



Crop Progress and Condition

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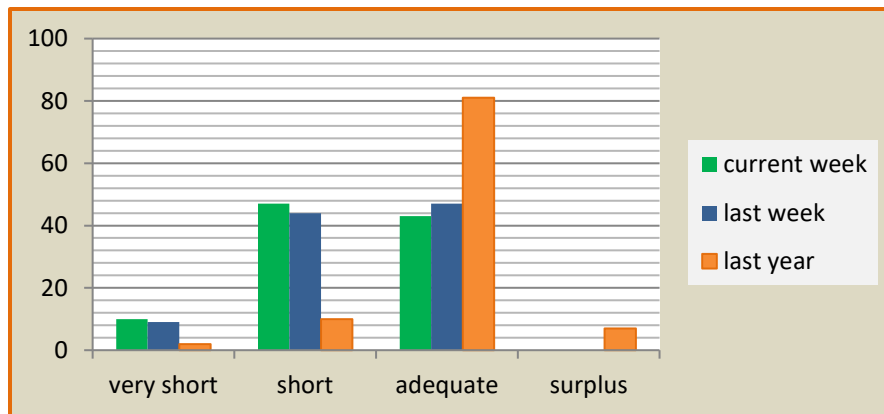
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.0. Weather conditions were wet at the beginning of the week, then drier conditions moved in. Farming activities this week included harvesting fruit and making hay.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 09/03/23

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	10	47	43	-
Subsoil	12	48	40	-

- Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 09/03/23



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 09/03/23

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	9	9	40	42	-
Corn	-	9	51	39	1
Hay	1	9	46	39	5
Soybeans	-	4	42	54	-
Pasture	1	10	29	58	2
Cattle & Calves	-	7	29	58	6
Sheep & Lambs	-	3	32	58	7

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 09/03/23

Livestock Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	38	27	24	33
Peaches harvested	85	75	81	80
Corn silking	99	87	88	92
Corn dough	60	50	44	60
Corn dented	39	29	15	29
Hay second cutting	76	69	69	71
Soybeans blooming	92	80	75	87
Soybeans setting pods	57	49	48	50
Soybeans dropping leaves	15	4	3	1

- Represents zero or data not available.

Weather Summary- For the week ending September 3, 2023

On Monday, West Virginia began the day with dense fog for many locations, but it burnt off by mid-morning. Also during this time, a moisture rich and very unsettled atmosphere moved over the region. Very heavy rainfall was reported in the central and southeastern sections of the State, with flash flooding occurring in those same areas. Several stations reported over two inches of rain in 24 hours with a few locations reporting over four inches. The slow-moving system continued off to the northeast overnight into Tuesday while producing more locally heavy rain across the mountains and Eastern Panhandle. After another foggy morning, the lowlands began to dry out Tuesday afternoon as high pressure replaced the outgoing rain system. Wednesday began with a few morning clouds, and then cleared quickly to become mostly sunny, but with seasonably cool temperatures. Thursday began chilly and cloudy, but cleared in the afternoon. Even with plenty of sunshine, Thursday was much cooler than normal. High pressure with clear skies continued Friday and with a pattern change, temperatures began to warm heading into the weekend. Both Saturday and Sunday were hot under mostly sunny skies. Winds were light and temperatures reached the 90s in several locations. Even with temperatures dropping late in the work week and then quickly warming over the weekend, average temperatures for the whole week were very close to normal. All stations were within one degree of average. Precipitation varied greatly throughout the State. Stations that had storms pass overhead reported amounts of up to four inches, while other stations received zero rainfall for the week.

Temperatures: Williamson had the highest recorded temperature of 94 degrees. Keyser had the lowest recorded temperature of 47 degrees. The state average temperature was 70 degrees.

Precipitation: Elkins had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 2.33 inches. Wheeling, Parkersburg, Charleston, Ripley, and Martinsburg had the lowest with zero recorded precipitation. The state average precipitation was 0.65 inches.

WV drought conditions: Most of the mountain counties are abnormally dry (D0), with the northern mountains and sections of the Eastern Panhandle in moderate drought (D1).

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 09/03/23

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	85	54	69	0	0.00	0.78	17.14	23.51	19.36	
PARKERSBURG	89	52	70	-1	0.00	0.72	21.68	23.45	20.14	
CRESTON	85	50	69		0.51		18.86	24.59		
--NORTHCENTRAL										
MORGANTOWN	89	55	71	0	0.31	0.76	17.29	23.05	20.94	
CLARKSBURG	87	51	70	0	2.23	0.80	20.59	25.16	21.82	
BELINGTON	88	54	71		1.22		22.97	26.70		
WESTON	87	52	70		0.84		24.93	28.83		
--SOUTHWEST										
WILLIAMSON	94	58	74		0.76		21.23	28.03		
HUNTINGTON	92	54	72	-1	0.03	0.81	17.04	24.72	21.75	
CHARLESTON	90	56	71	-1	0.00	0.73	16.44	28.95	23.32	
RIPLEY	90	55	71		0.00		17.73	26.87		
--CENTRAL										
TERRA ALTA	83	52	68		0.76		20.41	23.58		
ELKINS	82	48	67	-1	2.33	0.76	22.26	32.89	23.67	
MARLINTON	85	50	66		0.59		16.86	26.89		
--SOUTHERN										
BECKLEY	82	55	69	1	1.92	0.68	20.59	24.99	21.32	
PINEVILLE	86	55	70		0.73		17.40	27.74		
BLUEFIELD	80	54	67	0	0.26	0.65	24.20	29.57	19.96	
WHITE SUL SP	86	48	68		0.36		17.04	26.39		
BLUESTONE DAM	85	54	69		0.84		16.53	20.34		
--NORTHEASTERN										
MARTINSBURG	93	48	71	0	0.00	0.76	12.25	19.29	18.22	
KEYSER	93	47	70		0.42		14.73	15.35		
MOOREFIELD	93	48	71		0.10		12.09	17.98		
State Average Temperature	70									
State Average Precipitation	0.65									

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