



Crop Progress and Condition

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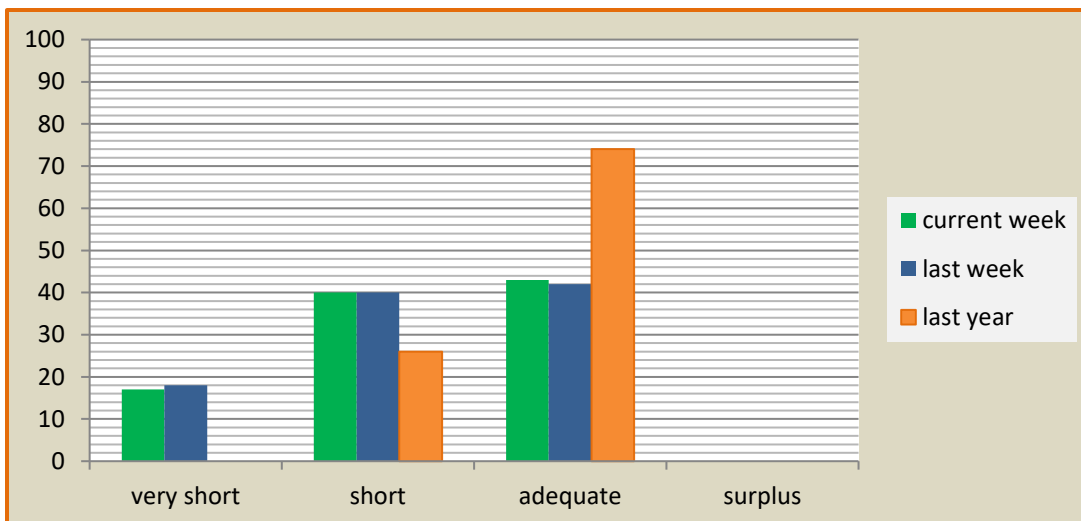
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.8. Weather conditions were mostly warm and dry, with cooler temperatures and some rain later in the week. Farming activities this week included harvesting corn and soybeans.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 11/19/23

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	17	40	43	-
Subsoil	13	43	44	-

- Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 11/19/23



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 11/19/23

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Winter Wheat	-	9	46	44	1
Cattle & Calves	-	5	31	59	5
Sheep & Lambs	-	-	35	62	3

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 11/19/23

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Corn harvested for grain	66	56	65	73
Soybeans harvested	71	60	53	59
Winter Wheat emerged	66	55	86	68

- Represents zero or data not available.

Weather Summary- For the week ending November 19, 2023

High pressure was firmly in place as the week began. Some haziness lasted through the day on Monday due to ongoing wildfires in southern West Virginia and eastern Kentucky. The warm and very dry conditions lasted through Thursday courtesy of the high pressure over the top of the State. Temperatures ran from the mid-20s to low 30s at sunrise to the mid-60s to low 70s in the afternoon. Friday began warm and mostly sunny, but by mid-morning clouds were already streaming in from the west ahead of a cold front. The first showers associated with the front began in the early afternoon along the Ohio River. The rain showers continued through the evening, and cleared out by early Saturday morning. Temperatures after the front dropped quickly as cold air replaced the warmer, more humid conditions. Through the day the clouds were pushed out as high pressure moved in. Saturday night into Sunday was clear and cold, with several stations dropping into the 20s. Sunday was cool and dry under high pressure. At the end of the week, West Virginia was mostly dry and warm. The region was warmer than normal by 1 to 5 degrees, mostly from the warm air in place at the beginning of the week. Temperatures dropped down to near or below normal after the cold front at the end of the week, but it was not enough to bring average temperatures down very far. The State was again mostly drier than normal. The only locations to exceed normal precipitation this week were Wheeling, Parkersburg, and Charleston. All other locations received under average rainfall.

Temperatures: Williamson had the highest recorded temperature of 76 degrees. Elkins had the lowest recorded temperature of 22 degrees. The state average temperature was 47 degrees.

Precipitation: Parkersburg and Creston had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.83 inches. Martinsburg had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.03 inches. The state average precipitation was 0.45 inches.

WV drought conditions: Abnormally dry (D0) or moderate drought (D1) along the Ohio River, southern coalfields, mountains, and Eastern Panhandle. Jefferson County in the Eastern Panhandle has portions of severe drought (D2) in the county.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 11/19/23

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	32	47	4	0.81	0.68	22.13	30.91	27.20	
PARKERSBURG	70	27	46	2	0.83	0.65	27.99	30.52	27.74	
CRESTON	71	25	46		0.83		24.17	28.79		
--NORTHCENTRAL										
MORGANTOWN	70	28	46	1	0.57	0.67	22.83	31.95	28.97	
CLARKSBURG	71	27	45	3	0.53	0.70	26.08	32.58	29.93	
BELINGTON	70	28	46		0.40		28.70	36.00		
WESTON	72	27	47		0.51		32.39	37.21		
--SOUTHWEST										
WILLIAMSON	76	30	50		0.49		26.40	34.37		
HUNTINGTON	73	29	49	3	0.37	0.69	21.09	29.07	29.42	
CHARLESTON	72	29	48	2	0.76	0.70	21.16	34.46	31.52	
RIPLEY	72	28	49		0.55		22.73	34.64		
--CENTRAL										
TERRA ALTA	69	25	44		0.58		28.36	32.53		
ELKINS	71	22	43	1	0.56	0.63	28.63	41.31	31.64	
MARLINTON	66	30	48		0.25		22.08	35.70		
--SOUTHERN										
BECKLEY	67	26	46	2	0.31	0.61	28.70	33.37	28.63	
PINEVILLE	73	28	48		0.40		22.23	35.63		
BLUEFIELD	66	27	48	5	0.44	0.56	27.88	39.02	27.22	
WHITE SUL SP	68	23	44		0.17		20.82	35.96		
BLUESTONE DAM	68	26	47		0.24		19.70	29.78		
--NORTHEASTERN										
MARTINSBURG	67	24	45	1	0.03	0.62	17.87	27.60	26.54	
KEYSER	70	24	44		0.09		20.67	24.00		
MOOREFIELD	71	23	47		0.08		17.24	27.14		
State Average Temperature	47									
State Average Precipitation	0.45									

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