



Crop Progress and Condition

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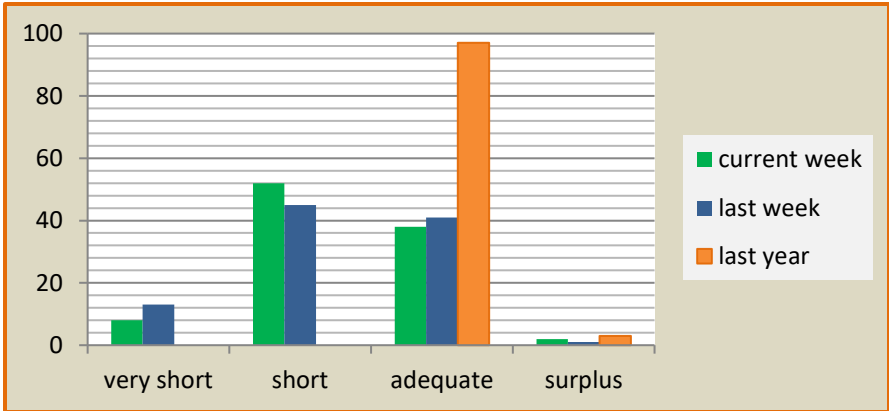
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.0. Weather conditions were mostly warm with scattered rain during the week. Farming activities this week included pasture clipping and marketing feeder calves.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 09/17/23

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	8	52	38	2
Subsoil	8	48	41	3

- Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 09/17/23



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 09/17/23

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	9	13	43	34	1
Corn	-	9	50	40	1
Hay	-	11	35	48	6
Soybeans	-	4	42	54	-
Pasture	-	14	37	42	7
Cattle & Calves	-	10	30	53	7
Sheep & Lambs	-	-	37	60	3

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 09/17/23

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	51	46	39	50
Peaches harvested	95	90	94	92
Corn dough	81	70	69	81
Corn dented	60	49	38	51
Corn mature	12	6	4	13
Hay second cutting	91	82	89	88
Hay third cutting	20	8	17	17
Soybeans setting pods	76	66	68	71
Soybeans dropping leaves	38	25	19	13
Winter Wheat planted	13	5	23	9

- Represents zero or data not available.

Weather Summary- For the week ending September 17, 2023

This week, West Virginia began with some fog, low clouds, and a few stray showers over the southeastern counties. The fog and clouds dissipated by late morning becoming mostly sunny in the afternoon. Temperatures across the State were just above normal. Tuesday began dry with cloud cover along the Ohio River. A slow-moving cold front generally moved from west to east through the day, producing showers and thunderstorms until it exited to the northeast overnight. A few post frontal showers developed Wednesday as the front moved off and was replaced by high pressure. By the afternoon, West Virginia had mostly sunny skies with near normal temperatures. Thursday began cool and cloudy with dense valley fog. By mid-morning, the fog and low clouds dissipated, making way for mostly clear conditions. The high pressure continued through Saturday afternoon, with fog in the morning, sunshine in the afternoon, and pleasant temperatures. Clouds, showers, and some thunderstorms associated with an upper-level disturbance developed overnight into Sunday. Another cold front pushed over the region on Sunday evening bringing in cooler air. At the end of the week, all stations' temperatures were from right at average to 3 degrees cooler than normal. Most of West Virginia was drier than normal. Huntington, Charleston, Elkins, and Beckley were the only locations to record above average rainfall.

Temperatures: Elkins had the highest recorded temperature of 89 degrees. Wheeling, Clarksburg, and Beckley had the lowest recorded temperature of 43 degrees. The state average temperature was 64 degrees.

Precipitation: Williamson had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 2.23 inches. Wheeling had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.11 inches. The state average precipitation was 0.99 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 09/17/23

Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Norm	Since April 1st 2023	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST-----									
WHEELING	80	43	63	-2	0.11	0.83	17.46	24.70	21.01
PARKERSBURG	82	45	64	-3	0.49	0.77	22.35	23.71	21.66
CRESTON	80	46	63		0.76		19.67	24.65	
--NORTHCENTRAL-----									
MORGANTOWN	81	45	64	-2	0.46	0.80	18.10	25.77	22.51
CLARKSBURG	80	43	63	-3	0.70	0.83	21.83	27.00	23.44
BELINGTON	83	44	63		0.87		25.18	28.88	
WESTON	82	48	64		1.10		27.39	30.58	
--SOUTHWEST-----									
WILLIAMSON	85	54	70		2.23		23.83	29.75	
HUNTINGTON	85	51	68	0	0.84	0.75	18.26	25.68	23.28
CHARLESTON	81	50	65	-3	1.82	0.83	18.28	30.03	24.96
RIPLEY	79	50	65		1.17		18.90	27.29	
--CENTRAL-----									
TERRA ALTA	79	44	60		0.89		21.83	25.13	
ELKINS	89	45	62	-3	1.88	0.84	24.14	34.40	25.29
MARLINTON	80	45	62		0.92		19.49	28.11	
--SOUTHERN-----									
BECKLEY	78	43	61	-3	1.21	0.81	25.61	26.63	22.87
PINEVILLE	80	49	65		1.08		19.33	29.05	
BLUEFIELD	77	48	62	-1	0.30	0.80	24.93	31.27	21.47
WHITE SUL SP	79	45	62		1.13		19.32	28.18	
BLUESTONE DAM	78	49	64		0.46		18.12	21.92	
--NORTHEASTERN-----									
MARTINSBURG	84	47	64	-2	0.83	1.00	14.38	22.06	20.11
KEYSER	85	44	64		1.78		16.76	17.87	
MOOREFIELD	86	46	66		0.83		14.11	21.23	
State Average Temperature	64								
State Average Precipitation	0.99								

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