



# Crop Progress and Condition

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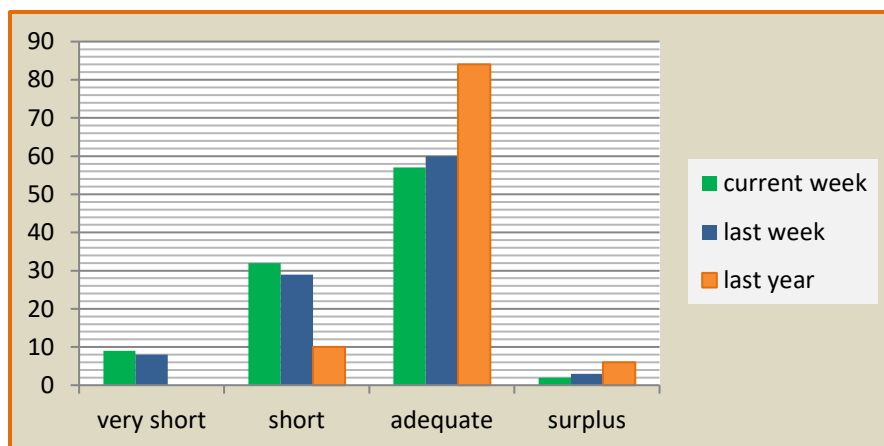
**Agricultural News:** Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.4. Weather conditions were mostly dry with a mix of warm and cool temperatures. Farming activities this week included spreading manure and planting corn and soybeans.

## SOIL MOISTURE and SUPPLIES for week ending 04/23/23

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	9	32	57	2
Subsoil	9	28	62	1
Hay & Roughage	-	14	83	3
Feed grain	-	7	90	3

-Represents zero.

## TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 04/23/23



## CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 04/23/23

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	8	51	41	-
Peaches	-	9	54	37	-
Hay	2	5	38	28	27
Winter Wheat	-	-	47	53	-
Pasture	1	8	37	47	7
Cattle & Calves	-	6	47	45	2
Sheep & Lambs	-	3	40	54	3

- Represents zero.

## CROP and LIVESTOCK PROGRESS for week ending 04/23/23

Livestock Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Corn planted	16	12	11	9
Soybeans planted	16	13	7	5
Winter Wheat headed	33	27	31	15
Cows calved	95	88	89	90
Ewes lambed	96	90	90	91

- Represents data not available.

**Weather Summary-** For the week ending April 23, 2023

West Virginia began the week just as a cold front was exiting the area. A few showers remained in the far north early in the day on Monday, but quickly moved off with the front. Cold air from the north kept temperatures around 10 degrees below normal. On Tuesday, high pressure was firmly in place over the State producing clear skies with a cool morning and a warm afternoon. Temperatures early were low enough to warrant frost and freeze advisories. At the end of Tuesday, weekly temperatures were five to ten degrees below normal. Temperatures on Wednesday were near normal, but by Thursday most stations reached the mid to upper 80s, and Friday was even warmer. Precipitation ahead of the next cold front began Friday evening. The cold front moved over West Virginia from west to east through the day on Saturday, producing more showers and isolated thunderstorms, and exited during the afternoon. Cold air began to funnel in from the north on Saturday afternoon/evening. Sunday was much cooler than usual and mostly dry. At the end of the week the Mountain State was somewhat cooler than normal, and dry.

**Temperatures:** Williamson had the highest recorded temperature of 91 degrees. Elkins had the lowest recorded temperature of 25 degrees. The state average temperature was 54 degrees.

**Precipitation:** Huntington had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.73 inches. Keyser had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.12 inches. The state average precipitation was 0.30 inches.

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

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

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	33	52	-2	0.55	0.83	1.40	2.68	2.42
PARKERSBURG	86	34	53	-3	0.23	0.87	1.74	2.90	2.48
CRESTON	86	34	54		0.16		1.17	2.75	
<b>--NORTHCENTRAL</b>									
MORGANTOWN	85	34	54	-2	0.21	0.91	1.27	2.92	2.68
CLARKSBURG	84	32	53	-1	0.24	0.92	1.14	2.64	2.74
BELINGTON	84	30	52		0.17		1.40	2.67	
WESTON	86	30	52		0.18		1.96	3.17	
<b>--SOUTHWEST</b>									
WILLIAMSON	91	37	59		0.49		2.63	2.29	
HUNTINGTON	86	35	56	-2	0.73	0.94	3.59	2.24	2.64
CHARLESTON	87	36	56	-2	0.21	0.98	2.61	2.43	2.81
RIPLEY	86	34	55		0.23		1.81	2.54	
<b>--CENTRAL</b>									
TERRA ALTA	76	30	50		0.40		2.62	2.42	
ELKINS	84	25	50	-3	0.24	0.99	1.86	2.64	2.81
MARLINTON	82	31	51		0.44		2.65	3.72	
<b>--SOUTHERN</b>									
BECKLEY	82	33	52	-3	0.15	0.84	1.77	1.92	2.46
PINEVILLE	87	35	56		0.24		1.88	2.44	
BLUEFIELD	84	29	54	-1	0.31	0.88	2.37	2.93	2.50
WHITE SUL SP	82	28	54		0.51		2.80	2.45	
BLUESTONE DAM	84	32	56		0.34		2.11	2.05	
<b>--NORTHEASTERN</b>									
MARTINSBURG	87	31	57	2	0.20	0.81	0.53	2.44	2.27
KEYSER	89	26	54		0.12		1.29	3.20	
MOOREFIELD	88	31	56		0.35		1.25	1.70	
State Average Temperature	54								
State Average Precipitation	0.30								

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