



# Crop Progress and Condition



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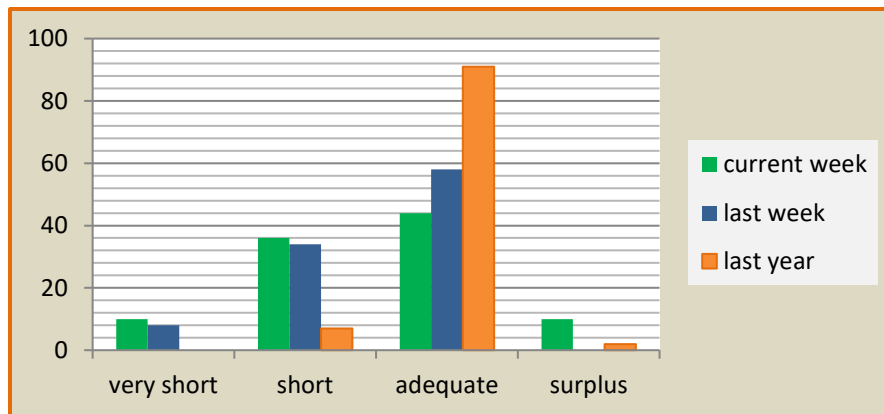
**Agricultural News:** Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.5. Weather conditions were mostly warm and wet. Farming activities this week included attending the State Fair and harvesting peaches and apples.

**SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 08/13/23**

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	10	36	44	10
Subsoil	9	42	47	2

- Represents zero.

**TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 08/13/23**



**CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 08/13/23**

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	9	9	35	47	-
Peaches	-	9	48	43	-
Corn	-	8	52	37	3
Hay	1	5	39	48	7
Soybeans	-	4	42	54	-
Pasture	2	9	14	68	7
Cattle & Calves	-	6	17	68	9
Sheep & Lambs	-	2	30	60	8

- Represents zero.

**CROP PROGRESS for week ending 08/13/23**

Livestock Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	6	-	3	6
Peaches harvested	43	32	56	51
Corn silking	66	55	54	65
Corn dough	28	14	11	25
Corn dented	4	-	1	4
Hay second cutting	50	40	41	38
Soybeans blooming	60	51	42	50
Soybeans setting pods	36	30	18	18
Winter Wheat harvested for grain	90	78	94	91

- Represents zero or data not available.

**Weather Summary-** For the week ending August 13, 2023

West Virginia began the week with showers and storms, some of which produced damaging winds or hail, that were associated with a strong cold front moving in from the Great Lakes region. Monday morning, the storms began in the northwestern counties and moved from the west to east as the whole system slowly drifted to the south. By the afternoon most of the State was under weather watches or warnings. Precipitation amounts ranged from just a tenth down in the coalfields, to well over two inches around Parkersburg. The State began to dry out on Tuesday as high pressure behind the front took hold. Temperatures at this time were just below normal and the dry air kept the weather comfortable. Wednesday began dry and remained dry, with just a layer of cumulus clouds for most of the day. More clouds and showers began to move in overnight Wednesday. The showers and storms continued throughout the day on Thursday as the front crossed over. High pressure took hold on Friday as the day began with some early morning fog, and then cleared to mostly sunny skies. A warm front just to the north created some showers early Saturday and kept low clouds around for most of the day as it scooted off to the northeast. A weak disturbance allowed isolated pop-up showers and thunderstorms to develop in the afternoon. On Sunday, a cold front easing in from the north produced more showers and thunderstorms early in the day. By the evening, more rain popped up as a warm front from the south pushed in and replaced the earlier cold front. Overall, West Virginia was wet with near normal temperatures. All stations exceeded average precipitation for this time of the year, with several stations topping out above two inches.

**Temperatures:** Keyser had the highest recorded temperature of 94 degrees. White Sulphur Springs had the lowest recorded temperature of 57 degrees. The state average temperature was 73 degrees.

**Precipitation:** Parkersburg had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 4.65 inches. Pineville had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.29 inches. The state average precipitation was 1.56 inches.

**WV drought conditions:** Localized areas in the northern mountains and Eastern Panhandle are abnormally dry.

**Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 08/13/23**

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	85	61	73	1	1.84	0.72	15.17	20.67	17.18	
PARKERSBURG	86	62	73	-1	4.65	0.78	19.14	20.40	17.95	
CRESTON	86	61	74		2.07		15.43	23.57		
<b>--NORTHCENTRAL</b>										
MORGANTOWN	87	62	74	1	2.75	0.87	14.87	19.03	18.62	
CLARKSBURG	85	61	73	0	2.85	0.84	16.81	22.01	19.47	
BELINGTON	86	61	72		1.75		19.90	23.64		
WESTON	86	62	72		2.06		21.74	25.31		
<b>--SOUTHWEST</b>										
WILLIAMSON	92	65	77		0.91		18.40	25.82		
HUNTINGTON	89	63	75	-1	1.50	0.92	15.46	23.33	19.23	
CHARLESTON	87	62	74	-1	1.08	0.89	14.80	27.08	21.08	
RIPLEY	89	62	75		1.47		15.55	24.58		
<b>--CENTRAL</b>										
TERRA ALTA	85	58	71		2.08		17.53	21.08		
ELKINS	86	58	71	-1	1.04	0.96	18.41	30.64	21.32	
MARLINTON	83	58	70		0.67		15.34	23.58		
<b>--SOUTHERN</b>										
BECKLEY	83	60	71	0	1.36	0.93	18.31	21.24	19.16	
PINEVILLE	89	61	73		0.29		15.80	26.41		
BLUEFIELD	80	59	69	-1	0.83	0.77	22.01	26.85	18.05	
WHITE SUL SP	87	57	70		0.63		15.77	21.97		
BLUESTONE DAM	84	59	70		1.11		15.34	18.14		
<b>--NORTHEASTERN</b>										
MARTINSBURG	90	62	75	1	1.93	0.67	11.83	18.45	16.17	
KEYSER	94	59	74		0.80		13.38	14.42		
MOOREFIELD	92	59	74		0.63		11.63	16.54		
State Average Temperature	73									
State Average Precipitation	1.56									

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