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Crop Progress and Condition



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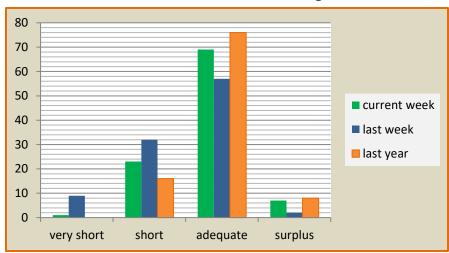
<u>Agricultural News</u>: Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.0. Weather conditions were mostly cool with rain. Farming activities this week included planting crops, repairing fences, and vaccinating cattle and sheep.

SOIL MOISTURE and SUPPLIES for week ending 04/30/23

•	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
	%	%	%	%	
Topsoil	1	23	69	7	
Subsoil	1	23	73	3	
Hay & Roughage	-	20	79	1	
Feed grain	-	8	90	2	

⁻Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 04/30/23



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 04/30/23

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	8	51	41	-
Peaches	-	9	54	37	-
Hay	-	4	39	33	24
Winter Wheat	-	-	46	54	-
Pasture	1	6	38	54	1
Cattle & Calves	1	6	41	48	4
Sheep & Lambs	1	5	36	55	3

⁻ Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 04/30/23

Livestock Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg	
	%	%	%	%	
Corn planted	21	16	16	15	
Corn emerged	3	-	3	2	
Soybeans planted	22	16	11	9	
Winter Wheat headed	39	33	39	21	

⁻ Represents data not available.

Weather Summary- For the week ending April 30, 2023

The week began very cold under high pressure after a strong cold front. Most of West Virginia was under a freeze warning the first few days. High temperatures over Monday and Tuesday were in the 50s and 60s with lows in the 20s and 30s, which is about 15 to 20 degrees below normal for this time of the year. Still under high pressure and plenty of sunshine, Wednesday continued the warming trend with temperatures in the mid to upper 60s and lows in the 30s and 40s. Thursday began mostly sunny with near normal morning temperatures. During the afternoon, high clouds began moving into the area ahead of the next disturbance. Precipitation began from west to east late evening and overnight into Friday morning. With the initial wave, most stations reported between one half and three quarters of an inch. After a brief dry spell, showers developed again Friday afternoon and through the night. Temperatures were near normal for the last couple of days of the work week. The unsettled weather continued into the weekend as the cold front passed over Appalachia. Showers and thunderstorms developed Saturday ahead of the front, and clouds with light showers continued Sunday as the system moved off to the northeast. Cooler air began funneling into the region Sunday night into the next work week. Overall, West Virginia was cool with rain showers.

<u>Temperatures</u>: Williamson had the highest recorded temperature of 77 degrees. Terra Alta had the lowest recorded temperature of 22 degrees. The state average temperature was 52 degrees.

<u>Precipitation:</u> Bluestone Dam had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 2.03 inches. Williamson had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.48 inches. The state average precipitation was 1.22 inches.

WV drought conditions: Abnormally dry conditions exist in the northern mountains and the Eastern Panhandle.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 04/30/23

i omport	Temperature			Precipitation					
			We	eekly		ek's	Since April 1st	Same Week	Season
Station	High	Low	Average	Departure	Total	Norm	2023	Last Year	Normal
NORTHWEST									
WHEELING	66	31	50	-6	1.23	0.86	2.63	3.05	3.28
PARKERSBURG	71	28	52	-7	1.20	0.90	2.94	3.53	3.38
CRESTON	72	32	53		0.90		2.07	3.56	
NORTHCENTRAL								4 00	
MORGANTOWN	70	31	52	-6	0.77	0.94	2.04	4.29	3.62
CLARKSBURG	69	31	52	-5	0.66	0.91	1.80	3.99	3.65
BELINGTON	73	30	53		0.76		2.16	3.61	
WESTON	71	30	53		1.04		3.00	4.07	
SOUTHWEST					0.40		0.44	0.47	
WILLIAMSON	77 70	32	56	0	0.48	4.00	3.11	3.17	2.67
HUNTINGTON	70 72	29 29	53 53	-8 -8	0.93	1.03	4.52	3.51	3.67
CHARLESTON RIPLEY	73 72	29 32	53 54	-8	0.61 1.28	1.06	3.22 3.09	4.21 3.68	3.87
CENTRAL		32	54		1.20		3.09	3.00	
TERRA ALTA	 65	22	46		0.94		3.56	3.68	
ELKINS	72	24	49	-6	0.76	1.03	2.62	2.99	3.84
MARLINTON	69	25	4 9	-0	1.68	1.05	4.33	3.98	3.04
SOUTHERN					1.00		-	J.50	
BECKLEY	68	26	48	-9	1.74	0.89	3.51	3.13	3.35
PINEVILLE	72	28	55	Ü	1.84	0.00	3.72	3.17	0.00
BLUEFIELD	71	27	50	-7	1.89	0.92	4.26	3.21	3.42
WHITE SUL SP	70	27	51	•	1.61	0.0_	4.41	2.83	U
BLUESTONE DAM	71	30	52		2.03		4.14	2.96	
NORTHEASTERN									
MARTINSBURG	68	31	51	-7	1.30	0.88	1.83	3.10	3.15
KEYSER	72	26	52		1.92		3.21	3.65	
MOOREFIELD	74	26	53		1.27		2.52	2.07	

State Average Temperature 52 State Average Precipitation 1.22

Source:

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