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Crop Progress and Condition



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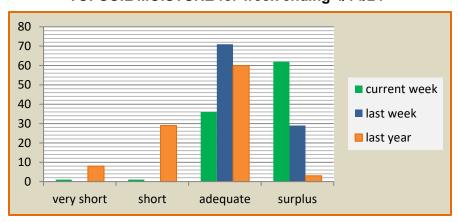
<u>Agricultural News</u>: Days suitable for fieldwork were 2.7. Weather conditions were very wet with heavy rains and flooding. Farming activities this week included cleaning up storm debris, repairing fences and getting trees off of the roads and fields.

SOIL MOISTURE and SUPPLIES for week ending 4/14/24

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
	%	%	%	%	
Topsoil	1	1	36	62	
Subsoil	1	4	49	46	
Hay & Roughage	13	40	43	4	
Feed grain	14	23	50	13	

⁻Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 4/14/24



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 4/14/24

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	-	14	85	1
Peaches	-	-	11	88	1
Hay	1	6	28	58	7
Pasture	1	16	28	52	3
Winter Wheat	-	5	42	52	1
Cattle & Calves	-	3	20	70	7
Sheep & Lambs	-	4	18	72	6

⁻ Represents zero.

CROP and LIVESTOCK PROGRESS for week ending 4/14/24

Crop/Livestock Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg	
	%	%	%	%	
Corn planted	2	1	10	6	
Winter Wheat headed	2	-	23	10	
Cows calved	90	80	85	83	
Ewes lambed	93	86	87	86	

⁻ Represents zero or data not available.

Weather Summary- For the week ending April 14, 2024

West Virginia started the week mostly sunny with near normal temperatures. Scattered clouds drifted over the region through the day, sometimes blocking the solar eclipse that occurred across the central United States. Light, isolated showers were reported across the State. Temperatures continued to climb on Tuesday, under mostly cloudy skies, and precipitation began to move into southern West Virginia during the late morning. Also on Tuesday, the large-scale weather pattern lined up with high pressure off the southeast coast, and lows over the Great Lakes and Texas. This pattern alignment allowed a stream of Gulf moisture to be transported into the Ohio Valley and West Virginia. Scattered showers developed and moved north along with the flow of the warm/moist air. Instability, along with lots of moisture produced showers through the day on Wednesday, and temperatures cooled a little. Thursday began mostly cloudy and warm, with waves of showers transiting from south to north. The showers and thunderstorms continued through the day on Thursday. With heavy rainfall and some of the storms "training", many locations reported high water problems. The precipitation continued through the night and into Friday, as the cold front finally moved across the area. Friday was breezy and cooler, with mostly sunny conditions. Flooding continued across the hardest hit regions as the waters continued to filter down the watersheds. High pressure was in place by Saturday, and temperatures began to rise. Sunday was the warmest day of the week, with many locations reaching the 80s. Overall, the Mountain State was warmer than usual by two to six degrees, and received more rainfall than normal. Most of the rain fell over the Ohio River Valley and central West Virginia.

<u>Temperatures</u>: Williamson had the highest recorded temperature of 87 degrees. Elkins, White Sulphur Springs, and Keyser had the lowest recorded temperature of 29 degrees. The state average temperature was 56 degrees.

<u>Precipitation:</u> Creston had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 3.63 inches. Martinsburg had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.57 inches. The state average precipitation was 1.61 inches.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 4/14/24

	Temperature			Precipitation					
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Station	High	Low	Average	Departure	Total	Norm	2024	Last Year	Normal
NORTHWEST									
WHEELING	81	34	57	6	1.96	0.79	4.02	0.85	1.60
PARKERSBURG	83	30	57	4	1.67	0.82	2.26	1.51	1.62
CRESTON	82	30	57		3.63		4.19	1.01	
NORTHCENTRAL									
MORGANTOWN	82	32	58	6	1.23	0.89	3.44	1.06	1.77
CLARKSBURG	81	31	57	6	1.41	0.93	2.25	0.90	1.79
BELINGTON	81	34	56		1.42		2.43	1.23	
WESTON	81	30	55		1.94		2.82	1.78	
SOUTHWEST									
WILLIAMSON	87	31	59		1.84		2.10	2.14	
HUNTINGTON	85	35	61	5	1.73	0.86	2.43	2.86	1.69
CHARLESTON	84	30	58	2	2.81	0.92	3.70	2.40	1.80
RIPLEY	84	32	59		2.68		3.37	1.58	
CENTRAL									
TERRA ALTA	78	32	55		1.62		3.27	2.22	
ELKINS	79	29	54	4	1.22	0.92	2.82	1.62	1.82
MARLINTON	79	35	54		1.09		2.21	2.21	
SOUTHERN									
BECKLEY	78	32	55	3	0.82	0.81	1.77	1.62	1.62
PINEVILLE	84	30	56		1.73		2.33	1.64	
BLUEFIELD	73	34	53	2	2.12	0.82	2.64	2.06	1.60
WHITE SUL SP	79	29	54		1.39		2.31	2.29	
BLUESTONE DAM	78	33	54		0.93		2.12	1.77	
NORTHEASTERN									
MARTINSBURG	84	34	58	6	0.57	0.75	2.81	0.33	1.46
KEYSER	84	29	56		0.95		3.98	1.17	
MOOREFIELD	82	33	57		0.67		1.84	0.90	

State Average Temperature 56 State Average Precipitation 1.61

Source:

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