



CROP-WEATHER BULLETIN



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GENERAL

Weather information was not available at the time of publication. This report will be updated next week and be available on the Internet, along with previous issues of the *Crop Progress & Condition Report* at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/wv>.



Number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 6 days last week.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	PERCENT			
Current Week	32	42	26	--
Last Week	28	36	35	1
Last Year	30	45	25	--

Farm activities included: cutting hay, harvesting vegetables, weaning calves, hauling water for livestock, harvesting apples and equipment maintenance in preparation for the winter season.

FRUIT

Apple conditions ranged from poor to excellent with most orchards in fair condition. Apples were 50 percent harvested, compared with 56 percent last year and 58 percent for the 5-yr average.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc
	PERCENT				
Cattle & Calves	--	3	14	77	6
Sheep & Lambs	--	2	10	83	5
Apples	--	10	50	30	10
Corn	--	1	11	71	17
Hay	--	12	44	41	3
Soybeans	--	--	2	87	11
Pasture	9	22	51	18	--

GRAINS and HAY

Corn conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most fields were reported in good condition. Corn was 90 percent dented, compared with 81 percent last year, 5-yr average comparison data not available. Corn was 56 percent mature, compared with 52 percent last year and 57 percent for the 5-yr average. Corn was 15 percent harvested for grain, compared with 13 percent last year, and 16 percent for the 5-yr average. Soybean conditions ranged from fair to excellent, but most fields were reported in good condition. Soybeans were 75 percent dropping leaves, compared with 76 percent last year and 83 percent for the 5-yr average. Soybeans were 10 percent harvested for grain, compared with 21 percent last year and 8 percent for the 5-yr average. Wheat was 20 percent planted, compared with 24 percent last year and 27 percent for the 5-yr average. Wheat was 8 percent emerged, compared with 4 percent last year and 14 percent for the 5-yr average. Hay conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but fields were reported in mostly fair to good condition. Third-cutting was 63 percent complete, compared with 37 percent last year, 5-yr average comparison data not available.

LIVESTOCK and PASTURE

Cattle conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most herds were reported in good condition. Sheep conditions ranged from poor to excellent, but most flocks were reported in good condition. Pasture conditions ranged from very poor to good, but most fields were reported in fair condition.



HISTORICAL CROP PROGRESS

YEAR	APPLES	CORN			SOYBEANS		WHEAT		HAY
	HARV.	DENTED	MATURE	HARV.	DROP LVS.	HARV.	PLANT.	EMERGED	3 RD CUT
2008	50	90	56	15	75	10	20	8	63
2007	56	81	52	13	76	21	24	4	37
5 YR AVG	58	N/A	57	16	83	8	27	14	N/A

N/A-Not Available