



Crop Progress and Condition

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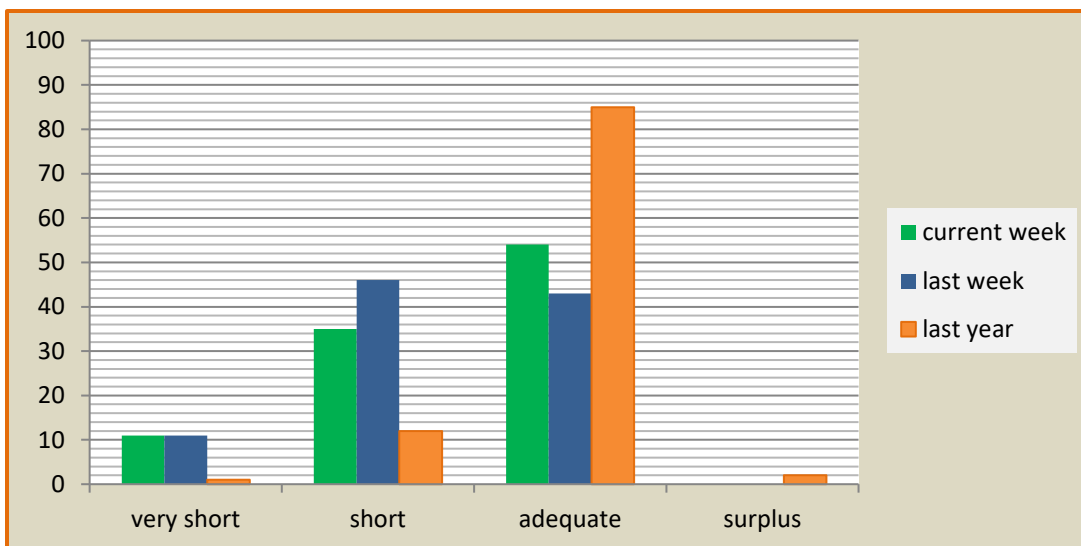
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.6. Weather conditions were cool with scattered rain showers. Farming activities this week included harvesting apples, corn, and soybeans.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 10/22/23

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	11	35	54	-
Subsoil	13	35	52	-

- Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 10/22/23



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 10/22/23

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Corn	-	10	37	53	-
Soybeans	-	4	42	54	-
Pasture	4	13	30	53	-
Cattle & Calves	-	5	26	61	8
Sheep & Lambs	-	-	34	60	6

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 10/22/23

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	81	75	85	90
Corn mature	70	55	55	72
Corn harvested for grain	25	17	19	32
Hay third cutting	73	62	63	71
Soybeans dropping leaves	95	83	69	73
Soybeans harvested	30	24	14	19
Winter Wheat planted	70	58	86	55
Winter Wheat emerged	31	25	48	28

- Represents zero or data not available.

Weather Summary- For the week ending October 22, 2023

The week began cloudy and cool with scattered showers especially over the mountains. Upper-level low pressure was responsible for the unsettled weather and northerly winds on Monday. Later in the day, the low pressure began to move out of the area, taking the clouds and dreary weather with it. Tuesday began cloudy with some showers over the mountains, but cleared as high pressure moved in. Temperatures across the region continued to warm. Wednesday and Thursday were dry and partly cloudy with near normal temperatures. Early on Friday, rain showers and isolated thunderstorms began ahead of a cold front and spread from west to east throughout the day, with the front following later in the day. Most of West Virginia received between one quarter and three quarters of an inch of precipitation. On Saturday, lingering rain showers continued in the northernmost counties as cooler air and high pressure crept back into the region. Sunday was partly cloudy and cool with winds from the northwest. Overnight temperatures heading into next week dropped to near or below freezing for most of the State, necessitating frost and freeze warnings. Overall, West Virginia was cool with more precipitation than normal. The Eastern Panhandle and northern mountains were the only locations drier than usual.

Temperatures: Williamson had the highest recorded temperature of 74 degrees. Wheeling and Clarksburg had the lowest recorded temperature of 29 degrees. The state average temperature was 50 degrees.

Precipitation: Weston had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 1.35 inches. Moorefield had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.11 inches. The state average precipitation was 0.74 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 10/22/23

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	68	29	51	-2	0.83	0.65	19.86	27.74	24.67	
PARKERSBURG	69	32	53	-2	0.76	0.68	25.26	27.46	25.10	
CRESTON	69	34	53		0.85		22.26	26.44		
--NORTHCENTRAL										
MORGANTOWN	69	31	52	-2	1.07	0.69	20.48	28.95	26.22	
CLARKSBURG	69	29	51	-2	0.85	0.67	24.46	29.14	27.17	
BELINGTON	69	30	49		0.97		27.32	32.57		
WESTON	69	31	51		1.35		30.50	33.75		
--SOUTHWEST										
WILLIAMSON	74	42	54		0.71		25.08	31.46		
HUNTINGTON	71	33	54	-2	0.81	0.70	19.80	26.47	26.74	
CHARLESTON	71	33	52	-4	0.59	0.72	19.50	31.81	28.71	
RIPLEY	69	34	53		0.65		21.10	31.50		
--CENTRAL										
TERRA ALTA	65	30	47		1.02		25.77	28.88		
ELKINS	67	30	49	-3	0.80	0.67	27.22	37.62	29.05	
MARLINTON	65	33	48		0.52		21.30	31.66		
--SOUTHERN										
BECKLEY	63	31	46	-7	1.17	0.63	27.53	30.67	26.13	
PINEVILLE	68	38	51		1.30		21.13	32.72		
BLUEFIELD	63	33	47	-6	0.69	0.63	27.10	35.36	24.93	
WHITE SUL SP	66	30	48		0.42		20.41	32.47		
BLUESTONE DAM	68	35	49		0.25		19.12	25.65		
--NORTHEASTERN										
MARTINSBURG	69	36	52	-2	0.15	0.65	17.37	23.92	24.08	
KEYSER	64	32	49		0.42		20.28	20.36		
MOOREFIELD	63	33	51		0.11		16.88	23.56		
State Average Temperature	50									
State Average Precipitation	0.74									

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