



Crop Progress and Condition

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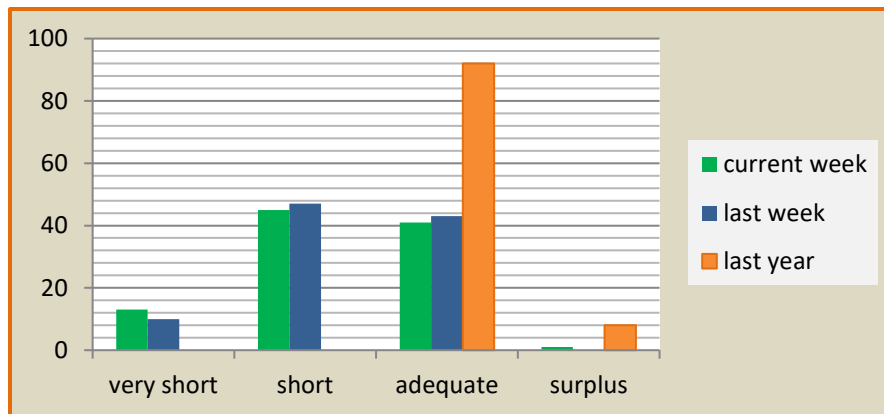
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.3. Weather conditions were mostly warm and dry with some rain during the week. Farming activities this week included harvesting fruit and making hay.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 09/10/23

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	13	45	41	1
Subsoil	15	41	43	1

- Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 09/10/23



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 09/10/23

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	9	9	39	42	1
Corn	-	9	50	40	1
Hay	1	11	32	50	6
Soybeans	-	4	42	54	-
Pasture	1	10	32	52	5
Cattle & Calves	-	10	28	56	6
Sheep & Lambs	-	2	38	55	5

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 09/10/23

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	46	38	30	41
Peaches harvested	90	85	87	87
Corn dough	70	60	54	70
Corn dented	49	39	25	39
Corn mature	6	-	-	5
Hay second cutting	82	76	79	80
Hay third cutting	8	-	7	7
Soybeans blooming	97	92	85	92
Soybeans setting pods	66	57	57	60
Soybeans dropping leaves	25	15	10	6
Winter Wheat planted	5	-	11	4

- Represents zero or data not available.

Weather Summary- For the week ending September 10, 2023

West Virginia began the week very warm and dry under high pressure. After Monday, all stations were 5 to 12 degrees above normal, with many locations breaking 90 degrees. Tuesday was again mostly sunny and even warmer than the previous day. Several stations broke 90 degrees with some reaching the mid-90s. The high pressure continued Wednesday, again with mostly sunny skies, and temperatures still above average. A few afternoon showers and storms popped up, producing the first precipitation of the week. Thursday cooled somewhat, but temperatures were still above normal for this time of year. More light showers developed as a weak cold front moved over during the afternoon. Friday began with dense fog and then cleared as drier air moved into the region. Afternoon temperatures were somewhat cooler, and close to normal for this time of year. A small upper-level disturbance produced afternoon showers and thunderstorms along the mountains creating locally heavy rainfall. Saturday was mostly cloudy and cooler than the work week, with most stations beginning the day in the upper 50s and low 60s, reaching the 70s and 80s in the afternoon. Some rain showers popped up mostly over the eastern half of West Virginia. More unsettled weather, especially along the mountains, and slightly cooler than normal temperatures dominated the weather on Sunday. Overall, West Virginia ended the week 4 to 7 degrees above normal, mostly due to the very warm temperatures early. The State was also mostly dry, except for locations that experienced rains from the thunderstorms.

Temperatures: Martinsburg, Keyser, and Williamson had the highest recorded temperature of 96 degrees. Weston had the lowest recorded temperature of 56 degrees. The state average temperature was 74 degrees.

Precipitation: Beckley had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 3.81 inches. Ripley and Elkins had the lowest with zero recorded precipitation. The state average precipitation was 0.78 inches.

WV drought conditions: Abnormally dry (D0) along the eastern mountains. The northern mountains and sections of the Eastern Panhandle are in moderate drought (D1).

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 09/10/23

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	89	57	73	6	0.21	0.82	17.35	24.67	20.18	
PARKERSBURG	91	58	74	5	0.18	0.75	21.86	23.69	20.89	
CRESTON	86	62	73		0.05		18.91	24.63		
--NORTHCENTRAL										
MORGANTOWN	90	64	76	7	0.35	0.77	17.64	25.42	21.71	
CLARKSBURG	89	61	74	6	0.54	0.79	21.13	26.85	22.61	
BELINGTON	90	61	74		1.34		24.31	28.75		
WESTON	89	56	74		1.36		26.29	30.48		
--SOUTHWEST										
WILLIAMSON	96	66	78		0.37		21.60	29.33		
HUNTINGTON	94	61	76	5	0.38	0.78	17.42	25.65	22.53	
CHARLESTON	92	63	75	5	0.02	0.81	16.46	30.00	24.13	
RIPLEY	93	60	75		0.00		17.73	27.26		
--CENTRAL										
TERRA ALTA	86	61	72		0.53		20.94	24.86		
ELKINS	83	59	70	4	0.00	0.78	22.26	34.13	24.45	
MARLINTON	88	57	71		1.71		18.57	28.06		
--SOUTHERN										
BECKLEY	85	60	71	4	3.81	0.74	24.40	26.54	22.06	
PINEVILLE	90	63	73		0.85		18.25	28.94		
BLUEFIELD	83	60	70	5	0.43	0.71	24.63	31.11	20.67	
WHITE SUL SP	88	59	72		1.15		18.19	28.18		
BLUESTONE DAM	89	60	71		1.13		17.66	21.92		
--NORTHEASTERN										
MARTINSBURG	96	62	76	7	1.30	0.89	13.55	21.52	19.11	
KEYSER	96	61	76		0.25		14.98	17.73		
MOOREFIELD	95	60	76		1.19		13.28	20.99		
State Average Temperature	74									
State Average Precipitation	0.78									

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