



# Crop Progress and Condition

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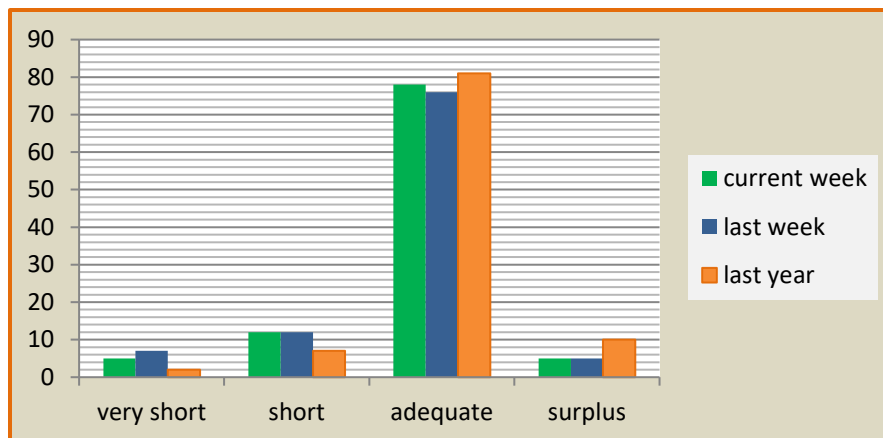
**Agricultural News:** Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.9. Weather conditions were mostly warm and rainy. Farming activities this week included calving and lambing.

## SOIL MOISTURE and SUPPLIES for week ending 3/31/24

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	5	12	78	5
Subsoil	4	22	69	5
Hay & Roughage	7	21	70	2
Feed grain	5	11	79	5

-Represents zero.

## TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 3/31/24



## CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 3/31/24

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	1	2	74	23
Peaches	-	-	10	80	10
Hay	-	1	37	53	9
Pasture	3	5	25	60	7
Winter Wheat	-	5	52	38	5
Cattle & Calves	2	4	14	70	10
Sheep & Lambs	2	4	12	68	14

- Represents zero.

## LIVESTOCK PROGRESS for week ending 3/31/24

Livestock Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Cows calved	70	54	67	67
Ewes lambed	78	65	69	71

- Represents data not available.

**Weather Summary-** For the week ending March 31, 2024

West Virginia began the week very dry and breezy, prompting fire weather concerns across the region. With southerly wind flow, temperatures maxed out in the mid 70s. On Tuesday, precipitation was just entering the westernmost counties as a low pressure system passed to the west and stalled over the Great Lakes. The stalled low pressure brought in plenty of precipitation from the south as it drifted to the east throughout the day. Most locations received between one tenth and one inch of rain with the western and central counties receiving the most. The front moved out of the area early on Wednesday. Temperatures remained in the 60s, with lows in the 30s and 40s. West Virginia started clearing out on Thursday, as high pressure replaced the unsettled weather moving out. Temperatures dropped noticeably as cooler air arrived from the north and northwest. A weak system brought waves of instability on Friday, producing isolated rain showers over the lowlands and isolated snow showers over the northern mountains. Breezy winds and dry air moved back into the area by Friday afternoon. Saturday, a stationary front settled in over West Virginia and drew in several rounds of showers and thunderstorms. With southerly flow, temperatures soared to above average. Showers and storms continued Sunday as the stationary front lifted north out of the area. As it lifted to the north, winds from the northwest dropped the temperatures back down to near normal. This week was warmer than usual by one to eight degrees, and most of West Virginia reported greater than average precipitation. The southeasternmost counties were the only locations to be drier than normal.

**Temperatures:** Williamson had the highest recorded temperature of 79 degrees. Moorefield and Keyser had the lowest recorded temperature of 25 degrees. The state average temperature was 51 degrees.

**Precipitation:** Wheeling had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 1.94 inches. Bluefield had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.14 inches. The state average precipitation was 0.95 inches.

**Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 3/31/24**

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	69	31	49	4	1.94	0.86	34.14	40.53	42.58	
PARKERSBURG	73	30	52	4	1.22	0.80	42.23	44.49	43.24	
CRESTON	74	34	52		1.15		37.98	38.82		
<b>--NORTHCENTRAL</b>										
MORGANTOWN	69	35	52	5	1.69	0.83	39.78	45.19	43.81	
CLARKSBURG	73	36	53	8	0.83	0.86	40.49	45.26	45.68	
BELINGTON	73	27	50		0.81		43.66	49.65		
WESTON	73	27	50		1.13		50.80	52.99		
<b>--SOUTHWEST</b>										
WILLIAMSON	79	35	56		0.49		40.83	50.78		
HUNTINGTON	77	34	57	6	0.96	0.87	36.56	43.67	45.86	
CHARLESTON	77	34	53	3	1.21	0.98	35.99	48.27	49.03	
RIPLEY	75	34	54		1.40		38.48	47.41		
<b>--CENTRAL</b>										
TERRA ALTA	67	30	49		1.10		48.33	49.52		
ELKINS	71	30	52	7	0.95	0.91	44.26	55.79	47.96	
MARLINTON	69	31	48		0.98		37.77	48.97		
<b>--SOUTHERN</b>										
BECKLEY	71	32	48	1	0.54	0.91	44.65	48.69	44.28	
PINEVILLE	75	29	53		0.24		38.15	50.57		
BLUEFIELD	72	31	49	3	0.14	0.84	44.21	54.02	41.95	
WHITE SUL SP	72	28	50		0.82		35.57	49.71		
BLUESTONE DAM	72	33	50		0.45		34.28	42.28		
<b>--NORTHEASTERN</b>										
MARTINSBURG	66	28	48	1	0.92	0.79	36.75	38.02	39.49	
KEYSER	71	25	50		1.34		37.61	33.72		
MOOREFIELD	74	25	51		0.52		32.04	34.66		
State Average Temperature	51									
State Average Precipitation	0.95									

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