



Crop Progress and Condition

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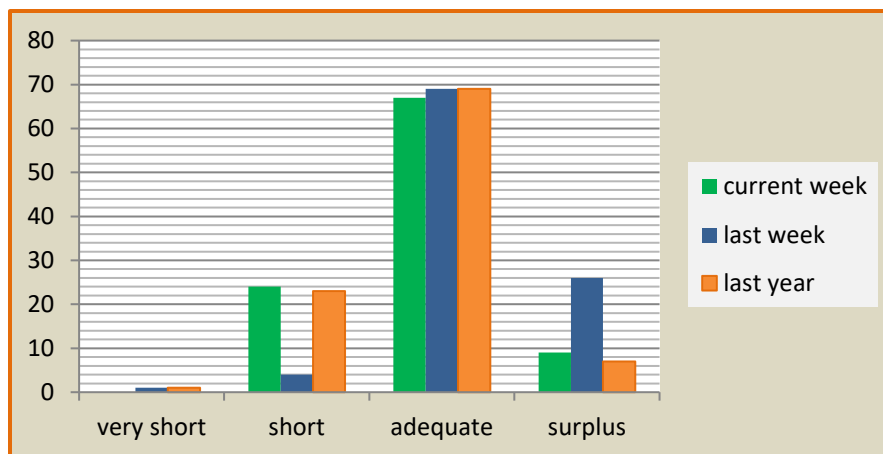
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.0. Weather conditions were drier with warm temperatures later in the week. Some brushfires were reported from the dry conditions. Farming activities this week included planting corn.

SOIL MOISTURE and SUPPLIES for week ending 4/28/24

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	-	24	67	9
Subsoil	1	13	79	7
Hay & Roughage	16	50	33	1
Feed grain	5	16	79	-

-Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 4/28/24



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 4/28/24

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	1	4	95	-
Peaches	-	1	12	86	1
Hay	-	1	22	69	8
Pasture	-	8	26	61	5
Winter Wheat	-	1	28	69	2
Cattle & Calves	-	3	16	75	6
Sheep & Lambs	-	2	17	78	3

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 4/28/24

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Corn planted	13	3	20	16
Corn emerged	1	-	2	1
Winter Wheat headed	33	21	37	25

- Represents zero or data not available.

Weather Summary- For the week ending April 28, 2024

West Virginia began this week clear and cold under high pressure. Northwest flow kept temperatures 7 to 13 degrees below average with overnight lows dropping enough to issue frost and freeze advisories across the state. Tuesday also began cold, and frost and freeze advisories were issued again. Temperatures during the afternoon increased somewhat, and isolated showers developed in the evening with generally less than one tenth reported. A weak cool front moved into the region Wednesday. Isolated showers developed in the southeastern corner of the Mountain State, and temperatures dropped down from the previous day. By mid-week, temperatures were still averaging several degrees below normal. High pressure returned for the end of the work week with generally clear conditions and near normal temperatures through Friday. Isolated mountain showers developed during the afternoon each day. A warm front moved north over the region on Saturday, drawing in warm and humid conditions. We remained mostly dry, but temperatures increased into the mid to upper 80s for most areas. By the end of the weekend all stations were within +/- 3 degrees from normal, but the state was much drier than average.

Temperatures: Williamson had the highest recorded temperature of 88 degrees. White Sulphur Springs had the lowest recorded temperature of 29 degrees. The state average temperature was 57 degrees.

Precipitation: Keyser had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.73 inches. Bluestone Dam and White Sulphur Springs had the lowest with zero recorded precipitation. The state average precipitation was 0.12 inches.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 4/28/24

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	82	36	58	2	0.03	0.85	4.36	2.63	3.27	
PARKERSBURG	84	34	59	1	0.01	0.90	3.21	2.94	3.37	
CRESTON	82	33	58		0.04		4.93	2.07		
--NORTHCENTRAL										
MORGANTOWN	83	36	59	2	0.15	0.93	3.84	2.04	3.60	
CLARKSBURG	83	34	58	2	0.01	0.92	2.62	1.80	3.64	
BELINGTON	84	37	59		0.01		2.74	2.16		
WESTON	83	30	57		0.05		3.35	3.00		
--SOUTHWEST										
WILLIAMSON	88	33	60		0.05		2.36	3.11		
HUNTINGTON	86	34	60	0	0.10	1.01	2.55	4.52	3.62	
CHARLESTON	84	33	58	-2	0.16	1.05	4.83	3.22	3.82	
RIPLEY	85	37	60		0.14		3.80	3.09		
--CENTRAL										
TERRA ALTA	80	36	57		0.05		3.81	3.56		
ELKINS	82	30	55	0	0.27	1.03	3.55	2.62	3.81	
MARLINTON	81	36	56		0.04		2.62	4.33		
--SOUTHERN										
BECKLEY	81	34	57	0	0.06	0.88	2.50	3.51	3.33	
PINEVILLE	84	31	55		0.10		3.13	3.72		
BLUEFIELD	79	30	55	-1	0.08	0.91	4.14	4.26	3.38	
WHITE SUL SP	81	29	55		0.00		2.63	4.41		
BLUESTONE DAM	82	35	58		0.00		3.14	4.14		
--NORTHEASTERN										
MARTINSBURG	82	32	54	-3	0.30	0.87	3.16	1.83	3.10	
KEYSER	87	33	55		0.73		4.95	3.21		
MOOREFIELD	86	33	55		0.15		2.07	2.52		
State Average Temperature	57									
State Average Precipitation	0.12									

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