



# Crop Progress and Condition

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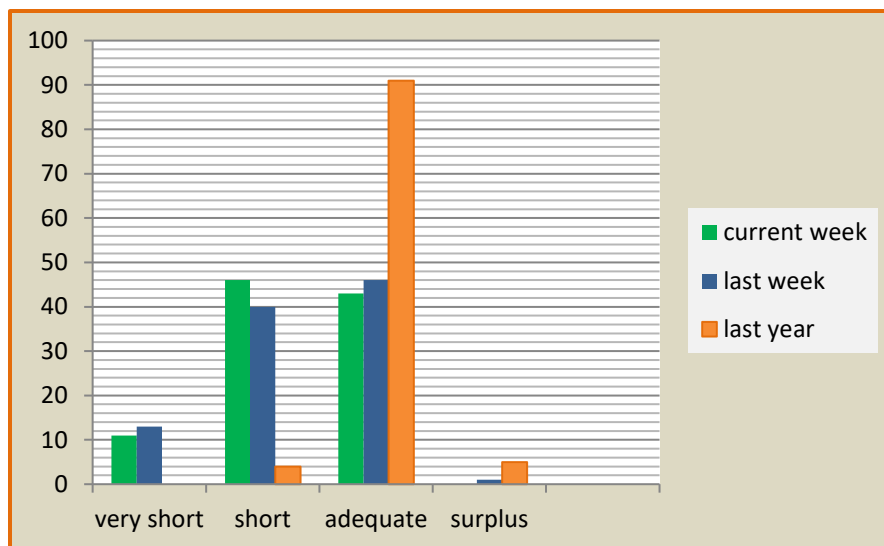
**Agricultural News:** Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.5. Weather conditions were mostly cool with scattered rain showers. The middle of the week had warmer temperatures. Farming activities this week included harvesting apples and corn.

### SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 10/15/23

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	11	46	43	-
Subsoil	15	46	39	-

- Represents zero.

### TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 10/15/23



### CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 10/15/23

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Corn	-	13	43	44	-
Soybeans	-	4	42	54	-
Pasture	4	21	38	37	-
Cattle & Calves	-	4	27	60	9
Sheep & Lambs	-	-	33	62	5

- Represents zero.

### CROP PROGRESS for week ending 10/15/23

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	75	69	78	85
Corn mature	55	39	43	61
Corn harvested for grain	17	10	9	23
Hay third cutting	62	56	53	63
Soybeans dropping leaves	83	69	57	61
Soybeans harvested	24	18	6	12
Winter Wheat planted	58	42	70	41
Winter Wheat emerged	25	20	38	19

- Represents zero or data not available.

**Weather Summary-** For the week ending October 15, 2023

West Virginia began the week cold in the wake of a strong cold front that had crossed during the weekend. On Monday, West Virginia was partly to mostly cloudy with lingering rain showers over the eastern half of the State. High pressure moved in behind the cold front as it exited off to the northeast. The high pressure kept the Mountain State dry with a warming trend on Tuesday. Wednesday through Thursday continued to be mostly sunny with the warming trend continuing. Overnight heading into Friday, a dry warm front moved over the State and by the afternoon, temperatures at several locations reached the 80s. Late Friday evening a cold front, along with showers and some thunderstorms, began moving over West Virginia from the west. Saturday began warm, but temperatures dropped through the day as cold air flowed in from the northwest. Showery precipitation continued through Saturday as the cold front moved off to the east. Cool, cloudy conditions and light rain showers continued Sunday as an area of instability to the north west pushed moisture into the region. At the end of the week, West Virginia was cooler than normal with mixed precipitation totals.

**Temperatures:** Williamson had the highest recorded temperature of 85 degrees. Elkins and Beckley had the lowest recorded temperature of 32 degrees. The state average temperature was 54 degrees.

**Precipitation:** Terra Alta had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 1.17 inches. Marlinton had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.16 inches. The state average precipitation was 0.62 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 10/15/23**

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	73	42	55	-1	0.91	0.67	19.03	27.60	24.02	
PARKERSBURG	76	35	56	-1	0.86	0.66	24.50	27.41	24.42	
CRESTON	79	34	56		0.70		21.41	26.40		
<b>--NORTHCENTRAL</b>										
MORGANTOWN	74	37	55	-2	0.78	0.69	19.41	28.85	25.53	
CLARKSBURG	73	36	54	-2	0.33	0.70	23.61	29.04	26.50	
BELINGTON	78	34	53		0.73		26.35	32.49		
WESTON	75	38	54		1.08		29.15	33.53		
<b>--SOUTHWEST</b>										
WILLIAMSON	85	41	59		0.47		24.37	31.46		
HUNTINGTON	82	38	59	-1	0.35	0.66	18.99	26.47	26.04	
CHARLESTON	79	37	57	-2	0.33	0.69	18.91	31.81	27.99	
RIPLEY	79	41	58		0.47		20.45	31.44		
<b>--CENTRAL</b>										
TERRA ALTA	72	34	50		1.17		24.75	28.61		
ELKINS	75	32	53	-1	1.06	0.71	26.42	37.58	28.38	
MARLINTON	79	36	52		0.16		20.78	31.62		
<b>--SOUTHERN</b>										
BECKLEY	74	32	50	-6	0.50	0.59	26.36	30.64	25.50	
PINEVILLE	83	39	55		0.38		19.83	32.70		
BLUEFIELD	78	34	52	-3	0.56	0.63	26.41	35.36	24.30	
WHITE SUL SP	76	33	52		0.22		19.99	32.47		
BLUESTONE DAM	78	39	53		0.56		18.87	25.65		
<b>--NORTHEASTERN</b>										
MARTINSBURG	73	38	53	-4	0.66	0.68	17.22	23.92	23.43	
KEYSER	76	33	52		0.92		19.86	20.36		
MOOREFIELD	77	35	54		0.48		16.77	23.56		
State Average Temperature	54									
State Average Precipitation	0.62									

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