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Crop Progress and Condition

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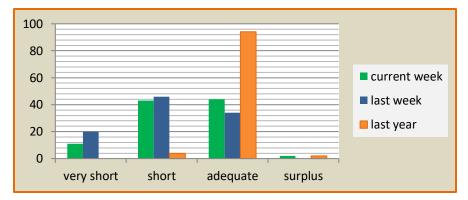
<u>Agricultural News</u>: Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.2. Weather conditions were mostly warm and humid with scattered rain. Some hayfields are showing signs of stress. Farming activities this week included making hay and harvesting peaches.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 07/09/23

| | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus | |
|---------|------------|-------|----------|---------|--|
| | % | % | % | % | |
| Topsoil | 11 | 43 | 44 | 2 | |
| Subsoil | 23 | 38 | 32 | 7 | |

- Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 07/09/23



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 07/09/23

| Crop | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent | |
|-----------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|--|
| | % | % | % | % | % | |
| Apples | - | 9 | 46 | 43 | 2 | |
| Peaches | - | 9 | 47 | 44 | - | |
| Corn | - | 17 | 34 | 34 | 15 | |
| Hay | 1 | 11 | 47 | 35 | 6 | |
| Soybeans | 3 | 11 | 37 | 37 | 12 | |
| Winter Wheat | - | 18 | 47 | 35 | - | |
| Pasture | 3 | 13 | 31 | 42 | 11 | |
| Cattle & Calves | 1 | 4 | 30 | 56 | 9 | |
| Sheep & Lambs | 1 | 3 | 34 | 55 | 7 | |

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 07/09/23

| Livestock Stage | | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5-Yr Avg | |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|--|
| | | % | % | % | % | |
| | Peaches harvested | 8 | - | 9 | 2 | |
| (| Corn emerged | 83 | 73 | 78 | 84 | |
| (| Corn silking | 6 | - | 6 | 8 | |
| | Hay first cutting | 87 | 81 | 73 | 77 | |
| | Soybeans emerged | 78 | 70 | 71 | 72 | |
| 2 | Soybeans blooming | 6 | - | - | 1 | |
| | Winter Wheat harvested for grain | 32 | 24 | 38 | 37 | |

- Represents zero or data not available.

Weather Summary- For the week ending July 9, 2023

The week began with scattered showers and thunderstorms across the State. A weak cold front passed over the region Monday afternoon with near normal temperatures. The usual summer weather pattern arrived early Tuesday, creating hot and humid conditions with isolated afternoon showers and thunderstorms through Thursday. Wednesday and Thursday both had several stations report afternoon high temperatures in the 90s. A weak cold front moved over the region Friday afternoon, with dry air behind it that produced only isolated showers. High pressure on Saturday kept the State dry and warm. Another cold front approached from the west late Saturday into Sunday, producing much needed showers and thunderstorms across the State. Cooler temperatures, along with high pressure began to move in late Sunday heading into the next work week. Overall, West Virginia was somewhat warmer than normal. Because of the showery nature of the precipitation, average rainfall amounts were mixed.

<u>Temperatures</u>: Keyser and Williamson had the highest recorded temperature of 94 degrees. Elkins and Marlinton had the lowest recorded temperature of 59 degrees. The state average temperature was 75 degrees.

Precipitation: Belington had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 2.19 inches. Williamson had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.20 inches. The state average precipitation was 1.03 inches.

<u>WV drought conditions</u>: Most of West Virginia is abnormally dry (D0), with small pockets of D1 (moderate drought) conditions. Conditions have improved from the previous week.

| | Temperature | | | | Precipitation | | | | | |
|---------------------------|-------------|-----|---------|-----------|---------------|------|--------------------|-----------|--------|--|
| | | | We | eekly | We | ek's | Since April 1st | Same Week | Season | |
| Station | High | Low | Average | Departure | Total | Norm | 2023 | Last Year | Normal | |
| NORTHWEST | | | | | | | | | | |
| WHEELING | 88 | 61 | 74 | 1 | 1.02 | 0.91 | 10.98 | 14.63 | 12.92 | |
| PARKERSBURG | 91 | 62 | 77 | 2 | 0.69 | 1.00 | 9.99 | 13.43 | 13.28 | |
| CRESTON | 91 | 61 | 75 | | 1.66 | | 9.52 | 14.09 | | |
| NORTHCENTRAL | | | | | | | | | | |
| MORGANTOWN | 93 | 65 | 77 | 3 | 1.39 | 1.11 | 10.43 | 13.25 | 13.44 | |
| CLARKSBURG | 90 | 62 | 76 | 2 | 0.88 | 1.26 | 9.83 | 12.18 | 14.07 | |
| BELINGTON | 92 | 62 | 75 | | 2.19 | | 14.06 | 16.23 | | |
| WESTON | 91 | 63 | 75 | | 1.51 | | 11.98 | 16.53 | | |
| SOUTHWEST | | | | | | | | | | |
| WILLIAMSON | 94 | 65 | 79 | | 0.20 | | 12.70 | 14.22 | | |
| HUNTINGTON | 92 | 63 | 78 | 1 | 0.58 | 1.06 | 10.80 | 14.26 | 13.73 | |
| CHARLESTON | 91 | 62 | 76 | 0 | 0.68 | 1.24 | 9.47 | 16.76 | 15.08 | |
| RIPLEY | 91 | 60 | 76 | | 0.77 | | 9.78 | 16.56 | | |
| CENTRAL | | | | | | | | | | |
| TERRA ALTA | 89 | 60 | 74 | | 0.97 | | 13.20 | 14.53 | | |
| ELKINS | 89 | 59 | 74 | 3 | 1.37 | 1.32 | 12.86 | 20.08 | 15.16 | |
| MARLINTON | 85 | 59 | 71 | | 1.01 | | 10.59 | 16.61 | | |
| SOUTHERN | | | | | | | | | | |
| BECKLEY | 85 | 60 | 72 | 0 | 1.50 | 1.03 | 11.23 | 14.24 | 13.67 | |
| PINEVILLE | 88 | 60 | 75 | | 1.05 | | 11.98 | 14.95 | | |
| BLUEFIELD | 84 | 60 | 71 | 1 | 0.73 | 0.94 | 15.71 | 16.20 | 13.39 | |
| WHITE SUL SP | 88 | 61 | 73 | | 0.54 | | 10.65 | 14.65 | | |
| BLUESTONE DAM | 85 | 60 | 71 | | 1.25 | | 10.18 | 11.20 | | |
| NORTHEASTERN | | | | | | | | | | |
| MARTINSBURG | 90 | 64 | 76 | 0 | 0.70 | 0.78 | 7.68 | 13.96 | 12.06 | |
| KEYSER | 94 | 62 | 77 | | 1.27 | | 10.30 | 10.78 | | |
| MOOREFIELD | 91 | 62 | 76 | | 0.77 | | 10.19 | 10.46 | | |
| State Average Temperature | 75 | | | | | | | | | |

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 07/09/23

State Average Temperature State Average Precipitation

75 1.03

Source:

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