



Crop Progress and Condition

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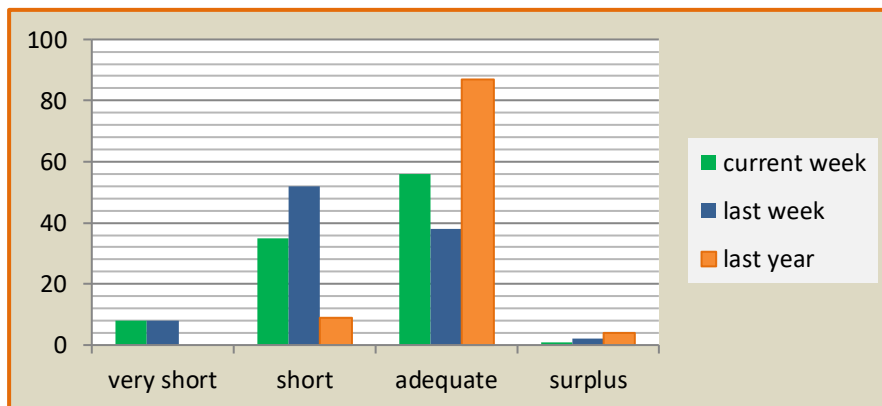
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.0. Weather conditions were mostly cool with light showers. Tropical Storm Ophelia brought rainy conditions later in the week. Farming activities this week included harvesting apples and making hay.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 09/24/23

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	8	35	56	1
Subsoil	8	40	52	-

- Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 09/24/23



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 09/24/23

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Corn	-	8	40	50	2
Hay	-	11	34	49	6
Soybeans	-	4	42	54	-
Pasture	-	11	37	49	3
Cattle & Calves	-	6	29	57	8
Sheep & Lambs	-	1	33	59	7

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 09/24/23

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	57	51	49	60
Corn dough	90	81	78	89
Corn dented	71	60	50	63
Corn mature	16	12	14	25
Hay second cutting	96	91	94	93
Hay third cutting	30	20	27	27
Soybeans setting pods	85	76	77	82
Soybeans dropping leaves	46	38	27	23
Soybeans harvested	8	-	-	-
Winter Wheat planted	24	13	35	15

- Represents zero or data not available.

Weather Summary- For the week ending September 24, 2023

An area of instability exited West Virginia to the northeast early Monday morning. Light rain showers and low clouds over the northern mountains and Eastern Panhandle moved out of the area along with it. Temperatures Monday were well below normal. High pressure quickly replaced the upper-level instability, ushering in mostly sunny conditions by the afternoon. A strong ridge of high pressure remained over the State for the rest of the work week. Tuesday through Friday was mostly sunny with some early morning fog each day. Temperatures generally increased each day until the weekend. The weather changed on Saturday as bands of rain from Tropical Storm Ophelia, located over eastern North Carolina, pushed into the eastern sections of West Virginia. The clouds, showers, and some gusty winds drifted from east to west throughout the day. Temperatures were much cooler than most of the work week. Light showers and low clouds from Ophelia continued through Sunday evening before moving off to the northeast. At the end of the week, West Virginia was mostly cooler than normal, especially the Eastern Panhandle and eastern third of the State. Precipitation was generally drier than usual, except for the Eastern Panhandle and easternmost counties (from Ophelia).

Temperatures: Williamson had the highest recorded temperature of 86 degrees. Beckley had the lowest recorded temperature of 43 degrees. The state average temperature was 62 degrees.

Precipitation: Martinsburg had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 1.72 inches. Huntington and Williamson had the lowest with zero recorded precipitation. The state average precipitation was 0.44 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 09/24/23

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	79	49	62	0	0.12	0.83	17.58	25.59	21.84	
PARKERSBURG	82	50	64	0	0.10	0.77	22.45	24.66	22.38	
CRESTON	82	52	64		0.05		19.72	24.77		
--NORTHCENTRAL										
MORGANTOWN	80	49	62	-2	0.04	0.81	18.14	26.86	23.32	
CLARKSBURG	79	47	61	-2	0.95	0.83	22.78	27.67	24.27	
BELINGTON	83	46	61		0.29		25.47	29.77		
WESTON	80	49	62		0.32		27.71	31.45		
--SOUTHWEST										
WILLIAMSON	86	55	68		0.00		23.83	29.86		
HUNTINGTON	83	49	66	0	0.00	0.69	18.26	25.71	23.97	
CHARLESTON	81	50	63	-2	0.05	0.81	18.33	30.53	25.77	
RIPLEY	82	49	65		0.05		18.95	28.33		
--CENTRAL										
TERRA ALTA	74	46	58		1.03		22.86	26.45		
ELKINS	76	45	58	-3	0.51	0.83	24.65	34.76	26.12	
MARLINTON	78	47	60		0.83		20.32	28.63		
--SOUTHERN										
BECKLEY	74	43	58	-4	0.13	0.74	25.74	26.85	23.61	
PINEVILLE	81	50	64		0.02		19.35	29.77		
BLUEFIELD	77	44	59	-2	0.18	0.78	25.11	32.00	22.25	
WHITE SUL SP	77	45	60		0.31		19.63	28.53		
BLUESTONE DAM	78	50	61		0.03		18.15	21.99		
--NORTHEASTERN										
MARTINSBURG	78	47	61	-3	1.72	0.96	16.10	22.51	21.07	
KEYSER	78	45	59		1.51		18.27	18.18		
MOOREFIELD	77	46	61		1.40		15.51	21.48		
State Average Temperature	62									
State Average Precipitation	0.44									

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