



Crop Progress and Condition

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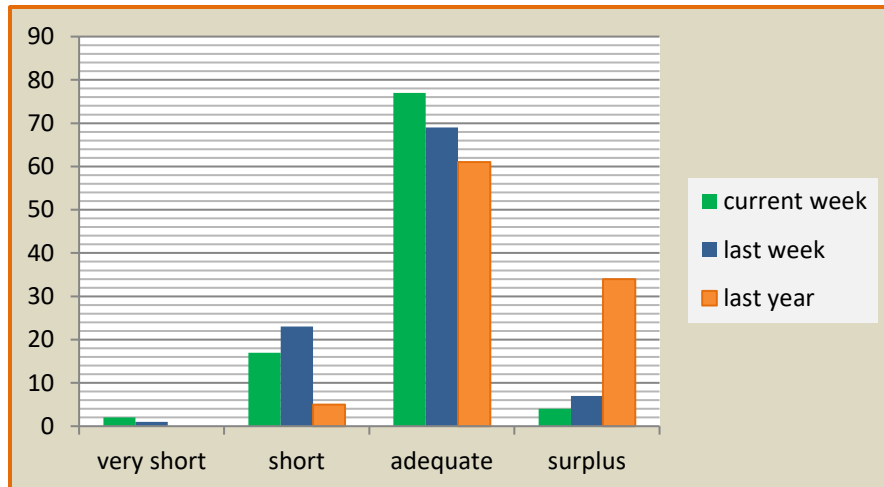
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 3.5. Weather conditions were mostly cool with scattered rain. Some areas had snow. Farming activities this week included planting crops and making hay.

SOIL MOISTURE and SUPPLIES for week ending 05/07/23

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	2	17	77	4
Subsoil	2	11	85	2
Hay & Roughage	1	27	67	5
Feed grain	-	11	88	1

-Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 05/07/23



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 05/07/23

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	9	44	47	-
Peaches	-	9	54	37	-
Hay	2	4	32	45	17
Winter Wheat	-	-	46	54	-
Pasture	1	8	31	57	3
Cattle & Calves	-	6	32	55	7
Sheep & Lambs	-	9	27	58	6

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 05/07/23

Livestock Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Corn planted	26	21	22	22
Corn emerged	8	3	7	6
Soybeans planted	30	22	17	14
Soybeans emerged	3	-	2	1
Winter Wheat headed	48	39	47	27

- Represents data not available.

Weather Summary- For the week ending May 7, 2023

Once again, the week began with well below normal temperatures in the wake of a strong cold front. On Monday as the center of low pressure continued to spin over the northeast, waves of showers, along with more cold air, funneled in from the Great Lakes region. West Virginia also received several inches of late season snow on the highest mountains. The rest of the State got from one quarter to three quarters of an inch of rain. Temperatures were in the 40s and 50s during the day and temperatures dropped into the 30s overnight. A freeze warning was issued for the areas most susceptible to cold. Tuesday and Wednesday were very similar to Monday. The low remained over the Northeast U.S. and pumped cold, moist air into the region. Again, the highest elevations received snowfall and frost and freeze warnings were issued. By the end of the third day, Snowshoe reported 15 inches of snow on the ground and Canaan recorded nearly two feet. Some lingering showers continued over the mountains on Thursday while the rest of the State dried out as high pressure began to take hold. Temps were somewhat warmer, but still below average. Mostly sunny skies and near normal temperatures dominated the weather on Friday. The high pressure continued Saturday, with warmer than normal temperatures and clear conditions. Clouds, moisture, and showers made their way back into the region on Sunday. The showers and some thunderstorms moved from west to east throughout the day. Overall, the State was cold last week, but with a warming trend. Precipitation amounts were mixed with only a few stations meeting or exceeding average.

Temperatures: Williamson had the highest recorded temperature of 84 degrees. Terra Alta had the lowest recorded temperature of 30 degrees. The state average temperature was 50 degrees.

Precipitation: Terra Alta had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 3.33 inches. Williamson had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.38 inches. The state average precipitation was 1.26 inches.

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

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 05/07/23

Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Week's Norm	Since April 1st 2023	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST									
WHEELING	75	37	50	-8	0.79	0.91	3.42	5.66	4.19
PARKERSBURG	77	36	51	-10	1.35	0.91	4.29	4.62	4.29
CRESTON	82	34	53		1.51		3.58	5.28	
--NORTHCENTRAL									
MORGANTOWN	76	35	49	-11	1.47	1.00	3.51	6.09	4.62
CLARKSBURG	76	34	49	-10	1.72	0.91	3.52	6.10	4.56
BELINGTON	78	32	48		2.64		4.80	7.11	
WESTON	78	36	50		2.21		5.21	7.51	
--SOUTHWEST									
WILLIAMSON	84	38	56		0.38		3.49	5.79	
HUNTINGTON	79	37	54	-8	0.65	1.10	5.17	6.35	4.77
CHARLESTON	79	38	54	-9	0.79	1.15	4.01	6.80	5.02
RIPLEY	82	39	53		1.65		4.74	6.92	
--CENTRAL									
TERRA ALTA	67	30	44		3.33		6.89	5.23	
ELKINS	76	33	47	-10	2.66	1.16	5.28	6.65	5.00
MARLINTON	78	32	47		1.05		5.38	5.94	
--SOUTHERN									
BECKLEY	76	31	48	-11	0.95	1.05	4.46	4.86	4.40
PINEVILLE	82	37	53		0.58		4.30	4.44	
BLUEFIELD	78	33	50	-8	0.54	1.02	4.80	4.72	4.44
WHITE SUL SP	76	32	50		0.73		5.14	4.94	
BLUESTONE DAM	77	36	52		0.46		4.60	4.59	
--NORTHEASTERN									
MARTINSBURG	73	36	51	-8	0.43	0.96	2.26	5.99	4.11
KEYSER	76	33	50		1.08		4.29	7.06	
MOOREFIELD	74	33	50		0.78		3.30	4.48	
State Average Temperature	50								
State Average Precipitation	1.26								

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