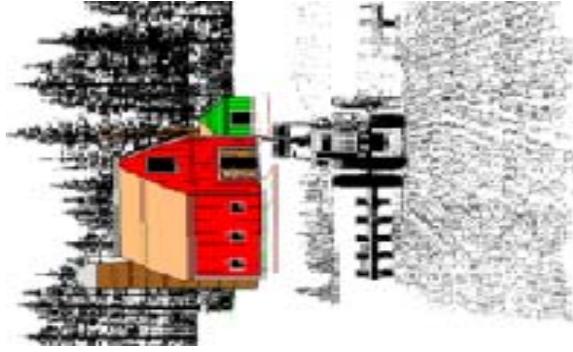
HISTORICAL CROP PROGRESS

YEAR	CORN			OATS	SOYBEANS		TOBACCO		HAY	PEACHES	APPLES
	DOUGHING	DENT	MATURE	HARV.	SETTING PODS	DROP. LVS.	TOPPED	HARV.	2 nd CUT	HARV.	HARV.
2005	79	48	2	94	91	15	71	2	76	59	5
2004	81	40	1	N/A	97	18	91	10	74	N/A	24
5 YR AVG	66	31	N/A	N/A	82	15	77	N/A	75	N/A	N/A

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Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 08-28-05

Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Weekly Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Norm	Since April 1st 2005	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST--									
WHEELING	86	56	70		0.72		14.96	22.00	
PARKERSBURG	90	58	73	0	1.44	0.84	18.32	19.37	19.51
CRESTON	89	52	71		2.18		18.99	23.08	
--NORTHCENTRAL--									
MORGANTOWN	87	54	71		0.18		13.53	21.88	
CLARKSBURG	86	56	71	0	0.88	0.96	18.87	28.58	20.55
BELINGTON	83	52	68		1.31		20.69	26.42	
WESTON	86	55	70		1.65		18.80	27.84	
--SOUTHWEST--									
WILLIAMSON	91	62	76		1.32		24.64	25.28	
HUNTINGTON	93	45	74	0	3.38	0.78	19.75	23.64	19.56
CHARLESTON	89	54	71	-1	2.82	0.89	20.06	24.68	20.24
RIPLEY	87	54	72		2.09		18.75	25.95	
--CENTRAL--									
TERRA ALTA	77	54	65		1.08		20.91	25.74	
ELKINS	84	53	69	2	1.34	0.91	19.88	27.63	21.61
MARLINTON	79	54	64		2.02		19.21	19.95	
BECKLEY	81	57	68	3	1.27	0.74	21.71	26.72	18.83
--SOUTHERN--									
PINEVILLE	86	56	73		1.24		21.14	25.95	
BLUEFIELD	84	56	70	1	0.62	0.70	20.83	26.96	18.46
WHITE SUL SP	85	58	70		1.11		19.21	18.53	
FLAT TOP	81	52	67		1.27		21.04	24.77	
--NORTHEASTERN--									
MARTINSBURG	86	50	70	-3	0.47	0.77	11.49	21.43	17.65
ROMNEY	88	51	69		0.39		11.55	18.41	
PETERSBURG	85	52	67		1.14		12.61	16.36	

State Average Temperature 70
State Average Precipitation 1.36

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GENERAL

Drier weather during the week allowed further hay harvest and chopping of corn. Rising fuel costs due to hurricane Katrina continue to worry producers. Producers are looking at creative ways to keep livestock water needs met.

Temperatures: We had slightly cooler, but much drier weather over this week. The state average temperature of 69 degrees was only one degree cooler than last week but overnight lows were noticeably cooler. Many locations dropped into the 40s for a couple of nights. The highest recorded temperature was 90 degrees at Williamson and Martinsburg. The lowest was 46 at Marlinton and Belington.

Precipitation: At 0.77 inches, the state average rainfall was much lower than last week. Again, the heaviest rainfall was over western sections of the state. Huntington was the wet spot at 2.33 inches. As has been the pattern over several weeks, the northeastern section of the state was the driest.

Number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 5.0 days last week.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
PERCENT				
Current Week	5	31	54	10
Last Week	15	29	54	2
Last Year	6	30	56	8

Farm activities included making hay, chopping corn for silage, harvesting vegetables and repairing damaged fences.

FRUIT

Apple and Peach orchard conditions were reported from very poor to excellent. Apples were 10 percent harvested compared to 24 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average was not available. Apple conditions ranged from very poor to excellent condition, but most orchards were reported mostly poor to good condition. Peach harvest was 69 percent complete. Comparison data was not available. Peach conditions ranged from very poor to excellent condition, but most orchards were reported in poor to mostly good condition. Based on degree day accumulations since biofix (first moth capture in pheromone traps), egg hatch of third generation codling moth and fourth generation oriental fruit moth is estimated at 42 and 66 percent complete, respectively. The fourth moth flight of spotted tentiform leafminer is beginning in apple orchards.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc
PERCENT					
Cattle & Calves	--	2	17	73	8
Sheep & Lambs	--	1	14	77	8
Apples	8	25	34	25	8
Peaches	7	29	21	36	7
Corn	1	14	38	41	6
Hay	1	12	43	39	5
Soybeans	1	23	58	18	--
Tobacco	--	--	27	59	14
Pasture	13	11	38	34	4

GRAINS

Corn conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but most were fair to mostly good. Fields were 91 percent in dough stage, compared to 84 percent last year and 78 percent for a 5-yr average. The crop was 71 percent in the dent stage, compared to 56 percent last year and 47 percent for the 5-yr average. Corn was 8 percent mature, compared to 7 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average was not available. Soybeans conditions ranged from very poor to good, but most were in fair condition. The crop was 98 percent setting pods. Comparison data was not available. Soybeans were 28 percent dropping leaves compared to 27 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average was 23 percent.

LIVESTOCK and PASTURE

Cattle conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most herds were reported in good condition. Sheep conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most flocks were reported in good condition. Pasture conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but most fields were reported in mostly fair to good condition.

HAY

Hay conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but most fields were reported in mostly fair to good condition. Second-cutting was 87 percent complete, compared with 76 percent in 2004 and a 5-yr average of 78 percent. Third cutting was 11 percent complete, compared to 11 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average data was not available.

TOBACCO

Tobacco conditions ranged from fair to excellent, but most fields were in good condition. The crop was 84 percent topped. Comparison data was not available. Tobacco was 4 percent harvested compared to 22 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average data was not available.

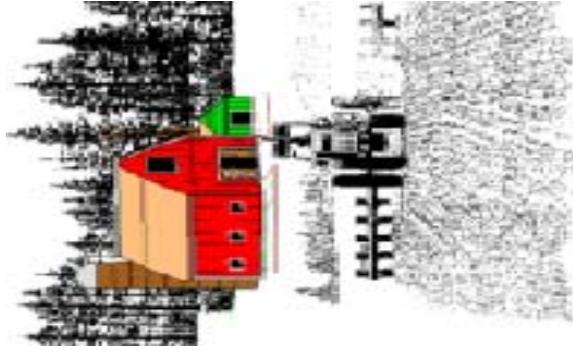
HISTORICAL CROP PROGRESS

YEAR	CORN			SOYBEANS		TOBACCO		HAY		PEACHES	APPLES
	DOUGHING	DENT	MATURE	SETTING PODS	DROP. LVS.	TOPPED	HARV.	2 nd CUT	3 rd CUT	HARV.	HARV.
2005	91	71	8	98	28	84	4	87	11	69	10
2004	84	56	7	N/A	27	99	22	76	11	N/A	24
5 YR AVG	78	47	N/A	N/A	23	N/A	N/A	78	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 09-04-05

Station	Temperature				Precipitation					
	High	Low	Weekly Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Week's Norm	Since April 1st 2005	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal	
--NORTHWEST--										
WHEELING	82	47	67		2.46		17.42	22.35		
PARKERSBURG	87	55	71	0	1.10	0.83	19.42	19.56	20.34	
CRESTON	84	52	70		0.85		19.84	23.10		
--NORTHCENTRAL--										
MORGANTOWN	84	51	69		0.52		14.05	21.91		
CLARKSBURG	82	51	69	-1	1.38	0.90	20.25	28.58	21.45	
BELINGTON	81	46	66		0.74		21.43	26.53		
WESTON	87	52	70		1.47		20.27	27.87		
--SOUTHWEST--										
WILLIAMSON	90	58	73		0.47		25.11	25.28		
HUNTINGTON	86	53	72	0	2.33	0.71	22.08	23.64	20.27	
CHARLESTON	86	51	70	0	1.92	0.87	21.98	24.68	21.11	
RIPLEY	85	52	71		1.05		19.80	25.95		
--CENTRAL--										
TERRA ALTA	75	50	65		0.59		21.50	27.67		
ELKINS	83	47	67	1	0.33	0.97	20.21	28.08	22.58	
MARLINTON	78	46	65		0.05		19.30	19.97		
BECKLEY	77	48	65	1	0.22	0.77	21.93	26.78	19.60	
--SOUTHERN--										
PINEVILLE	83	55	70		0.35		21.49	25.95		
BLUEFIELD	80	48	67	-1	0.10	0.73	20.93	26.96	19.19	
WHITE SUL SP	81	48	68		0.09		19.30	18.71		
FLAT TOP	77	48	65		0.22		21.26	24.83		
--NORTHEASTERN--										
MARTINSBURG	90	52	73	2	0.44	0.77	11.93	21.45	18.42	
ROMNEY	88	49	71		0.23		11.78	18.41		
PETERSBURG	88	49	69		0.00		12.61	16.39		

State Average Temperature 69
State Average Precipitation 0.77

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 FOR WEEK OF: September 5 – September 11

GENERAL

Beautiful, cool dry weather this past week provided seven great days to complete fieldwork. Hay harvest continues with practically ideal conditions. Livestock water supplies are a big concern for many producers because of the dry conditions.

Temperatures: Compared to the past several weeks, it was a cooler and much drier week for the Mountain State. Temperatures were at or below normal throughout the region. Cool and dry air allowed overnight lows to dip into the 40s for many communities. The highest recorded temperature was 89 degrees in Parkersburg. The lowest was 43 degrees in Marlinton, Beckley, and Flat Top.

Precipitation: There is not much to be said about rainfall....because there was no measurable rainfall at any of our reporting sites. Strong high pressure held over the state preventing any shower or thunderstorm development.

Number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 7.0 days last week.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	PERCENT			
Current Week	10	40	50	--
Last Week	5	31	54	10
Last Year	1	11	66	22

Farm activities included harvesting peaches and apples, chopping corn for silage, making hay and hauling water for livestock.

FRUIT

Apple conditions ranged from very poor to excellent condition, but most orchards were reported mostly fair to good condition. Apples were 15 percent harvested compared to 30 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average was not available. Peach conditions ranged from very poor to excellent condition, but most orchards were reported in fair to good condition. Peach harvest was 70 percent complete. Comparison data was not available. The fourth moth flight of spotted tentiform leafminer and oriental fruit moth is peaking in apple orchards. Based on degree day accumulations since biofix (first moth capture in pheromone traps), egg hatch of third generation codling moth and fourth generation oriental fruit moth is estimated at 69 and 95 percent complete, respectively.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc
	PERCENT				
Cattle & Calves	--	1	17	76	6
Sheep & Lambs	--	1	14	81	4
Apples	10	19	29	32	10
Peaches	10	20	30	30	10
Corn	1	8	27	58	6
Hay	1	10	31	52	6
Soybeans	1	18	52	29	--
Tobacco	--	--	35	65	--
Pasture	3	9	46	38	4

GRAINS

Corn conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but most were in good condition. Fields were 94 percent in the dough stage, compared to 90 percent last year and 85 percent for a 5-yr average. The crop was 80 percent in the dent stage, compared to 63 percent last year and 58 percent for the 5-yr average. Corn was 16 percent mature, compared to 12 percent last year and 19 percent for the 5-yr average. Corn was 1 percent harvested, comparison data was not available. Soybeans conditions ranged from very poor to good, but most were in fair condition. Soybeans were 50 percent dropping leaves compared to 38 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average was 41 percent. Wheat was 1 percent planted compared to 13 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average data was 15 percent.

LIVESTOCK and PASTURE

Cattle conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most herds were reported in good condition. Sheep conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most flocks were reported in good condition. Pasture conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but most fields were reported in fair to good condition.

HAY

Hay conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but most fields were reported in good condition. Second-cutting was 89 percent complete, compared with 81 percent in 2004 and a 5-yr average of 85 percent. Third cutting was 29 percent complete, compared to 21 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average data was not available.

TOBACCO

Tobacco conditions ranged from fair to good, but most fields were in good condition. The crop was 96 percent topped. Comparison data was not available. Tobacco was 13 percent harvested compared to 51 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average data was 53 percent.

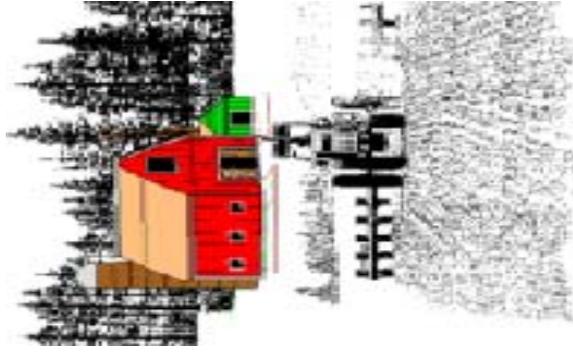
HISTORICAL CROP PROGRESS

YEAR	CORN				SOYBEANS	WHEAT	TOBACCO		HAY		PEACHES	APPLES
	DOUGHING	DENT	MATURE	HARV.	DROP LVS.	PLANT.	TOPPED	HARV.	2 nd CUT	3 rd CUT	HARV.	HARV.
2005	94	80	16	1	50	1	96	13	89	29	70	15
2004	90	63	12	N/A	38	13	N/A	51	81	21	N/A	30
5 YR AVG	85	58	19	N/A	41	15	N/A	53	85	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 09-11-05

Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Weekly Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Week's Norm	Since April 1st 2005	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST--									
WHEELING	87	56	70		0.00		17.42	26.68	
PARKERSBURG	89	53	70	0	0.00	0.77	19.42	23.65	21.11
CRESTON	86	49	67		0.00		19.84	27.39	
--NORTHCENTRAL--									
MORGANTOWN	85	50	68		0.00		14.05	24.19	
CLARKSBURG	84	50	67	0	0.00	0.83	20.25	31.24	22.28
BELINGTON	83	44	63		0.00		21.43	28.69	
WESTON	87	51	68		0.00		20.27	30.21	
--SOUTHWEST--									
WILLIAMSON	87	55	71		0.00		25.11	28.11	
HUNTINGTON	86	53	70	-1	0.00	0.65	22.08	28.43	20.92
CHARLESTON	86	48	67	-1	0.00	0.84	21.98	28.32	21.95
RIPLEY	85	50	69		0.00		19.80	30.78	
--CENTRAL--									
TERRA ALTA	85	47	64		0.00		21.50	29.94	
ELKINS	84	47	65	0	0.00	0.94	20.21	29.55	23.52
MARLINTON	82	43	61		0.00		19.30	22.11	
BECKLEY	77	43	60	-3	0.00	0.77	21.93	29.03	20.37
--SOUTHERN--									
PINEVILLE	83	52	67		0.00		21.49	28.30	
BLUEFIELD	82	44	65	-2	0.00	0.77	20.93	30.64	19.96
WHITE SUL SP	82	46	64		0.00		19.30	22.73	
FLAT TOP	77	43	60		0.00		21.26	27.08	
--NORTHEASTERN--									
MARTINSBURG	88	47	68	-2	0.00	0.82	11.93	23.91	19.24
ROMNEY	88	46	67		0.00		11.78	22.51	
PETERSBURG	84	46	65		0.00		12.61	20.46	

State Average Temperature 66
State Average Precipitation 0.00

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 FOR WEEK OF: September 12 – September 18

GENERAL

Dry, hot weather has caused pasture conditions to decline. Producers are feeding hay and hauling water for livestock.

Temperatures: The brief time of cooler-than-normal weather ended this week as temperatures pushed into the 80s and 90s once again. The state average temperature of 70 degrees was up four degrees from last week and every site was above normal for the week. The highest recorded temperature was 91 degrees in Romney. The lowest was 43 degrees in Marlinton.

Precipitation: At least there was some precipitation during the week. A weak frontal passage brought a few showers and even a couple of thunderstorms to the state. Rainfall was spotty and six of our reporting stations remained dry. The highest recorded precipitation was 1.10 inches in Ripley and the stations reporting zero precipitation were Morgantown, Weston, Huntington, Terra Alta, White Sulphur Springs, and Petersburg.

Number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 7.0 days last week.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	PERCENT			
Current Week	25	51	24	--
Last Week	10	40	50	--
Last Year	1	2	48	49

Farm activities included cutting tobacco, hauling water, cutting hay, harvesting apples and peaches and chopping corn for silage.

FRUIT

Apple conditions ranged from very poor to excellent condition, but most orchards were reported mostly fair to good condition. Apples were 21 percent harvested compared to 34 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average was not available. Peach conditions ranged from very poor to excellent condition, but most orchards were reported in good condition. Peach harvest was 86 percent complete. Comparison data was not available. Based on degree days since biofix (first moth capture in pheromone traps), egg hatch of third generation codling moth and fourth generation oriental fruit moth is estimated to be 92 and 100 percent complete, respectively.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc
	PERCENT				
Cattle & Calves	--	1	21	76	2
Sheep & Lambs	--	1	14	81	4
Apples	8	24	33	27	8
Peaches	7	29	21	36	7
Corn	2	10	29	56	3
Hay	2	10	41	46	1
Soybeans	1	22	39	38	--
Tobacco	--	7	27	58	8
Pasture	12	11	50	26	1

GRAINS

Corn conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but most were in good condition. Fields were 93 percent in the dent stage, compared to 76 percent last year and 71 percent for the 5-yr average. Corn was 38 percent mature, compared to 29 percent last year and 30 percent for the 5-yr average. Corn was 2 percent harvested, compared to 3 percent in 2004. The 5-yr comparison data was not available. Soybeans conditions ranged from very poor to good, but most were in fair to good condition. Soybeans were 64 percent dropping leaves compared to 54 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average was 55 percent. Soybeans were 1 percent harvested, compared to 1 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average data was not available. Wheat was 2 percent planted compared to 15 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average data was 19 percent.

LIVESTOCK and PASTURE

Cattle conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most herds were reported in good condition. Sheep conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most flocks were reported in good condition. Pasture conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but most fields were reported in fair condition.

HAY

Hay conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but most fields were reported in fair to mostly good condition. Second-cutting was 93 percent complete, compared with 89 percent in 2004 and a 5-yr average of 88 percent. Third cutting was 34 percent complete, compared to 35 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average data was not available.

TOBACCO

Tobacco conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most fields were in good condition. Tobacco was 56 percent harvested compared to 80 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average data was 72 percent.

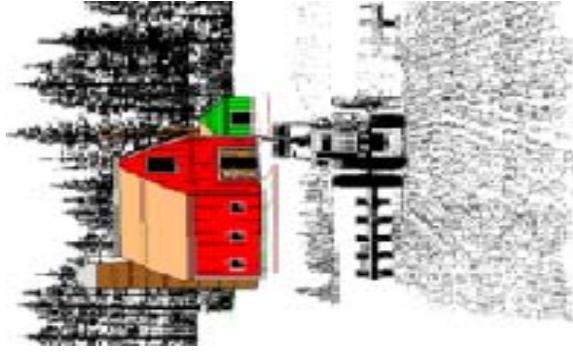
HISTORICAL CROP PROGRESS

YEAR	CORN			SOYBEANS		WHEAT	TOBACCO	HAY		PEACHES	APPLES
	DENT	MATURE	HARV.	DROP LVS.	HARV.	PLANT.	HARV.	2 nd CUT	3 rd CUT	HARV.	HARV.
2005	93	38	2	64	1	2	56	93	34	86	21
2004	76	29	3	54	1	15	80	89	35	N/A	34
5 YR AVG	71	30	N/A	55	N/A	19	72	88	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 09-18-05

Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Weekly Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Week's Norm	Since April 1st 2005	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST--									
WHEELING	88	59	73		0.31		17.73	34.04	
PARKERSBURG	89	57	73	6	0.05	0.74	19.47	28.27	21.85
CRESTON	89	55	71		0.02		19.86	32.59	
--NORTHCENTRAL--									
MORGANTOWN	88	56	72		0.00		14.05	27.18	
CLARKSBURG	87	55	71	6	0.05	0.77	20.30	33.30	23.05
BELINGTON	85	47	68		0.04		21.47	30.28	
WESTON	88	55	72		0.00		20.27	32.31	
--SOUTHWEST--									
WILLIAMSON	90	58	74		0.77		25.88	31.79	
HUNTINGTON	88	56	73	5	0.00	0.63	22.08	43.17	21.55
CHARLESTON	87	53	70	3	0.03	0.84	22.01	31.86	22.79
RIPLEY	88	55	71		1.10		20.90	35.32	
--CENTRAL--									
TERRA ALTA	87	51	67		0.00		21.50	31.44	
ELKINS	85	48	67	4	0.02	0.91	20.23	30.67	24.43
MARLINTON	80	43	64		0.02		19.30	24.10	
BECKLEY	79	47	64	3	0.05	0.77	21.98	30.84	21.14
--SOUTHERN--									
PINEVILLE	85	55	70		0.14		21.63	29.98	
BLUEFIELD	85	48	68	3	0.03	0.77	20.96	34.71	20.73
WHITE SUL SP	85	44	68		0.00		19.30	25.31	
FLAT TOP	79	47	64		0.05		21.31	28.89	
--NORTHEASTERN--									
MARTINSBURG	90	52	73	5	0.05	0.84	11.98	25.89	20.08
ROMNEY	91	47	71		0.10		11.88	24.57	
PETERSBURG	89	49	69		0.00		12.61	20.98	

State Average Temperature 70
State Average Precipitation 0.13

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GENERAL

Water for livestock remains a critical issue across the state due to very dry conditions. All crops are experiencing stressful conditions due to lack of water.

Temperatures: This week's West Virginia Weather data looks very much like last week's. The state average temperature was again 70 degrees as temperatures pushed into the upper 80s and lower 90s for many locations. The highest recorded temperature was 92 degrees in Romney. The lowest recorded temperature was 47 degrees in Marlinton, Ripley, and Belington.

Precipitation: Once again, the average rainfall was below one quarter inch. This week's average was only .10 with several communities receiving no rain at all. The driest section of the state was again the northeast. That has been a problem area throughout the season. Seasonal totals are 8 to 9 inches below normal. The highest recorded precipitation was .44 inches in Morgantown and the stations reporting zero precipitation were Weston, Marlinton, Beckley, Pineville, Bluefield, White Sulphur Springs, Flat Top, Martinsburg, Romney, and Petersburg.

Number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 7.0 days last week.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	PERCENT			
Current Week	34	47	15	4
Last Week	25	51	24	--
Year	--	4	75	21

Farm activities included feeding hay, cutting tobacco, hauling water, cutting hay, harvesting apples and peaches and installing irrigation equipment.

FRUIT

Apple conditions ranged from very poor to excellent condition, but most orchards were reported fair to mostly good condition. Apples were 30 percent harvested compared to 35 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average was not available. Peach harvest was 90 percent complete. Comparison data was not available. Based on degree day accumulations since biofix (first moth capture in pheromone traps), egg hatch of third generation codling moth is estimated at 98 percent complete.

HISTORICAL CROP PROGRESS

YEAR	CORN		SOYBEANS		WHEAT	TOBACCO	HAY	PEACHES	APPLES
	MATURE	HARV.	DROP LVS.	HARV.	PLANT.	HARV.	3 rd CUT	HARV.	HARV.
2005	69	12	78	2	5	78	62	90	30
2004	59	13	91	1	15	89	41	N/A	35
5 YR AVG	45	12	74	N/A	25	88	N/A	N/A	N/A

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CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc
	PERCENT				
Cattle & Calves	--	2	22	71	5
Sheep & Lambs	--	1	16	78	5
Apples	10	19	29	32	10
Corn	2	8	33	52	5
Hay	2	17	37	43	1
Soybeans	1	18	41	40	--
Tobacco	--	--	40	49	11
Pasture	8	28	46	16	2

GRAINS

Corn conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but most were in good condition. Fields were 69 percent mature, compared to 59 percent last year and 45 percent for the 5-yr average. Corn was 12 percent harvested, compared to 13 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average data was 12 percent. Soybeans conditions ranged from very poor to good, but most were in fair to good condition. Soybeans were 78 percent dropping leaves compared to 91 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average was 74 percent. Soybeans were 2 percent harvested, compared to 1 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average data was not available. Wheat was 5 percent planted compared to 15 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average data was 25 percent.

LIVESTOCK and PASTURE

Cattle conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most herds were reported in good condition. Sheep conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most flocks were reported in good condition. Pasture conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but most fields were reported in fair condition.

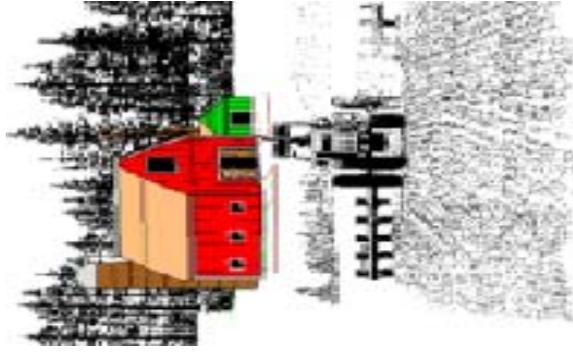
HAY

Hay conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but most fields were reported in fair to mostly good condition. Third cutting was 62 percent complete, compared to 41 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average data was not available.

TOBACCO

Tobacco conditions ranged from fair to excellent, but most fields were in fair to mostly good condition. Tobacco was 78 percent harvested compared to 89 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average data was 88 percent.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 09-25-05

Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Weekly Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Week's Norm	Since April 1st 2005	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST--									
WHEELING	88	56	71		0.39		18.12	34.04	
PARKERSBURG	90	57	74	9	0.15	0.70	19.62	28.27	22.55
CRESTON	88	54	72		0.23		20.09	32.59	
--NORTHCENTRAL--									
MORGANTOWN	89	56	72		0.44		14.49	27.18	
CLARKSBURG	86	54	71	8	0.03	0.70	20.33	33.30	23.75
BELINGTON	86	47	69		0.21		21.68	30.28	
WESTON	89	55	72		0.00		20.27	32.31	
--SOUTHWEST--									
WILLIAMSON	91	61	77		0.10		25.98	31.79	
HUNTINGTON	91	58	75	9	0.22	0.62	22.30	43.17	22.17
CHARLESTON	89	55	73	9	0.06	0.76	22.07	31.86	23.55
RIPLEY	87	47	72		0.16		21.06	35.32	
--CENTRAL--									
TERRA ALTA	82	52	69		0.08		21.58	31.44	
ELKINS	85	49	68	8	0.05	0.86	20.28	30.67	25.29
MARLINTON	80	47	65		0.00		19.30	24.10	
BECKLEY	81	48	66	7	0.00	0.72	21.98	30.84	21.86
--SOUTHERN--									
PINEVILLE	85	58	72		0.00		21.63	29.98	
BLUEFIELD	87	51	70	6	0.00	0.74	20.96	34.71	21.47
WHITE SUL SP	86	51	69		0.00		19.30	25.31	
FLAT TOP	81	48	66		0.00		21.31	28.89	
--NORTHEASTERN--									
MARTINSBURG	91	51	72	6	0.00	0.84	11.98	25.89	20.92
ROMNEY	92	49	70		0.00		11.88	24.57	
PETERSBURG	90	50	68		0.00		12.61	20.98	

State Average Temperature 70
State Average Precipitation 0.10

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GENERAL

Very dry, dusty conditions are prevalent throughout the state. Producers are continuing to feed hay and haul water for livestock. Calves are being weaned for sale and replacement purposes.

Temperatures: Temperatures continue to cool over West Virginia. The average temperature of 62 degrees over the past week was eight degrees cooler than the previous week. Overnight lows dipped into the 30s at many locations and were near the freezing mark in some northern mountain communities. The highest recorded temperature was 88 degrees in Williamson. The lowest was 33 degrees in Marlinton.

Precipitation: One good day of showers brought the average rainfall up a bit. The precipitation accompanied a cold front that also delivered the cooler air. The northeastern sections of the state remain dry with well below normal seasonal rainfall. The highest recorded precipitation was 1.03 inches in Weston. The lowest recorded precipitation was .05 in Petersburg.

Number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 6.0 days last week.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	PERCENT			
Current Week	36	51	13	--
Last Week	34	47	15	4
Last Year	--	3	85	12

Farm activities included cutting hay, cutting tobacco, hauling water, feeding hay, chopping silage, moving hay bales and getting ready for the Apple Harvest Festival.

FRUIT

Apple conditions ranged from very poor to excellent condition, but most orchards were reported mostly fair to good condition. Apples were 50 percent harvested compared to 73 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average was not available. Peach harvest was 99 percent complete, compared to 100 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average data was not available.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc
	PERCENT				
Cattle & Calves	--	2	24	70	4
Sheep & Lambs	--	1	18	76	5
Apples	12	24	29	27	8
Corn	1	8	29	56	6
Hay	2	19	43	35	1
Soybeans	1	16	29	54	--
Pasture	15	35	38	11	1

GRAINS

Corn conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but most were in good condition. Fields were 82 percent mature, compared to 60 percent last year and 57 percent for the 5-yr average. Corn was 22 percent harvested, compared to 26 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average data was 19 percent. Soybeans conditions ranged from very poor to good, but most were in fair to mostly good condition. Soybeans were 90 percent dropping leaves compared to 97 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average was 85 percent. Soybeans were 10 percent harvested, compared to 4 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average data was 13 percent. Wheat was 10 percent planted compared to 27 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average data was 34 percent. Wheat was 2 percent emerged compared to 24 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average data was not available.

LIVESTOCK and PASTURE

Cattle conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most herds were reported in good condition. Sheep conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most flocks were reported in good condition. Pasture conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but most fields were reported in poor to mostly fair condition.

HAY

Hay conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but most fields were reported in mostly fair to good condition. Third cutting was 73 percent complete, compared to 55 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average data was not available.

TOBACCO

Tobacco was 88 percent harvested compared to 98 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average data was 98 percent.

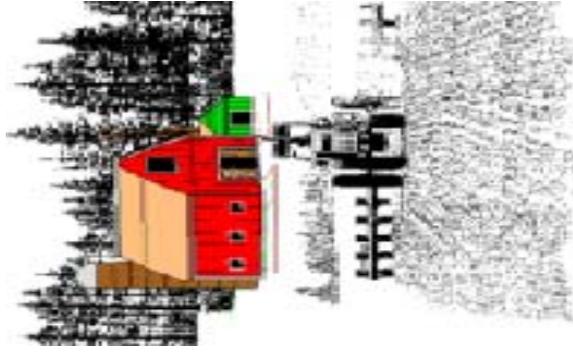
HISTORICAL CROP PROGRESS

YEAR	CORN		SOYBEANS		WHEAT		TOBACCO	HAY	PEACHES	APPLES
	MATURE	HARV.	DROP LVS.	HARV.	PLANT.	EMER.	HARV.	3 rd CUT	HARV.	HARV.
2005	82	22	90	10	10	2	88	73	99	50
2004	60	26	97	4	27	24	98	55	100	73
5 YR AVG	57	19	85	13	34	N/A	98	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Weekly Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Week's Norm	Since April 1st 2005	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST--									
WHEELING	83	42	62		0.46		18.58	34.09	
PARKERSBURG	85	42	63	1	0.38	0.63	20.00	28.33	23.18
CRESTON	84	40	63		0.58		20.67	32.81	
--NORTHCENTRAL--									
MORGANTOWN	84	39	63		0.79		15.28	27.67	
CLARKSBURG	83	39	61	1	0.47	0.68	20.80	34.19	24.43
BELINGTON	81	34	60		0.80		22.48	31.52	
WESTON	86	41	63		1.03		21.30	33.16	
--SOUTHWEST--									
WILLIAMSON	88	47	67		0.56		26.54	32.52	
HUNTINGTON	85	44	66	3	0.59	0.59	22.89	43.57	22.76
CHARLESTON	84	38	63	1	0.60	0.68	22.67	32.74	24.23
RIPLEY	84	41	63		0.76		21.82	35.49	
--CENTRAL--									
TERRA ALTA	77	36	58		0.32		21.90	32.10	
ELKINS	81	37	63	6	0.65	0.76	20.93	32.17	26.05
MARLINTON	77	33	56		0.43		19.72	28.12	
BECKLEY	76	35	59	3	0.58	0.74	22.56	33.47	22.60
--SOUTHERN--									
PINEVILLE	81	44	64		0.50		22.13	32.06	
BLUEFIELD	80	37	62	1	0.26	0.70	21.22	36.48	22.17
WHITE SUL SP	80	36	59		0.42		19.72	29.19	
FLAT TOP	76	35	59		0.63		21.94	31.52	
--NORTHEASTERN--									
MARTINSBURG	83	36	63	0	0.07	0.80	12.05	29.16	21.72
ROMNEY	85	35	61		0.15		12.03	26.65	
PETERSBURG	85	34	61		0.05		12.66	23.83	

State Average Temperature 62
State Average Precipitation 0.50

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 FOR WEEK OF: October 3 – October 9

GENERAL

After a dry and warm start, the state finally received a welcome dose of wet weather. As the remnants of a weak tropical storm moved up the east coast and a cold front arrived from the Midwest, heavy showers and thunderstorms dumped over an inch of rain at most locations. A couple of sites had well over two inches.

Temperatures: The state average temperature of 64 degrees was well above normal for this time of year. Most communities ranged from 4 to 8 degrees above the normal. Readings in the 80s were common early in the week, but dropped with the arrival of the rain and cooler air. The stations with the highest recorded temperature of 87 degrees were Wheeling, Parkersburg, Creston, Weston, Williamson, and Huntington. The lowest temperature of 43 degrees was recorded in both Marlinton and Petersburg.

Precipitation: The highest recorded precipitation was 2.89 inches in Martinsburg. The lowest recorded precipitation was .89 in Parkersburg.

Number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 5.0 days last week.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	PERCENT			
Current				
Week	22	32	43	3
Last				
Week	36	51	13	--
Last				
Year	1	17	81	1

Farm activities included harvesting apples, cutting hay and tobacco, hauling water, harvesting pumpkins, feeding hay, picking corn, chopping silage and plowing fields.

FRUIT

Apple conditions ranged from very poor to excellent condition, but most orchards were reported mostly fair to good condition. Apples were 62 percent harvested compared to 73 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average was not available.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc
	PERCENT				
Cattle & Calves	--	2	22	71	5
Sheep & Lambs	--	1	17	77	5
Apples	12	24	29	27	8
Corn	2	6	22	63	7
Soybeans	1	5	39	55	--
Pasture	12	21	51	15	1

GRAINS

Corn conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but most were in good condition. Fields were 91 percent mature, compared to 83 percent last year and 75 percent for the 5-yr average. Corn was 34 percent harvested, compared to 42 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average data was 27 percent. Soybeans conditions ranged from very poor to good, but most were in fair to mostly good condition. Soybeans were 98 percent dropping leaves compared to 97 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average was 91 percent. Soybeans were 32 percent harvested, compared to 26 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average data was 29 percent. Wheat was 20 percent planted compared to 27 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average data was 41 percent. Wheat was 5 percent emerged compared to 24 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average data was not available.

LIVESTOCK and PASTURE

Cattle conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most herds were reported in good condition. Sheep conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most flocks were reported in good condition. Pasture conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but most fields were reported in poor to mostly fair condition.

HAY

Hay third cutting was 83 percent complete, compared to 64 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average data was not available.

TOBACCO

Tobacco was 99 percent harvested. The comparison data was not available.

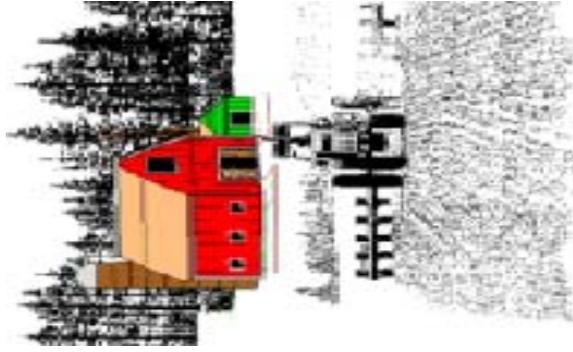
HISTORICAL CROP PROGRESS

YEAR	CORN		SOYBEANS		WHEAT		TOBACCO	HAY	APPLES
	MATURE	HARV.	DROP LVS.	HARV.	PLANT.	EMER.	HARV.	3 rd CUT	HARV.
2005	91	34	98	32	20	5	99	83	62
2004	83	42	97	26	27	24	N/A	64	73
5 YR AVG	75	27	91	29	41	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 10-9-05

Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Weekly Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Week's Norm	Since April 1st 2005	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST--									
WHEELING	87	46	64		0.96		19.54	34.09	
PARKERSBURG	87	46	64	5	0.89	0.59	20.89	28.33	23.77
CRESTON	87	50	64		1.62		22.29	32.81	
--NORTHCENTRAL--									
MORGANTOWN	85	49	65		1.63		16.91	27.68	
CLARKSBURG	85	51	64	7	1.39	0.63	22.19	34.21	25.06
BELINGTON	84	48	64		1.51		23.99	31.52	
WESTON	87	51	65		1.63		22.93	33.16	
--SOUTHWEST--									
WILLIAMSON	87	53	66		1.28		27.82	32.52	
HUNTINGTON	87	52	65	5	1.30	0.63	24.19	43.57	23.39
CHARLESTON	86	48	63	4	1.18	0.60	23.85	32.74	24.83
RIPLEY	85	50	64		1.70		23.52	35.49	
--CENTRAL--									
TERRA ALTA	80	46	63		1.33		23.23	32.13	
ELKINS	83	44	62	8	1.04	0.66	21.97	32.17	26.71
MARLINTON	77	43	61		1.46		21.39	28.12	
BECKLEY	75	44	60	7	1.41	0.58	23.97	33.47	23.18
--SOUTHERN--									
PINEVILLE	81	52	64		0.94		23.07	32.06	
BLUEFIELD	81	49	64	6	2.24	0.63	23.46	36.48	22.80
WHITE SUL SP	80	45	64		1.67		21.39	29.19	
FLAT TOP	75	44	60		1.41		23.35	31.52	
--NORTHEASTERN--									
MARTINSBURG	82	51	67	8	2.89	0.77	14.94	29.16	22.49
ROMNEY	85	45	65		1.43		13.46	26.65	
PETERSBURG	85	43	64		0.95		13.61	23.83	

State Average Temperature 64
State Average Precipitation 1.45

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 FOR WEEK OF: October 10 – October 16

GENERAL

West Virginia weather became more 'fall-like' over the past week. Even with recent rainfall, many producers still have a lack of water for livestock.

Temperatures: The state average temperature was four degrees cooler than last week as several sites had overnight lows in the 30s. Overall, however, temperatures were still above normal for this time of year. Belington had the highest recorded temperature of 80 degrees. The lowest temperature of 35 degrees was recorded in Belington, Marlinton and Bluefield.

Precipitation: Rainfall for the week was well below normal. Most communities had less than two tenths of an inch. Brief showers early in the week brought around an inch for a couple of sites. Elsewhere, rainfall was much less significant. The highest recorded precipitation was 1.00 inches in Terra Alta. Three stations reported no precipitation: Wheeling, Williamson, and White Sulphur Springs.

Number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 5.0 days last week.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	PERCENT			
Current Week	15	40	45	--
Last Week	22	32	43	3
Last Year	--	6	89	5

Farm activities included feeding hay, harvesting apples and pumpkins, cutting hay, hauling water, chopping silage, plowing fields, picking corn and building maintenance.

FRUIT

Apples were 72 percent harvested compared to 78 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average was not available.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc
	PERCENT				
Cattle & Calves	--	2	26	65	7
Sheep & Lambs	--	1	22	70	7
Corn	2	7	26	58	7
Soybeans	1	5	34	60	--
Pasture	12	26	42	18	2

GRAINS

Corn conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but most were in good condition. Fields were 94 percent mature, compared to 86 percent last year and 84 percent for the 5-yr average. Corn was 45 percent harvested, compared to 48 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average data was 34 percent. **Soybeans** conditions ranged from very poor to good, but most were in fair to mostly good condition. Soybeans were 45 percent harvested, compared to 38 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average data was 39 percent. **Wheat** was 35 percent planted compared to 45 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average data was 53 percent. Wheat was 15 percent emerged compared to 24 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average data was 27 percent.

LIVESTOCK and PASTURE

Cattle conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most herds were reported in good condition. **Sheep** conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most flocks were reported in good condition. **Pasture** conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but most fields were reported in poor to mostly fair condition.

HAY

Hay third cutting was 86 percent complete, comparison data was not available.



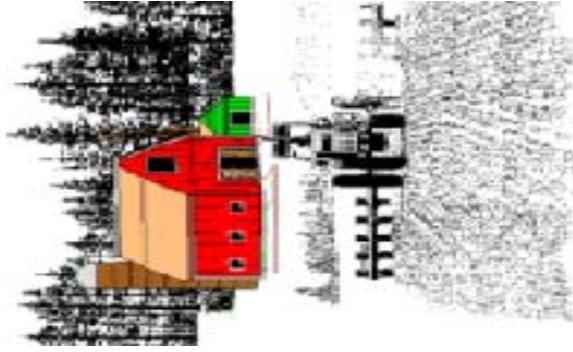
HISTORICAL CROP PROGRESS

YEAR	CORN		SOYBEANS	WHEAT		HAY	APPLES
	MATURE	HARVESTED	HARVESTED	PLANTED	EMERGED	3 rd CUT	HARVESTED
2005	94	45	45	35	15	86	72
2004	86	48	38	45	24	N/A	78
5 YR AVG	84	34	39	53	27	N/A	N/A

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Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Weekly Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Week's Norm	Since April 1st 2005	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST--									
WHEELING	75	41	61		0.00		19.54	34.61	
PARKERSBURG	74	42	61	5	0.02	0.56	20.91	28.86	24.33
CRESTON	74	37	59		0.14		22.43	33.55	
--NORTHCENTRAL--									
MORGANTOWN	77	42	59		0.40		17.31	28.49	
CLARKSBURG	75	36	59	5	0.55	0.63	22.74	35.16	25.69
BELINGTON	80	35	57		0.12		24.11	33.10	
WESTON	74	38	59		0.50		23.43	34.71	
--SOUTHWEST--									
WILLIAMSON	77	43	63		0.00		27.82	33.63	
HUNTINGTON	75	40	61	3	0.02	0.63	24.21	43.88	24.02
CHARLESTON	72	38	59	3	0.90	0.56	24.75	33.87	25.39
RIPLEY	73	38	59		0.12		23.64	36.72	
--CENTRAL--									
TERRA ALTA	74	41	56		1.00		24.23	33.41	
ELKINS	79	38	58	6	0.13	0.63	22.10	33.21	27.34
MARLINTON	73	35	57		0.06		21.39	29.38	
BECKLEY	69	37	57	6	0.01	0.56	23.98	34.31	23.74
--SOUTHERN--									
PINEVILLE	76	41	61		0.05		23.12	33.28	
BLUEFIELD	71	35	59	3	0.04	0.58	23.50	37.60	23.38
WHITE SUL SP	74	39	60		0.00		21.39	30.35	
FLAT TOP	69	37	57		0.01		23.36	32.36	
--NORTHEASTERN--									
MARTINSBURG	78	52	61	6	0.20	0.77	15.14	30.13	23.26
ROMNEY	75	47	59		0.25		13.71	26.85	
PETERSBURG	73	45	57		0.08		13.69	23.96	

State Average Temperature 59
State Average Precipitation 0.21

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 FOR WEEK OF: October 17 – October 23

GENERAL

Rains during the past week have improved pasture conditions across the state. Producers are busy marketing feeders at local sales. Agri-tourism, especially corn-mazes, is in full swing with Halloween approaching shortly.

Temperatures: The fall-like weather continued for West Virginia this week. After a couple of warm days, with readings in the 70s and 80s, temperatures cooled with the arrival of a cold front. Overall, the weekly average temperature of 54 degrees was five degrees lower than last week. Williamson had the highest recorded temperature of 85 degrees. The lowest temperature of 33 degrees was recorded in both Beckley and Flat Top.

Precipitation: Rainfall late in the week dumped considerable precipitation at a few sites. Rain totals over an inch were common and a few communities had between two and three inches of precipitation. The state average of 1.39 is far above normal for this time of year. The highest recorded precipitation was 2.98 in Belington. The lowest was 0.33 in Williamson.

Number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 4.0 days last week.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	PERCENT			
Current Week	9	24	65	2
Last Week	15	40	45	--
Last Year	--	--	88	12

Farm activities included fence building, feeding livestock, harvesting apples and pumpkins, cutting hay, hauling water, plowing fields, picking corn and "Agricultural-tourism."

FRUIT

Apples were 82 percent harvested compared to 85 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average was not available.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc
	PERCENT				
Cattle & Calves	--	2	24	70	4
Sheep & Lambs	--	1	19	75	5
Corn	2	6	24	58	10
Soybeans	1	5	36	58	--
Pasture	14	20	42	23	1

GRAINS

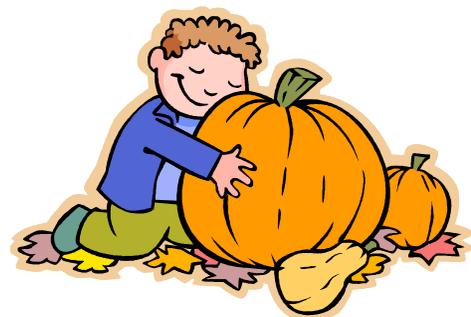
Corn conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but most were in good condition. Corn was 57 percent harvested, compared to 62 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average data was 46 percent. Soybeans conditions ranged from very poor to good, but most were in fair to mostly good condition. Soybeans were 51 percent harvested, compared to 46 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average data was 53 percent. Wheat was 55 percent planted compared to 46 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average data was 61 percent. Wheat was 23 percent emerged compared to 30 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average data was 36 percent.

LIVESTOCK and PASTURE

Cattle conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most herds were reported in good condition. Sheep conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most flocks were reported in good condition. Pasture conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but most fields were reported in fair condition.

HAY

Hay third cutting was 87 percent complete, comparison data was not available.



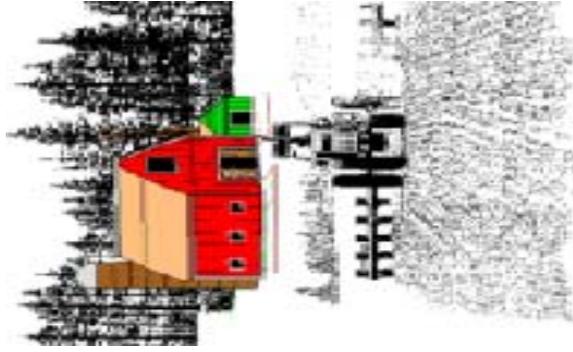
HISTORICAL CROP PROGRESS

YEAR	CORN	SOYBEANS	WHEAT		HAY	APPLES
	HARVESTED	HARVESTED	PLANTED	EMERGED	3 rd CUT	HARVESTED
2005	57	51	55	23	87	82
2004	62	46	46	30	N/A	85
5 YR AVG	46	53	61	36	N/A	N/A

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Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Weekly Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Week's Norm	Since April 1st 2005	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST--									
WHEELING	78	36	52		1.33		20.87	35.81	
PARKERSBURG	81	41	55	1	1.76	0.56	22.67	31.20	24.89
CRESTON	80	36	54		2.49		24.92	35.25	
--NORTHCENTRAL--									
MORGANTOWN	77	38	53		1.22		18.53	29.65	
CLARKSBURG	77	36	52	1	1.34	0.70	24.08	37.44	26.39
BELINGTON	75	36	53		2.98		27.09	34.82	
WESTON	74	37	53		2.05		25.48	35.73	
--SOUTHWEST--									
WILLIAMSON	85	38	60		0.33		28.15	35.57	
HUNTINGTON	81	40	58	3	1.14	0.63	25.35	46.28	24.65
CHARLESTON	80	38	56	3	1.33	0.58	26.18	35.79	25.97
RIPLEY	78	38	54		2.15		25.79	38.29	
--CENTRAL--									
TERRA ALTA	71	36	50		1.62		25.85	34.33	
ELKINS	76	36	53	4	2.92	0.63	25.02	35.14	27.97
MARLINTON	73	34	51		1.01		21.93	31.03	
BECKLEY	74	33	54	5	0.57	0.56	24.55	35.83	24.30
--SOUTHERN--									
PINEVILLE	78	38	58		0.48		23.60	35.32	
BLUEFIELD	75	34	55	2	1.03	0.56	24.53	38.67	23.94
WHITE SUL SP	79	38	55		0.54		21.93	31.31	
FLAT TOP	74	33	54		0.57		23.93	33.89	
--NORTHEASTERN--									
MARTINSBURG	79	44	56	2	1.07	0.77	16.21	31.50	24.03
ROMNEY	82	38	53		1.24		14.95	27.90	
PETERSBURG	80	38	53		1.38		15.07	25.27	

State Average Temperature 54
State Average Precipitation 1.39

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GENERAL

Much cooler air arrived over West Virginia this past week. Frost and freeze warnings were posted for many locations across the state. An early snowfall dumped several inches of snow on northern portions of the state which caused extended power outages, downed trees, broken limbs, downed fencing and structural damage to farm buildings.

Temperatures: The state average temperature of 41 degrees was 13 degrees cooler than last week. Many locations had lows in the 20s and the higher mountain sites recorded overnight lows in the teens for at least one night during the week. Williamson had the highest recorded temperature of 70 degrees. The lowest temperature of 17 degrees was recorded in Marlinton.

Precipitation: Rainfall was below normal for many communities, but heavier rains for a few sites held the state average above normal for the week. The highest recorded precipitation was 2.00 in Clarksburg. The lowest was 0.35 in White Sulphur Springs.

Number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 3.0 days last week.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	PERCENT			
Current Week	1	10	80	9
Last Week	9	24	65	2
Last Year	--	--	80	20

Farm activities included feeding livestock, harvesting apples and pumpkins, cutting hay, plowing fields, picking corn and repairing damaged structures and fences from the heavy snowfall that occurred in the northern portions of the state.

FRUIT

Apples were 96 percent harvested compared to 89 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average was not available.

HAY

Hay third cutting was 88 percent complete, comparison data was not available.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc
	PERCENT				
Cattle & Calves	--	1	20	69	10
Sheep & Lambs	--	--	16	76	8
Wheat	--	--	7	93	--
Pasture	8	17	40	34	1

GRAINS

Corn was 66 percent harvested, compared to 62 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average data was 54 percent. Soybeans were 65 percent harvested, compared to 63 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average data was 64 percent. Wheat conditions ranged from fair to mostly good. Most fields were reported in good condition. Wheat was 65 percent planted compared to 81 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average data was 79 percent. Wheat was 47 percent emerged compared to 48 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average data was 50 percent.

LIVESTOCK and PASTURE

Cattle conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most herds were reported in good condition. Sheep conditions ranged from fair to excellent, but most flocks were reported in good condition. Pasture conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, but most fields were reported in fair condition.

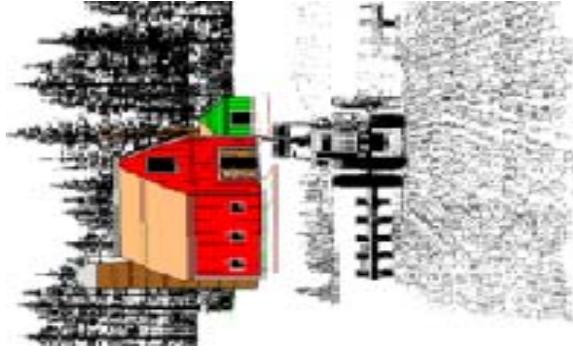


HISTORICAL CROP PROGRESS

YEAR	CORN	SOYBEANS	WHEAT		HAY	APPLES
	HARVESTED	HARVESTED	PLANTED	EMERGED	3 rd CUT	HARVESTED
2005	66	65	65	47	88	96
2004	62	63	81	48	N/A	89
5 YR AVG	54	64	79	50	N/A	N/A

N/A-Not Available

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Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 10-30-05

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	High	Low	Weekly Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Week's Norm	Since April 1st 2005	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST--									
WHEELING	62	33	44		1.44		22.31	36.83	
PARKERSBURG	66	31	46	-5	0.61	0.60	23.28	31.48	25.49
CRESTON	65	28	43		0.71		25.63	35.33	
--NORTHCENTRAL--									
MORGANTOWN	60	29	40		1.39		19.92	31.03	
CLARKSBURG	59	27	41	-8	2.00	0.74	26.08	37.94	27.13
BELINGTON	66	25	41		1.59		28.68	35.65	
WESTON	62	31	41		0.92		26.40	35.93	
--SOUTHWEST--									
WILLIAMSON	70	34	47		0.62		28.77	35.99	
HUNTINGTON	65	34	46	-6	0.39	0.69	25.74	46.35	25.34
CHARLESTON	66	27	42	-9	0.51	0.65	26.69	36.12	26.62
RIPLEY	63	25	43		0.59		26.38	38.45	
--CENTRAL--									
TERRA ALTA	61	23	36		1.83		27.68	36.69	
ELKINS	65	24	40	-7	0.83	0.64	25.85	36.22	28.61
MARLINTON	62	17	35		0.53		22.28	31.41	
BECKLEY	64	24	38	-8	0.49	0.56	25.04	36.17	24.86
--SOUTHERN--									
PINEVILLE	64	31	43		0.36		23.96	35.88	
BLUEFIELD	65	24	39	-13	0.37	0.56	24.90	39.29	24.50
WHITE SUL SP	67	24	40		0.35		22.28	31.55	
FLAT TOP	64	24	38		0.49		24.42	34.23	
--NORTHEASTERN--									
MARTINSBURG	67	30	45	-7	1.12	0.76	17.33	31.52	24.79
ROMNEY	66	28	42		1.88		16.83	28.40	
PETERSBURG	69	27	42		0.86		15.93	25.62	

State Average Temperature 41
State Average Precipitation 0.90

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FOR WEEK OF: October 31 – November 6

GENERAL

The weather rollercoaster ride continued over West Virginia this week. Two weeks ago the state average temperature was 54 degrees. Last week it was 41 degrees and this week it is back to 53 degrees. Calves are being marketed through local feeder sales. Weaning continues as does conditioning of livestock for winter.

Temperatures: All reporting sites had above normal temperatures and some afternoon readings reached well into the 70s. Petersburg had the highest recorded temperature of 79 degrees. The lowest temperature of 21 degrees was recorded in Marlinton.

Precipitation: Rainfall was below normal with an average of less than one quarter inch of rain. The northeast continues to be the dry spot, only a couple of hundredths of an inch were reported there and the seasonal totals are far below normal as well. The highest recorded precipitation was 0.47 in Elkins. Martinsburg and Romney each had zero precipitation.

Number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 5.0 days last week.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	PERCENT			
Current Week	3	20	75	2
Last Week	1	10	80	9
Last Year	--	5	80	15

Farm activities included applying lime to fields, cleaning up debris and making fence repairs due to the recent snowstorm in the northern sections of the state, cutting hay, feeding livestock, plowing fields and harvesting corn and soybeans.

HAY

Hay third cutting was 90 percent complete, comparison data was not available.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc
	PERCENT				
Cattle & Calves	--	1	21	74	4
Sheep & Lambs	--	1	13	81	5
Wheat	--	1	20	69	10

GRAINS

Corn was 76 percent harvested, compared to 76 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average data was 70 percent. Soybeans were 70 percent harvested, compared to 63 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average data was 70 percent. Wheat conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most fields were reported in good condition. Wheat was 85 percent planted compared to 85 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average data was 87 percent. Wheat was 61 percent emerged compared to 58 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average data was 61 percent.

LIVESTOCK

Cattle conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most herds were reported in good condition. Sheep conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most flocks were reported in good condition.



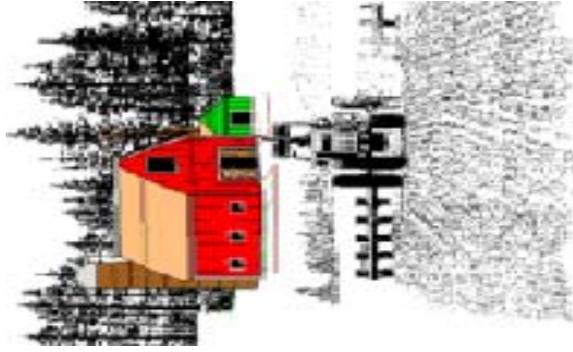
HISTORICAL CROP PROGRESS

YEAR	CORN	SOYBEANS	WHEAT		HAY
	HARVESTED	HARVESTED	PLANTED	EMERGED	3 rd CUT
2005	76	70	85	61	90
2004	76	63	85	58	N/A
5 YR AVG	70	70	87	61	N/A

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Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 11- 6 -05

Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Weekly Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Week's Norm	Since April 1st 2005	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST--									
WHEELING	75	36	57		0.33		22.64	37.23	
PARKERSBURG	76	31	56	7	0.29	0.65	23.57	32.31	26.14
CRESTON	76	31	53		0.31		25.94	37.24	
--NORTHCENTRAL--									
MORGANTOWN	73	40	57		0.35		20.27	31.80	
CLARKSBURG	72	27	51	4	0.28	0.81	26.36	39.14	27.94
BELINGTON	72	27	50		0.28		28.96	37.05	
WESTON	73	32	53		0.35		26.75	37.41	
--SOUTHWEST--									
WILLIAMSON	76	34	56		0.26		29.03	37.03	
HUNTINGTON	77	35	55	5	0.14	0.70	25.88	47.71	26.04
CHARLESTON	76	31	54	4	0.38	0.75	27.07	37.10	27.37
RIPLEY	75	27	53		0.29		26.67	41.18	
--CENTRAL--									
TERRA ALTA	69	31	54		0.42		28.10	37.87	
ELKINS	73	26	51	6	0.47	0.72	26.32	37.67	29.33
MARLINTON	68	21	45		0.02		22.30	33.01	
BECKLEY	71	28	49	5	0.20	0.60	25.24	37.04	25.46
--SOUTHERN--									
PINEVILLE	72	31	53		0.10		24.06	36.66	
BLUEFIELD	72	28	50	1	0.03	0.59	24.93	40.19	25.09
WHITE SUL SP	73	26	50		0.02		22.30	32.58	
FLAT TOP	69	28	50		0.20		24.62	35.10	
--NORTHEASTERN--									
MARTINSBURG	77	33	56	6	0.00	0.77	17.33	32.17	25.56
ROMNEY	75	29	55		0.00		16.83	29.17	
PETERSBURG	79	26	53		0.02		15.95	26.37	

State Average Temperature 53
State Average Precipitation 0.22

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FOR WEEK OF: November 7 – November 13

GENERAL

This week's weather was definitely 'fall-like'. Although afternoon high temperatures reached well into the 70s for most sites, average temperatures were down five degrees from last week.

Temperatures: Frosty overnight lows following a strong cold front dipped into the 20s for most locations. On the average, however, reporting stations were above normal for the week. Williamson had the highest recorded temperature of 81 degrees. The lowest temperature of 20 degrees was recorded in Marlinton.

Precipitation: Once again, rainfall was patchy with weekly totals ranging from 0.08 (in the Eastern Panhandle) to over an inch in eight of our reporting sites. The highest recorded precipitation was 1.66 in Ripley. Martinsburg had the lowest with 0.08 recorded precipitation.

Number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 5.0 days last week.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	PERCENT			
Current Week	3	12	78	7
Last Week	3	20	75	2
Last Year	--	3	75	22

Farm activities included applying lime to fields, cutting hay, feeding livestock, fence repair, plowing fields and harvesting corn and soybeans.

HAY

Hay third cutting was 92 percent complete, comparison data was not available.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc
	PERCENT				
Cattle & Calves	--	--	21	73	6
Sheep & Lambs	--	--	30	65	5
Wheat	--	1	9	90	--

GRAINS

Corn was 85 percent harvested, compared to 85 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average data was 78 percent. Soybeans were 79 percent harvested, compared to 72 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average data was 78 percent. Wheat conditions ranged from poor to good, but most fields were reported in good condition. Wheat was 96 percent planted compared to 98 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average data was 93 percent. Wheat was 92 percent emerged compared to 82 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average data was 73 percent.

LIVESTOCK

Cattle conditions ranged from fair to excellent, but most herds were reported in good condition. Sheep conditions ranged from fair to excellent, but most flocks were reported in good condition.



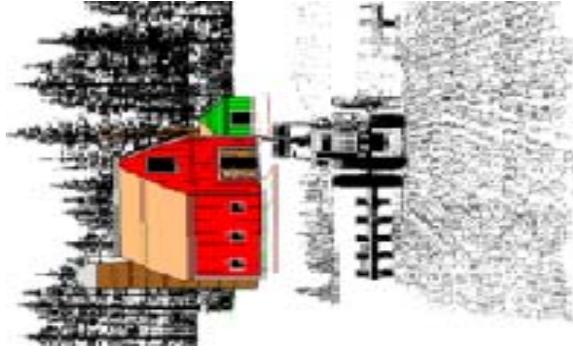
HISTORICAL CROP PROGRESS

YEAR	CORN	SOYBEANS	WHEAT		HAY
	HARVESTED	HARVESTED	PLANTED	EMERGED	3 rd CUT
2005	85	79	96	92	92
2004	85	72	98	82	N/A
5 YR AVG	78	78	93	73	N/A

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Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Weekly Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Week's Norm	Since April 1st 2005	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST--									
WHEELING	73	32	49		0.82		23.46	37.69	
PARKERSBURG	75	32	51	4	1.20	0.70	24.77	32.96	26.84
CRESTON	76	26	49		1.61		27.55	38.24	
--NORTHCENTRAL--									
MORGANTOWN	73	30	51		0.92		21.19	32.47	
CLARKSBURG	74	28	47	2	1.10	0.86	27.46	39.79	28.80
BELINGTON	73	24	45		0.89		29.85	37.90	
WESTON	75	28	48		0.80		27.55	38.16	
--SOUTHWEST--									
WILLIAMSON	81	29	53		0.25		29.28	37.79	
HUNTINGTON	78	28	52	4	0.17	0.72	26.05	49.13	26.76
CHARLESTON	78	26	50	3	0.52	0.84	27.59	37.98	28.21
RIPLEY	76	26	49		1.66		28.33	42.41	
--CENTRAL--									
TERRA ALTA	67	29	47		1.00		29.10	38.46	
ELKINS	73	25	49	6	1.29	0.77	27.61	38.55	30.10
MARLINTON	65	20	40		1.32		22.88	33.90	
BECKLEY	72	24	46	3	0.20	0.63	25.44	37.61	26.09
--SOUTHERN--									
PINEVILLE	75	27	49		0.23		24.29	37.42	
BLUEFIELD	70	23	48	1	0.22	0.63	25.15	41.08	25.72
WHITE SUL SP	74	24	44		0.58		22.88	33.76	
FLAT TOP	72	24	46		0.20		24.82	35.67	
--NORTHEASTERN--									
MARTINSBURG	70	29	51	4	0.08	0.77	17.41	33.19	26.33
ROMNEY	73	25	47		0.30		17.13	30.22	
PETERSBURG	75	24	47		0.98		16.93	27.15	

State Average Temperature 48
State Average Precipitation 0.74

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FOR WEEK OF: November 14 – November 20

GENERAL

Showers associated with a strong cold front brought above normal rainfall for much of the Mountain State. Despite a warm day or two, the average temperatures continued to fall.

Temperatures: The state average was six degrees below last week. All reporting sites were near or below normal for the period. Overnight lows in the teens were common. Williamson had the highest recorded temperature of 79 degrees. The lowest temperature of 12 degrees was recorded in both Belington and Marlinton.

Precipitation: The north central section of the state received the most rain. Once again, the Eastern Panhandle was the driest region. The highest recorded precipitation was 1.88 inches in Williamson. Martinsburg had the lowest with 0.24 of an inch recorded precipitation.

Number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 5.0 days last week.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	PERCENT			
Current Week	--	14	78	8
Last Week	3	12	78	7
Last Year	--	--	54	46

Farm activities included feeding livestock, applying lime to fields, fence repair, harvesting corn and soybeans and plowing fields.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc
	PERCENT				
Cattle & Calves	--	2	26	64	8
Sheep & Lambs	--	1	29	59	11
Wheat	--	--	19	81	--

GRAINS

Corn was 86 percent harvested, compared to 85 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average data was 85 percent. Soybeans were 80 percent harvested, compared to 76 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average data was 85 percent. Wheat conditions ranged from fair to good, but most fields were reported in good condition. Wheat was 93 percent emerged compared to 90 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average data was 82 percent.

LIVESTOCK

Cattle conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most herds were reported in good condition. Sheep conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most flocks were reported in good condition.



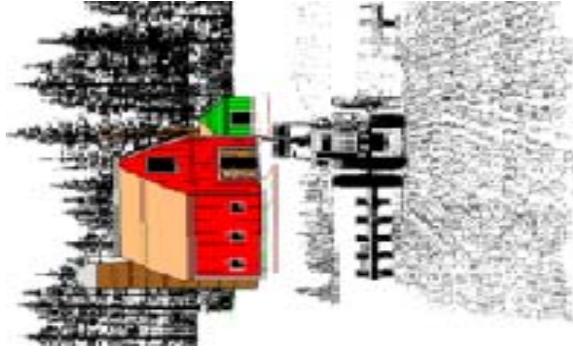
HISTORICAL CROP PROGRESS

YEAR	CORN	SOYBEANS	WHEAT
	HARVESTED	HARVESTED	EMERGED
2005	86	80	93
2004	85	76	90
5 YR AVG	85	85	82

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Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 11- 20 -05

Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Weekly Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Week's Norm	Since April 1st 2005	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST-----									
WHEELING	73	19	41		1.27		24.73	38.90	
PARKERSBURG	76	20	42	-2	0.85	0.70	25.62	33.93	27.54
CRESTON	76	15	41		1.35		28.90	39.71	
--NORTHCENTRAL-----									
MORGANTOWN	76	18	43		1.13		22.32	33.71	
CLARKSBURG	76	16	41	-1	1.29	0.91	28.75	41.05	29.71
BELINGTON	75	12	41		1.26		31.11	38.91	
WESTON	78	17	43		1.30		28.85	39.36	
--SOUTHWEST-----									
WILLIAMSON	79	22	45		1.88		31.16	38.56	
HUNTINGTON	77	18	43	-2	0.94	0.77	26.99	50.25	27.53
CHARLESTON	78	15	42	-4	1.50	0.91	29.09	39.29	29.12
RIPLEY	76	17	42		0.93		29.26	43.77	
--CENTRAL-----									
TERRA ALTA	72	13	41		1.01		30.11	39.62	
ELKINS	73	14	42	1	0.83	0.83	28.44	39.65	30.93
MARLINTON	66	12	38		0.72		23.17	34.54	
BECKLEY	71	13	41	1	0.95	0.69	26.39	38.18	26.78
--SOUTHERN-----									
PINEVILLE	72	20	43		1.20		25.49	38.19	
BLUEFIELD	73	14	42	-3	0.56	0.63	25.71	41.46	26.35
WHITE SUL SP	73	14	42		0.29		23.17	34.23	
FLAT TOP	71	13	41		0.95		25.77	36.24	
--NORTHEASTERN-----									
MARTINSBURG	70	19	46	1	0.24	0.71	17.65	33.37	27.04
ROMNEY	69	17	42		0.56		17.69	30.61	
PETERSBURG	72	15	43		0.27		17.20	27.50	

State Average Temperature 42
State Average Precipitation 0.97

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 FOR WEEK OF: November 21 – November 27

This is the last weekly West Virginia Crop Weather Bulletin until April 1, 2006. Beginning January 3, we will publish a monthly version for the winter months.

We would like to thank the West Virginia County Extension offices, USDA Farm Service Agency offices and the National Weather Service for their valuable help in providing information that makes this publication possible.

GENERAL

Cold weather finally made an official entrance this week. With overnight lows dropping into the teens and single numbers, the average temperature for the week fell seven degrees from last week. The coldest readings were observed in the higher elevations where Terra Alta and Marlinton both fell to five degrees. The higher elevations also had the most precipitation. However, state-wide precipitation was less than half of last week's value.

Temperatures: Charleston had the highest recorded temperature of 67 degrees. The lowest temperature of 5 degrees was recorded in both Terra Alta and Marlinton.

Precipitation: The highest recorded precipitation was 1.28 inches in Martinsburg. Ripley had the lowest with 0.07 of an inch recorded precipitation.

Number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 4.0 days last week.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	PERCENT			
Current Week	--	8	84	8
Last Week	--	14	78	8
Last Year	--	--	73	27

Farm activities included harvesting corn and soybeans, feeding livestock, fence repair and marketing livestock through private and public sales.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc
	PERCENT				
Cattle & Calves	--	1	13	79	7
Sheep & Lambs	--	2	12	82	4
Wheat	--	--	7	93	--

GRAINS

Corn was 91 percent harvested, compared to 90 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average data was not available. Soybeans were 87 percent harvested, compared to 84 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average data was not available. Wheat conditions ranged from fair to good, but most fields were reported in good condition. Wheat was 98 percent emerged compared to 98 percent in 2004. The 5-yr average data was not available.

LIVESTOCK

Cattle conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most herds were reported in good condition. Sheep conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most flocks were reported in good condition.



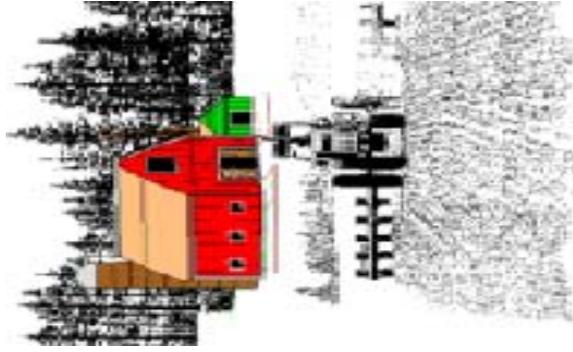
HISTORICAL CROP PROGRESS

YEAR	CORN	SOYBEANS	WHEAT
	HARVESTED	HARVESTED	EMERGED
2005	91	87	98
2004	90	84	98
5 YR AVG	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 11- 27- 05

Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Weekly Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Week's Norm	Since April 1st 2005	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST--									
WHEELING	57	14	36		0.15		24.88	39.75	
PARKERSBURG	65	15	38	-5	0.09	0.74	25.71	34.65	28.28
CRESTON	66	11	36		0.23		29.13	40.32	
--NORTHCENTRAL--									
MORGANTOWN	64	13	38		0.37		22.69	34.56	
CLARKSBURG	60	13	35	-5	0.22	0.89	28.97	41.88	30.60
BELINGTON	60	12	34		0.60		31.71	39.73	
WESTON	65	12	35		0.30		29.15	40.22	
--SOUTHWEST--									
WILLIAMSON	66	18	41		0.12		31.28	39.17	
HUNTINGTON	65	12	38	-5	0.08	0.77	27.07	50.81	28.30
CHARLESTON	67	11	37	-6	0.18	0.90	29.27	39.69	30.02
RIPLEY	66	12	36		0.07		29.33	44.22	
--CENTRAL--									
TERRA ALTA	54	5	32		0.63		30.74	40.71	
ELKINS	58	8	33	-6	0.55	0.84	28.99	40.14	31.77
MARLINTON	48	5	29		0.86		23.86	36.17	
BECKLEY	57	7	32	-6	0.28	0.70	26.67	39.01	27.48
--SOUTHERN--									
PINEVILLE	58	16	36		0.40		25.89	39.48	
BLUEFIELD	55	12	34	-9	0.67	0.63	26.38	42.22	26.98
WHITE SUL SP	53	13	33		0.69		23.86	35.29	
FLAT TOP	57	7	32		0.28		26.05	37.07	
--NORTHEASTERN--									
MARTINSBURG	50	17	37	-6	1.28	0.70	18.93	34.49	27.74
ROMNEY	49	13	34		0.42		18.11	31.31	
PETERSBURG	51	14	34		0.42		17.62	28.05	

State Average Temperature 35
State Average Precipitation 0.40

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December Summary of Weather and Agricultural Conditions
November 28, 2005 - January 1, 2006

Even though we had a couple of spring-like days this week, ending **December 4th**, a cold front finally delivered a taste of winter and temperatures fell to near or below normal for the week. Sixties and seventies were common early in the week but overnight lows in the teens to lower 20s were observed for the balance of the week. The highest recorded temperature of 77 degrees was in Huntington. The lowest recorded temperature of 9 degrees was in Belington. It turned out to be a wet week as well. Several sites received over two inches of rain. Belington was the wet spot with 3.77 inches. Most of that fell Tuesday and early Wednesday. Snow was common over the higher elevations as the cold air swept in. Parkersburg has the lowest amount of precipitation with .91 of an inch of rain.

There were certainly no 60s or 70s in the weather data for this week, ending **December 11th**. The state average temperature of 26 degrees is nine degrees lower than last week. Overnight lows were in the single numbers and teens and only one site had a daily high of 51 degrees. The weekly averages were well below normal. The highest recorded temperature of 51 degrees was in Williamson. The lowest temperature of 4 degrees was recorded in both Marlinton and Petersburg. There was no significant rainfall for the week. Snow fell at most locations and the higher elevations had a few inches. Total liquid precipitation for the week was about one third of last week's total. Terra Alta had the highest recorded precipitation of 1.00 inch. Creston had the lowest with .30 of an inch of precipitation.

Cold weather continued for the week ending on **December 18th**. All reporting stations were 5 to 10 degrees below normal for the week. Several locations fell to single digits for at least one night. The coldest air was over us Tuesday and Wednesday. The highest recorded temperature of 51 degrees was in Williamson. The lowest recorded temperature of 4 degrees was in Marlinton. Precipitation was nearly the same as last week. There was, however, a mix during the week. Higher elevations had snow and the lowlands had a mix of snow and rain. Some communities in the eastern and southeastern sections of the state had a period of freezing rain. Both Creston and Marlinton had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with .83 of an inch. Both Romney and Elkins had the lowest with .20 of an inch of recorded precipitation.

It was yet another week of below normal temperatures for the week ending **December 25th**. Although a bit warmer than last week, this week featured temperatures in the single digits for many locations and temperatures falling below zero in the Marlinton area. If it were not for the arrival of warmer air late in the week, average temperatures would be even colder. The highest temperature of 62 degrees was recorded in both Williamson and Charleston. The lowest temperature of -2 degrees was recorded in Marlinton. Precipitation amounts averaged around one half inch. There was generally rain for the lowlands with a bit of snow mixed in at times. Mountain locations, as usual, had more snow than rain and a few inches were reported at the highest elevations. Pineville had the highest recorded precipitation with .94 of an inch and Creston had the lowest with .12 of an inch of precipitation.

Much warmer weather rounded out 2005. West Virginia temperatures averaged five to eight degrees above normal for the week ending **January 1st**. A couple of spring-like afternoons had temperatures in the 60s for a few sites. There were even some rare late December thunderstorms. Overall, temperatures were eight degrees above the previous week. Weston had the highest recorded temperature of 68 degrees. Creston had the lowest with 18 degrees. Although the state average precipitation was just over one half inch, a few communities had over an inch of rain. Most of that accompanied the thunderstorms that swept over the state. Small hail also arrived with the storms. Once again, the lightest precipitation was over the Eastern Panhandle. Creston had the highest recorded precipitation with 1.08 of an inch and Martinsburg had the lowest with .05 of an inch of precipitation.

For the week ending **January 1st**, Topsoil moisture was 1% very short, 3% short, 72% adequate and 24% surplus compared with 1% short, 60% adequate and 39% surplus last year. Hay and roughage supplies were 1% very short, 7% short, 87% adequate and 5% surplus. Feed grains were 1% very short, 3% short, and 96% adequate. Wheat conditions were 20% fair and 80% good. Cattle and calves were 2% poor, 21% fair, 74% good and 3% excellent. Sheep and lambs were 1% poor, 18% fair, 79% good and 2% excellent. Farm activities included plowing fields and feeding livestock.