



# Crop Progress and Condition

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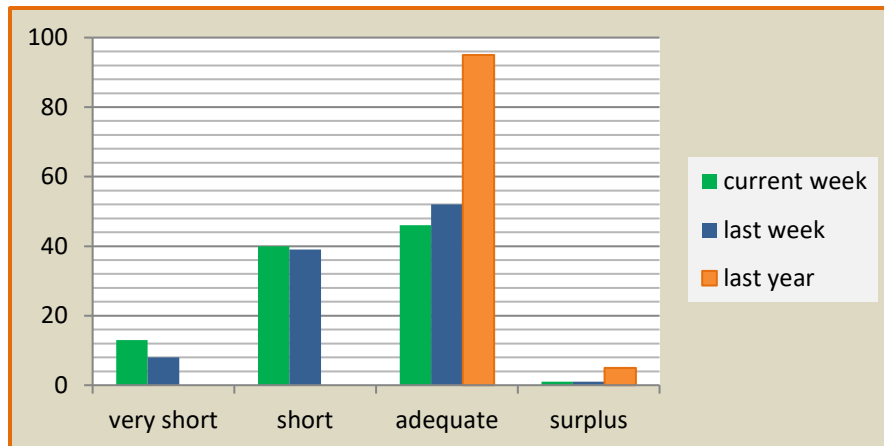
**Agricultural News:** Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.3. Weather conditions were mostly warm and dry, but cooler weather moved in later in the week. Farming activities this week included harvesting apples and making hay.

## SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 10/08/23

|         | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|---------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
|         | %          | %     | %        | %       |
| Topsoil | 13         | 40    | 46       | 1       |
| Subsoil | 13         | 46    | 41       | -       |

- Represents zero.

## TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 10/08/23



## CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 10/08/23

| Crop/Livestock  | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-----------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
|                 | %         | %    | %    | %    | %         |
| Corn            | -         | 12   | 38   | 49   | 1         |
| Hay             | 1         | 13   | 35   | 48   | 3         |
| Soybeans        | -         | 4    | 42   | 54   | -         |
| Pasture         | 2         | 15   | 39   | 40   | 4         |
| Cattle & Calves | -         | 4    | 30   | 57   | 9         |
| Sheep & Lambs   | -         | -    | 36   | 58   | 6         |

- Represents zero.

## CROP PROGRESS for week ending 10/08/23

| Crop Stage               | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5-Yr Avg |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
|                          | %         | %         | %         | %        |
| Apples harvested         | 69        | 65        | 69        | 79       |
| Corn dented              | 98        | 83        | 71        | 85       |
| Corn mature              | 39        | 25        | 33        | 48       |
| Corn harvested for grain | 10        | 4         | 3         | 14       |
| Hay third cutting        | 56        | 40        | 48        | 54       |
| Soybeans setting pods    | 95        | 91        | 93        | 94       |
| Soybeans dropping leaves | 69        | 54        | 47        | 50       |
| Soybeans harvested       | 18        | 12        | 1         | 5        |
| Winter Wheat planted     | 42        | 33        | 56        | 30       |
| Winter Wheat emerged     | 20        | 9         | 28        | 14       |

- Represents zero or data not available.

**Weather Summary-** For the week ending October 8, 2023

West Virginia began the week under high pressure. Cool evenings produced early morning fog for most locations and warm afternoons created well above average temperatures for this time of year. The State was dry through Thursday evening. A large cold front began to move into the region early Friday morning along the Ohio River and slowly drifted from the west to the east. Most locations received showers and some thunderstorms, ranging from just a few hundredths of an inch up to around three quarters of an inch. Gusty conditions, especially over the mountains, followed the precipitation and brought in colder air from the northwest. Temperatures over the weekend dropped quickly as the cold air continued to flow into the region. Some locations dropped down to near freezing. A few stray rain showers drifted over West Virginia through the weekend. Overall, most stations ended the week two to five degrees above normal, with Charleston (0) and Beckley (-1), the only locations not exceeding average. Before the cold front on Friday, all stations were 5 to 13 degrees above normal. West Virginia was dry during the week as Parkersburg was the only station to meet or exceed average precipitation.

**Temperatures:** Huntington and Williamson had the highest recorded temperature of 88 degrees. Beckley had the lowest recorded temperature of 32 degrees. The state average temperature was 61 degrees.

**Precipitation:** Parkersburg had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.82 inches. Williamson had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.06 inches. The state average precipitation was 0.34 inches.

**WV drought conditions:** Abnormally dry (D0) with sections of moderate drought (D1) along the Ohio River, mountains, and Eastern Panhandle.

**Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 10/08/23**

| 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 |  |
| <b>--NORTHWEST</b>          |             |     |                |                  |               |             |                      |                     |               |  |
| WHEELING                    | 83          | 42  | 63             | 5                | 0.27          | 0.72        | 18.12                | 27.03               | 23.35         |  |
| PARKERSBURG                 | 85          | 39  | 63             | 4                | 0.82          | 0.66        | 23.64                | 26.75               | 23.76         |  |
| CRESTON                     | 87          | 43  | 64             |                  | 0.57          |             | 20.71                | 25.99               |               |  |
| <b>--NORTHCENTRAL</b>       |             |     |                |                  |               |             |                      |                     |               |  |
| MORGANTOWN                  | 86          | 42  | 61             | 2                | 0.21          | 0.73        | 18.63                | 28.81               | 24.84         |  |
| CLARKSBURG                  | 82          | 41  | 61             | 3                | 0.13          | 0.73        | 23.28                | 29.01               | 25.80         |  |
| BELINGTON                   | 86          | 40  | 61             |                  | 0.14          |             | 25.62                | 32.38               |               |  |
| WESTON                      | 82          | 39  | 60             |                  | 0.34          |             | 28.07                | 33.40               |               |  |
| <b>--SOUTHWEST</b>          |             |     |                |                  |               |             |                      |                     |               |  |
| WILLIAMSON                  | 88          | 39  | 65             |                  | 0.06          |             | 23.90                | 31.01               |               |  |
| HUNTINGTON                  | 88          | 39  | 65             | 3                | 0.25          | 0.71        | 18.64                | 26.45               | 25.38         |  |
| CHARLESTON                  | 84          | 37  | 61             | 0                | 0.25          | 0.70        | 18.58                | 31.61               | 27.30         |  |
| RIPLEY                      | 87          | 43  | 65             |                  | 0.48          |             | 19.98                | 30.62               |               |  |
| <b>--CENTRAL</b>            |             |     |                |                  |               |             |                      |                     |               |  |
| TERRA ALTA                  | 81          | 33  | 57             |                  | 0.56          |             | 23.58                | 28.19               |               |  |
| ELKINS                      | 82          | 41  | 60             | 3                | 0.70          | 0.73        | 25.36                | 37.28               | 27.67         |  |
| MARLINTON                   | 80          | 38  | 58             |                  | 0.28          |             | 20.62                | 31.05               |               |  |
| <b>--SOUTHERN</b>           |             |     |                |                  |               |             |                      |                     |               |  |
| BECKLEY                     | 79          | 32  | 57             | -1               | 0.12          | 0.61        | 25.86                | 29.61               | 24.91         |  |
| PINEVILLE                   | 85          | 34  | 63             |                  | 0.10          |             | 19.45                | 31.52               |               |  |
| BLUEFIELD                   | 79          | 33  | 58             | 1                | 0.56          | 0.66        | 25.85                | 34.53               | 23.67         |  |
| WHITE SUL SP                | 80          | 39  | 59             |                  | 0.11          |             | 19.77                | 31.04               |               |  |
| BLUESTONE DAM               | 82          | 35  | 60             |                  | 0.13          |             | 18.31                | 24.63               |               |  |
| <b>--NORTHEASTERN</b>       |             |     |                |                  |               |             |                      |                     |               |  |
| MARTINSBURG                 | 83          | 43  | 63             | 4                | 0.30          | 0.76        | 16.56                | 23.81               | 22.75         |  |
| KEYSER                      | 83          | 40  | 61             |                  | 0.42          |             | 18.94                | 20.27               |               |  |
| MOOREFIELD                  | 84          | 44  | 61             |                  | 0.58          |             | 16.29                | 23.33               |               |  |
| State Average Temperature   | 61          |     |                |                  |               |             |                      |                     |               |  |
| State Average Precipitation | 0.34        |     |                |                  |               |             |                      |                     |               |  |

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