



Crop Progress and Condition

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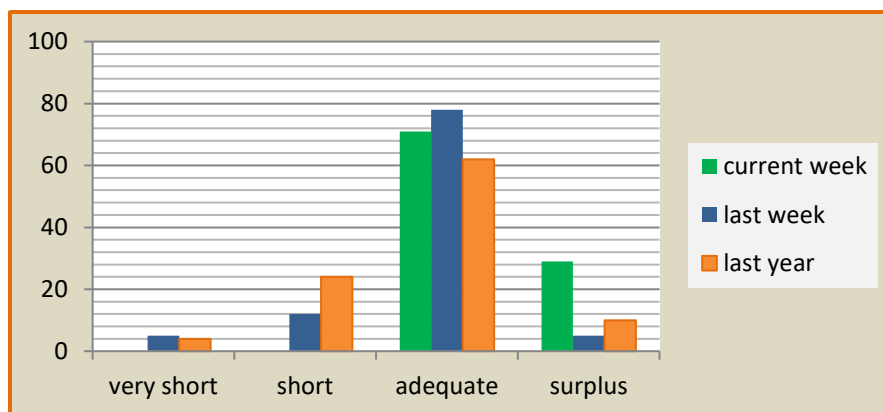
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 1.4. Weather conditions were mostly wet. Flooding and even tornadoes were reported. Farming activities this week included calving and lambing. Some calves were lost due to the wet and cold weather.

SOIL MOISTURE and SUPPLIES for week ending 4/7/24

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	-	-	71	29
Subsoil	-	5	67	28
Hay & Roughage	13	30	55	2
Feed grain	7	23	68	2

-Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 4/7/24



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 4/7/24

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	1	10	74	15
Peaches	-	4	10	76	10
Hay	4	6	20	63	7
Pasture	2	3	20	67	8
Winter Wheat	-	5	42	50	3
Cattle & Calves	-	1	14	78	7
Sheep & Lambs	-	-	8	76	16

- Represents zero.

CROP and LIVESTOCK PROGRESS for week ending 4/7/24

Crop/Livestock Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Corn planted	1	-	5	2
Cows calved	80	70	76	76
Ewes lambed	86	78	78	78

- Represents zero or data not available.

Weather Summary- For the week ending April 7, 2024

Waves of instability sliding along a stalled warm front produced rain showers and a few thunderstorms across the northernmost counties and the panhandles as the week began. Later on Monday, the warm front sank back down across central West Virginia bringing showers and storms. Localized heavy rain developed in the afternoon. Most locations received between a trace in the southeastern coalfields to over one inch in the north. Tuesday, the warm front moved back north as a strong cold front approached from the west. Waves of showers and storms, many of which were severe with high winds and some tornadoes, began in the late morning moving from west to east. The rain and thunderstorms continued through the day until the cold front arrived and began clearing all the weather out. Before the front, many stations reached the 70s and even 80s, and most stations received between one quarter and one-half inch of precipitation. Because of "training" storms, several locations reported flooding, especially along the Ohio River. Once the front passed, temperatures quickly dropped. With precipitation still in the area, most of it turned to snow late in the day and overnight. Thursday was still cooler, with rain showers in the lowlands and snow showers in the mountains with the highest locations receiving measurable snowfall. The cold air, along with rain/snow showers continued through Friday, with snowfall amounts up to 10 inches. Significant flooding continued along the Ohio River. The temperatures were the coldest of the week with highs in the 30s and 40s, and lows in the upper 20s to low 30s. A warming trend began on Saturday under mostly cloudy skies, as flooding continued to move down the Ohio River. Sunday was mostly sunny. The highs reached the upper 50s into the 60s. Overall, West Virginia's average temperatures were just below average. Because of the showery type of precipitation, rainfall amounts varied widely.

Temperatures: Williamson had the highest recorded temperature of 84 degrees. Bluefield and White Sulphur Springs had the lowest recorded temperature of 26 degrees. The state average temperature was 48 degrees.

Precipitation: Keyser had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 3.03 inches. Williamson had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.26 inches. The state average precipitation was 1.17 inches.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 4/7/24

Station	Temperature				Precipitation					
	High	Low	Weekly Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Week's Norm	Since April 1st 2024	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal	
--NORTHWEST										
WHEELING	65	30	46	-2	2.06	0.81	2.06	0.58	0.81	
PARKERSBURG	69	29	48	-2	0.59	0.80	0.59	1.17	0.80	
CRESTON	77	28	48		0.56		0.56	0.81		
--NORTHCENTRAL										
MORGANTOWN	69	29	47	-2	2.21	0.88	2.21	0.66	0.88	
CLARKSBURG	69	28	47	-1	0.84	0.86	0.84	0.71	0.86	
BELINGTON	79	28	47		1.01		1.01	1.14		
WESTON	71	30	47		0.88		0.88	1.67		
--SOUTHWEST										
WILLIAMSON	84	31	53		0.26		0.26	1.48		
HUNTINGTON	80	31	52	-1	0.70	0.83	0.70	2.07	0.83	
CHARLESTON	77	30	49	-4	0.89	0.88	0.89	1.67	0.88	
RIPLEY	75	30	50		0.69		0.69	1.17		
--CENTRAL										
TERRA ALTA	68	27	44		1.65		1.65	1.82		
ELKINS	69	27	46	-1	1.60	0.90	1.60	1.39	0.90	
MARLINTON	70	28	44		1.12		1.12	1.66		
--SOUTHERN										
BECKLEY	77	27	47	-3	0.95	0.81	0.95	1.39	0.81	
PINEVILLE	82	31	49		0.60		0.60	1.57		
BLUEFIELD	73	26	46	-3	0.52	0.78	0.52	1.92	0.78	
WHITE SUL SP	77	26	47		0.92		0.92	1.66		
BLUESTONE DAM	76	27	46		1.19		1.19	1.58		
--NORTHEASTERN										
MARTINSBURG	65	33	47	-3	2.24	0.71	2.24	0.18	0.71	
KEYSER	71	34	48		3.03		3.03	0.59		
MOOREFIELD	68	35	49		1.17		1.17	0.45		
State Average Temperature	48									
State Average Precipitation	1.17									

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