



Crop Progress and Condition

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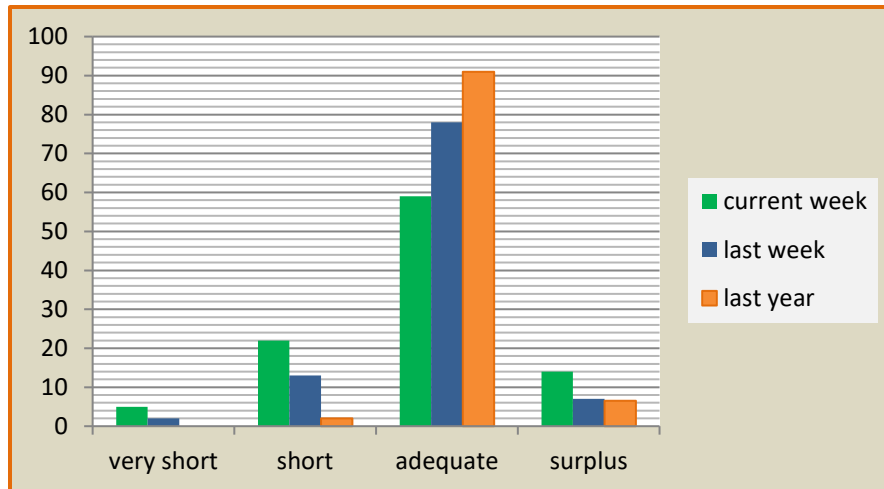
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.6. Weather conditions were warm with some scattered rain. Farming activities this week included making hay, repairing fences, and tilling wheat as a cover crop.

SOIL MOISTURE and SUPPLIES for week ending 05/28/23

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	5	22	59	14
Subsoil	6	23	60	11
Hay & Roughage	1	14	82	3
Feed grain	2	11	86	1

-Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 05/28/23



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 05/28/23

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	8	52	40	-
Peaches	-	9	47	44	-
Hay	-	5	31	61	3
Winter Wheat	-	1	46	51	2
Pasture	-	6	30	59	5
Cattle & Calves	-	5	28	62	5
Sheep & Lambs	-	6	31	57	6

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 05/28/23

Livestock Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Corn planted	51	42	48	51
Corn emerged	28	19	24	23
Hay first cutting	16	4	10	9
Soybeans planted	54	45	41	42
Soybeans emerged	18	12	16	14
Winter Wheat headed	79	68	73	51

- Represents data not available.

Weather Summary- For the week ending May 28, 2023

The week began with patchy river valley fog on Monday. The fog was replaced by mostly sunny skies and warm afternoon high temperatures. Tuesday was much of the same as West Virginia remained under a zone of high pressure with light winds and near normal temperatures. The high pressure was still in place early on Wednesday, but was briefly interrupted by a dry cold front that moved over, creating some clouds during the day. The dry cold front brought in cooler, drier air. On Thursday, high pressure over the Great Lakes and a weak trough over the State created northerly winds, keeping temperatures on the cool side. At the end of the work week, the trough was developing into an upper-level low just to the south. A few showers developed over the extreme southeastern counties. By Saturday, the upper-level low was creating showers and thunderstorms over the southern half of the State. The instability lasted into Sunday with continuing unsettled weather and heavy rainfall at times. Some flooding was reported in the counties most affected by the rain. Overall, West Virginia was two to eight degrees cooler this week. Precipitation amounts were mixed with more rainfall in the south and several stations remained dry throughout the period. On clear days, the sky has remained hazy due to forest fires in Canada.

Temperatures: Creston had the highest recorded temperature of 83 degrees. Marlinton and Moorefield had the lowest recorded temperature of 36 degrees. The state average temperature was 60 degrees.

Precipitation: Bluefield had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 2.24 inches. Several stations reported zero precipitation. The state average precipitation was 0.42 inches.

WV drought conditions: Abnormally dry conditions exist in the north central counties, and the Eastern Panhandle is in a D1 (Moderate Drought).

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 05/28/23

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	
--NORTHWEST										
WHEELING	78	45	61	-2	0.00	0.98	4.46	7.93	7.07	
PARKERSBURG	80	44	63	-3	0.00	0.97	5.31	7.05	7.13	
CRESTON	83	48	64		0.00		5.32	7.68		
--NORTHCENTRAL										
MORGANTOWN	78	44	62	-3	0.00	0.96	4.86	8.50	7.57	
CLARKSBURG	77	43	61	-4	0.00	0.99	5.44	8.03	7.46	
BELINGTON	80	39	62		0.00		7.37	9.79		
WESTON	79	40	60		0.00		6.72	11.02		
--SOUTHWEST										
WILLIAMSON	82	50	64		1.46		8.08	8.59		
HUNTINGTON	79	47	62	-5	0.85	0.95	8.13	7.91	7.77	
CHARLESTON	78	45	61	-5	0.92	1.14	6.36	9.57	8.56	
RIPLEY	79	48	64		0.00		5.76	9.02		
--CENTRAL										
TERRA ALTA	70	39	54		0.00		8.81	8.58		
ELKINS	76	37	57	-5	0.09	1.13	6.80	9.81	8.53	
MARLINTON	77	36	58		0.23		6.11	9.62		
--SOUTHERN										
BECKLEY	77	41	56	-8	0.80	1.05	7.09	7.85	7.59	
PINEVILLE	78	42	59		1.77		7.64	8.96		
BLUEFIELD	75	43	57	-5	2.24	1.05	10.44	9.44	7.57	
WHITE SUL SP	75	41	58		0.33		6.94	7.97		
BLUESTONE DAM	75	47	60		0.57		6.40	7.06		
--NORTHEASTERN										
MARTINSBURG	80	43	62	-3	0.00	0.89	2.92	9.25	6.83	
KEYSER	82	37	60		0.00		5.19	8.83		
MOOREFIELD	79	36	59		0.00		5.12	6.65		
State Average Temperature	60									
State Average Precipitation	0.42									

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