



# Crop Progress and Condition

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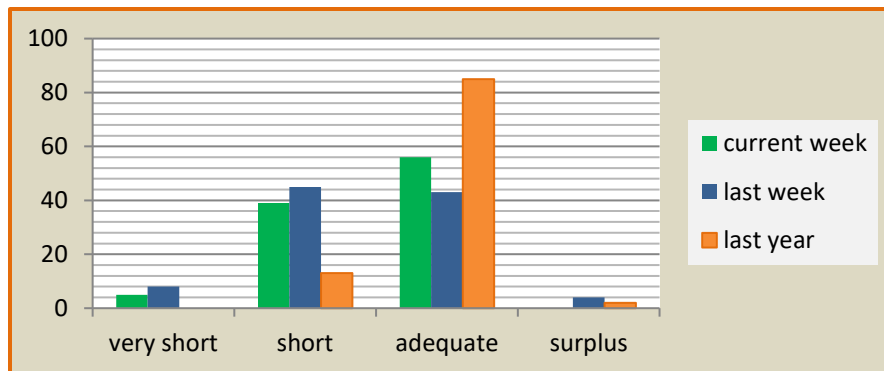
**Agricultural News:** Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.4. Weather conditions were mostly warm with scattered rains. Farming activities this week included making hay and harvesting peaches.

## SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 07/23/23

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	5	39	56	-
Subsoil	6	42	52	-

- Represents zero.

## TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 07/23/23



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

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	9	45	43	3
Peaches	-	9	47	44	-
Corn	-	17	51	28	4
Hay	-	9	44	43	4
Soybeans	3	12	37	37	11
Winter Wheat	-	9	47	43	1
Pasture	3	10	30	51	6
Cattle & Calves	-	4	28	59	9
Sheep & Lambs	-	2	33	59	6

- Represents zero.

## CROP PROGRESS for week ending 07/23/23

Livestock Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Peaches harvested	20	15	28	15
Corn emerged	97	90	94	96
Corn silking	29	14	20	29
Hay first cutting	97	94	94	93
Hay second cutting	19	4	14	12
Soybeans emerged	93	86	89	87
Soybeans blooming	33	16	14	14
Soybeans setting pods	12	-	-	2
Winter Wheat harvested for grain	56	44	64	62

- Represents zero or data not available.

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

Monday began somewhat dry, but with an upper-level disturbance passing over the region, rain showers and thunderstorms quickly developed. The unsettled weather continued through most of the work week with a lull on Wednesday. Localized heavy rainfall fell during the work week with several stations receiving over an inch in 24 hours on various days. Temperatures were somewhat cool during this period. As the weekend approached, a drier, more stable air mass moved over West Virginia keeping the State mostly sunny and dry. Overall, West Virginia was cooler than normal, with all stations reporting one to four degrees below average for this time of year. Precipitation was mixed across the State with about half the stations above and half below normal, with generally more precipitation falling in the southeastern most counties.

**Temperatures:** Williamson had the highest recorded temperature of 92 degrees. Elkins, Marlinton, and Terra Alta had the lowest recorded temperature of 54 degrees. The state average temperature was 72 degrees.

**Precipitation:** Weston had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 3.46 inches. Moorefield had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.17 inches. The state average precipitation was 1.28 inches.

**WV drought conditions:** Small pockets of abnormally dry conditions exist, mostly in the northeast counties.

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

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	84	55	71	-2	0.73	0.93	11.91	17.60	14.81	
PARKERSBURG	87	57	73	-3	1.30	1.03	12.38	17.39	15.37	
CRESTON	85	55	71		0.86		11.86	15.89		
<b>--NORTHCENTRAL</b>										
MORGANTOWN	86	58	73	-1	1.02	1.15	11.69	15.62	15.74	
CLARKSBURG	85	56	71	-3	1.45	1.28	11.97	14.87	16.64	
BELINGTON	86	57	73		1.77		17.46	17.49		
WESTON	86	58	72		3.46		16.99	18.68		
<b>--SOUTHWEST</b>										
WILLIAMSON	92	64	77		0.60		15.61	15.52		
HUNTINGTON	88	59	74	-2	0.93	1.23	13.14	16.65	16.10	
CHARLESTON	86	58	73	-3	1.15	1.40	12.31	19.34	17.83	
RIPLEY	87	59	74		1.76		13.01	18.78		
<b>--CENTRAL</b>										
TERRA ALTA	85	54	71		1.22		15.17	15.89		
ELKINS	84	54	70	-2	0.96	1.42	14.97	22.05	17.95	
MARLINTON	84	54	68		0.56		13.99	17.84		
<b>--SOUTHERN</b>										
BECKLEY	83	58	71	-1	2.59	1.15	15.78	16.58	15.97	
PINEVILLE	87	60	73		0.80		13.87	17.01		
BLUEFIELD	81	58	69	-1	1.83	1.01	20.12	18.83	15.41	
WHITE SUL SP	85	56	71		2.25		14.32	15.77		
BLUESTONE DAM	80	55	69		1.73		13.18	12.91		
<b>--NORTHEASTERN</b>										
MARTINSBURG	87	56	73	-4	0.40	0.90	8.81	15.35	13.81	
KEYSER	89	57	74		0.65		12.06	12.60		
MOOREFIELD	90	58	73		0.17		10.90	12.97		
State Average Temperature	72									
State Average Precipitation	1.28									

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