



Crop Progress and Condition



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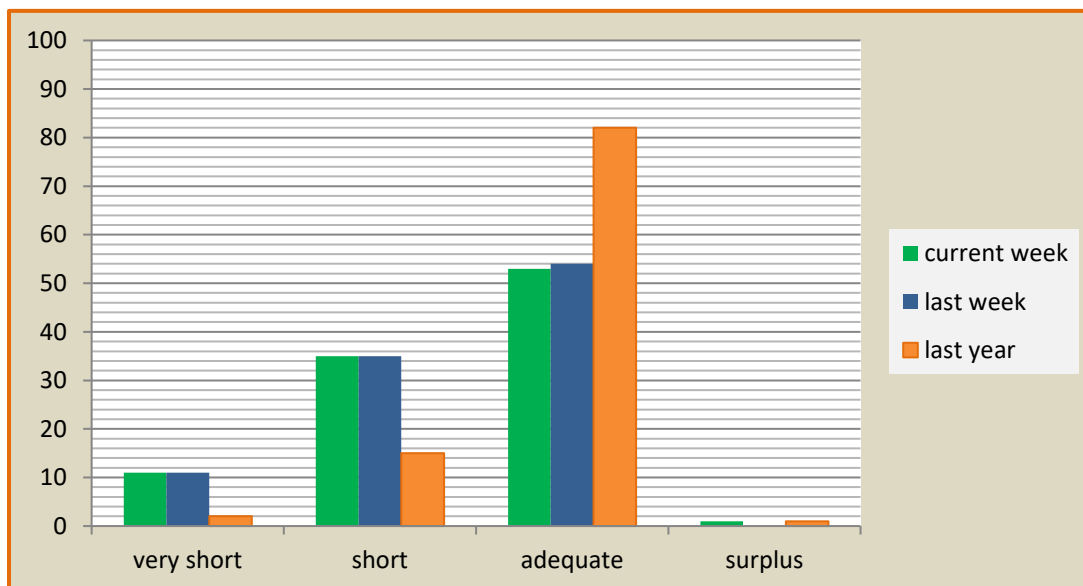
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.9. Weather conditions were unseasonably warm with scattered rain showers. Farming activities this week included making hay and harvesting apples.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 10/29/23

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	11	35	53	1
Subsoil	12	36	51	1

- Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 10/29/23



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 10/29/23

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Corn	-	9	34	56	1
Soybeans	-	4	42	54	-
Pasture	1	14	30	53	2
Cattle & Calves	-	6	29	58	7
Sheep & Lambs	-	1	36	59	4

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 10/29/23

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	88	81	90	93
Corn mature	83	70	68	82
Corn harvested for grain	34	25	29	42
Hay third cutting	83	73	74	79
Soybeans harvested	39	30	22	29
Winter Wheat planted	79	70	95	67
Winter Wheat emerged	41	31	58	39

- Represents zero or data not available.

Weather Summary- For the week ending October 29, 2023

West Virginia began the week with frost and freeze advisories for most counties early on Monday morning. Nearly all stations dropped to near or below freezing, with the coldest locations bottoming out in the upper 20s. The State then quickly warmed under mostly sunny conditions to the 60s and 70s by the afternoon. High pressure dominated from Tuesday through Thursday, promoting unseasonably warm and dry weather. Clouds and a few light showers formed early Friday morning ahead of a slow-moving cold front approaching from the west. Even with the clouds, southerly air flow pushed afternoon highs about 10 degrees above normal for this time of year. The cold front stalled over the Ohio River on Saturday, producing more clouds and light showers. On Sunday, a weak surface low developed just ahead of the stalled cold front, creating more showers and clouds. Just as the week ended, the cold front started moving through the area. During the week, the State was much warmer than normal, with most stations being 8 to 10 degrees above average, and the Eastern Panhandle around 6 degrees over. Precipitation was again mixed with the northwest and north central portions of West Virginia exceeding average precipitation, while the rest of the State was drier than usual.

Temperatures: Keyser and Williamson had the highest recorded temperature of 84 degrees. White Sulphur Springs had the lowest recorded temperature of 28 degrees. The state average temperature was 60 degrees.

Precipitation: Parkersburg had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 1.27 inches. Beckley, Pineville, Bluefield, White Sulphur Springs, and Bluestone Dam had the lowest with zero recorded precipitation. The state average precipitation was 0.35 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 10/29/23

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	76	32	60	10	0.99	0.61	20.85	27.99	25.28	
PARKERSBURG	78	32	60	8	1.27	0.69	26.53	27.78	25.79	
CRESTON	78	33	60		0.59		22.85	26.59		
--NORTHCENTRAL										
MORGANTOWN	76	31	61	9	0.84	0.69	21.32	29.24	26.91	
CLARKSBURG	77	32	60	10	0.55	0.64	25.01	29.58	27.81	
BELINGTON	79	30	60		0.39		27.71	32.92		
WESTON	77	33	59		0.45		30.95	34.30		
--SOUTHWEST										
WILLIAMSON	84	35	64		0.01		25.09	31.97		
HUNTINGTON	81	33	64	10	0.43	0.66	20.23	26.86	27.40	
CHARLESTON	82	36	62	9	0.19	0.70	19.69	32.26	29.41	
RIPLEY	82	35	61		0.69		21.79	31.80		
--CENTRAL										
TERRA ALTA	76	30	57		1.01		26.78	29.33		
ELKINS	79	31	58	9	0.09	0.67	27.31	37.98	29.72	
MARLINTON	78	30	59		0.01		21.31	32.23		
--SOUTHERN										
BECKLEY	76	32	59	8	0.00	0.63	27.53	30.99	26.76	
PINEVILLE	81	32	58		0.00		21.13	33.12		
BLUEFIELD	74	30	59	9	0.00	0.59	27.10	35.48	25.52	
WHITE SUL SP	78	28	57		0.00		20.41	32.85		
BLUESTONE DAM	80	34	62		0.00		19.12	26.00		
--NORTHEASTERN										
MARTINSBURG	83	34	58	6	0.10	0.62	17.47	23.95	24.70	
KEYSER	84	32	60		0.08		20.36	20.63		
MOOREFIELD	83	31	59		0.05		16.93	24.05		
State Average Temperature	60									
State Average Precipitation	0.35									

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