



# Crop Progress and Condition

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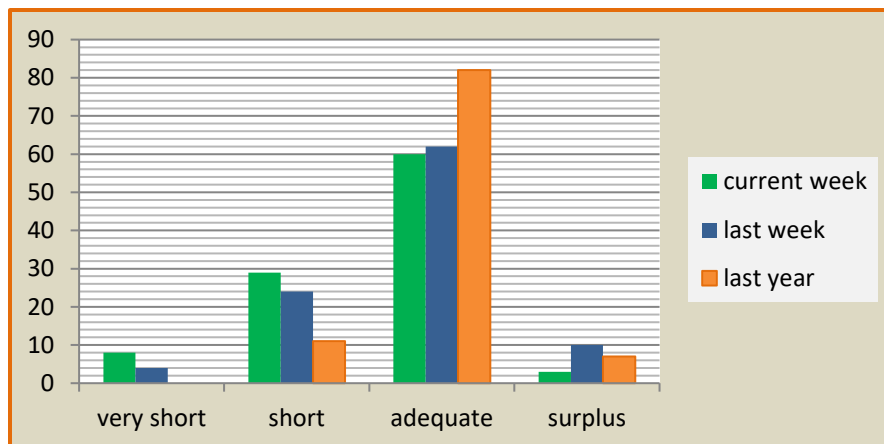
**Agricultural News:** Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.7. Weather conditions were mostly sunny and warm with some periods of rain. The dry weather in areas caused some brush fires. Farming activities this week included planting corn and soybeans.

**SOIL MOISTURE and SUPPLIES for week ending 04/16/23**

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	8	29	60	3
Subsoil	8	19	68	5
Hay & Roughage	-	12	86	2
Feed grain	1	6	91	2

-Represents zero.

**TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 04/16/23**



**CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 04/16/23**

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	8	51	41	-
Peaches	-	9	54	37	-
Hay	-	4	41	27	28
Winter Wheat	-	-	46	53	1
Pasture	1	2	39	49	9
Cattle & Calves	-	5	42	52	1
Sheep & Lambs	-	3	39	57	1

- Represents zero.

**CROP and LIVESTOCK PROGRESS for week ending 04/16/23**

Livestock Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Corn planted	12	6	6	5
Soybeans planted	13	7	3	1
Winter Wheat headed	27	14	18	8
Cows calved	88	78	81	84
Ewes lambed	90	80	85	86

- Represents data not available.

**Weather Summary-** For the week ending April 16, 2023

West Virginia began the week under high pressure, with clear skies and no precipitation. Temperatures Monday began cool with a few locations getting frost, but warmed to near normal by the afternoon. By the end of the day, most stations were just under average. Tuesday again began cool, but with plenty of sun warmed to above normal. Wednesday was warm and dry with light winds. Thursday was again dry and warm, with temperatures reaching the mid to upper 80s for most areas. A slow-moving low-pressure system moved up from the southeast and reached the southernmost counties early on Friday bringing with it clouds, light showers, and seasonably warm temperatures. More showers and even some afternoon thunderstorms developed as the area of upper-level instability drifted over West Virginia. Saturday was again warm with a mix of sun and clouds and isolated showers developing during the afternoon. Sunday began warm and dry. A cold front crossed over the region Sunday afternoon, producing more showers and thunderstorms. Temperatures after the front dropped quickly as cold air funneled in. Overall, West Virginia was dry as high pressure dominated most of the week, and with plenty of sunshine and southerly to southeasterly wind flow, the State was 3 to 11 degrees over average.

**Temperatures:** Keyser had the highest recorded temperature of 89 degrees. Elkins had the lowest recorded temperature of 26 degrees. The state average temperature was 60 degrees.

**Precipitation:** Huntington had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.79 inches. Pineville had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.07 inches. The state average precipitation was 0.36 inches.

**WV drought conditions:** Abnormally dry conditions exist in the Eastern Panhandle.

**Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 04/16/23**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation					
	High	Low	Weekly Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Week's Norm	Since April 1st 2023	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal	
<b>--NORTHWEST</b>										
WHEELING	83	37	62	11	0.27	0.80	0.85	2.00	1.59	
PARKERSBURG	87	31	61	7	0.34	0.82	1.51	2.28	1.61	
CRESTON	83	35	62		0.20		1.01	2.41		
<b>--NORTHCENTRAL</b>										
MORGANTOWN	82	34	61	8	0.40	0.88	1.06	2.09	1.77	
CLARKSBURG	83	36	61	9	0.19	0.93	0.90	1.86	1.82	
BELINGTON	84	31	58		0.09		1.23	2.21		
WESTON	84	31	58		0.11		1.78	2.32		
<b>--SOUTHWEST</b>										
WILLIAMSON	88	33	63		0.66		2.14	1.72		
HUNTINGTON	85	37	62	6	0.79	0.87	2.86	2.13	1.70	
CHARLESTON	84	34	61	5	0.73	0.94	2.40	2.13	1.83	
RIPLEY	87	35	62		0.41		1.58	2.14		
<b>--CENTRAL</b>										
TERRA ALTA	80	38	58		0.40		2.22	1.92		
ELKINS	84	26	56	5	0.23	0.91	1.62	1.98	1.82	
MARLINTON	81	31	56		0.55		2.21	2.85		
<b>--SOUTHERN</b>										
BECKLEY	80	27	56	3	0.23	0.81	1.62	1.50	1.62	
PINEVILLE	86	29	59		0.07		1.64	2.00		
BLUEFIELD	82	32	57	5	0.14	0.83	2.06	2.31	1.62	
WHITE SUL SP	83	28	56		0.63		2.29	1.89		
BLUESTONE DAM	82	37	59		0.19		1.77	1.58		
<b>--NORTHEASTERN</b>										
MARTINSBURG	88	31	63	10	0.15	0.75	0.33	1.70	1.46	
KEYSER	89	27	61		0.58		1.17	2.31		
MOOREFIELD	88	28	61		0.45		0.90	1.12		
State Average Temperature	60									
State Average Precipitation	0.36									

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