



Crop Progress and Condition

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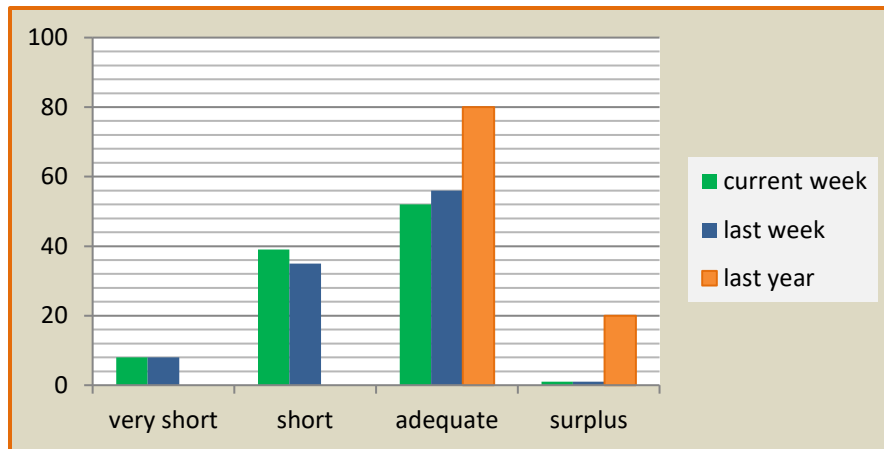
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.5. Weather conditions were mostly warm and dry, with light showers. Farming activities this week included harvesting apples and pumpkins, and making hay.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 10/01/23

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	8	39	52	1
Subsoil	8	43	49	-

- Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 10/01/23



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 10/01/23

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Corn	-	10	40	49	1
Hay	1	12	33	48	6
Soybeans	-	4	42	54	-
Pasture	-	15	38	43	4
Cattle & Calves	-	7	30	54	9
Sheep & Lambs	-	2	34	58	6

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 10/01/23

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	65	57	59	70
Corn dough	99	90	89	95
Corn dented	83	71	61	75
Corn mature	25	16	23	36
Corn harvested for grain	4	-	2	5
Hay third cutting	40	30	39	39
Soybeans setting pods	91	85	85	90
Soybeans dropping leaves	54	46	38	36
Soybeans harvested	12	8	1	1
Winter Wheat planted	33	24	46	21
Winter Wheat emerged	9	-	18	9

- Represents zero or data not available.

Weather Summary- For the week ending October 1, 2023

Because of a low-level inversion in the atmosphere, plenty of remnant moisture was trapped over West Virginia to start the week. Because of this, mostly cloudy skies and patchy drizzle dominated the weather through Tuesday. A zone of low pressure passed over the area on Wednesday, creating isolated showers and thunderstorms. Thursday began mostly cloudy with morning temperatures in the 50s, and a few stray showers. The low pressure began to move off Thursday afternoon leading to clearing conditions. Friday began with some valley fog and low stratus clouds, but transitioned to mostly sunny as high pressure began to take hold. A few showers popped up over the mountains as the low moved off. Saturday and Sunday both began with fog, and then became mostly sunny and warm each afternoon. Overall, most of West Virginia was warmer than usual except for Martinsburg, which ended the week one degree below normal, and Beckley ended right at average. West Virginia received less rain than usual for the week. No stations reached or exceeded normal, and multiple locations received a trace or less.

Temperatures: Huntington and Williamson had the highest recorded temperature of 84 degrees. Martinsburg had the lowest recorded temperature of 46 degrees. The state average temperature was 64 degrees.

Precipitation: Ripley had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.55 inches. Charleston, Beckley, and Pineville had the lowest with zero recorded precipitation. The state average precipitation was 0.16 inches.

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

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 10/01/23

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	81	52	64	3	0.27	0.79	17.85	27.03	22.63	
PARKERSBURG	83	52	65	3	0.37	0.72	22.82	26.75	23.10	
CRESTON	81	50	66		0.42		20.14	25.99		
--NORTHCENTRAL										
MORGANTOWN	78	52	65	3	0.28	0.79	18.42	28.81	24.11	
CLARKSBURG	78	50	64	3	0.37	0.80	23.15	29.01	25.07	
BELINGTON	82	49	64		0.01		25.48	32.38		
WESTON	78	52	64		0.02		27.73	33.40		
--SOUTHWEST										
WILLIAMSON	84	58	69		0.01		23.84	31.01		
HUNTINGTON	84	54	68	4	0.13	0.70	18.39	26.45	24.67	
CHARLESTON	80	56	67	3	0.00	0.83	18.33	31.61	26.60	
RIPLEY	83	54	67		0.55		19.50	30.62		
--CENTRAL										
TERRA ALTA	79	51	62		0.16		23.02	28.17		
ELKINS	78	48	62	2	0.01	0.82	24.66	37.28	26.94	
MARLINTON	80	51	62		0.02		20.34	31.05		
--SOUTHERN										
BECKLEY	75	47	61	0	0.00	0.69	25.74	29.61	24.30	
PINEVILLE	79	50	64		0.00		19.35	31.52		
BLUEFIELD	74	49	61	1	0.18	0.76	25.29	34.53	23.01	
WHITE SUL SP	79	49	61		0.03		19.66	30.94		
BLUESTONE DAM	78	52	63		0.03		18.18	24.63		
--NORTHEASTERN										
MARTINSBURG	79	46	61	-1	0.16	0.92	16.26	23.55	21.99	
KEYSER	82	48	60		0.25		18.52	20.23		
MOOREFIELD	79	48	62		0.20		15.71	23.33		
State Average Temperature	64									
State Average Precipitation	0.16									

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