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January Summary of Weather and Agricultural Conditions January 5 - February 1, 2015

January weather was mostly very cold for West Virginia. In the week ending **January 11th**, arctic air pushed through midweek bringing icy temperatures; highs were in the low 20s for much of the week and temperatures were significantly below normal, from 10 to 16 degrees. On Thursday, high temperatures reached only into the teens for most sites and low temperatures dipped below zero. Bluefield had the highest recorded temperature of 48 degrees. Marlinton had the lowest recorded temperature of -10 degrees. The state average temperature was 17 degrees. Although most stations reported precipitation, amounts were below normal and some of the precipitation fell as snow. Morgantown had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.78 of an inch. Both Williamson and Bluestone Dam had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.06 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 0.36 of an inch.

The temperatures for the week ending **January 18th** began well below normal, but warmed up for the weekend. Temperatures overall were at or just below average. The lows recorded early in the week were in the teens and 20s, with highs only in the 20s and 30s. The weekend high temperatures were mostly in the 40s and 50s, with lows in the 20s and 30s. Williamson had the highest recorded temperature of 62 degrees. Marlinton had the lowest recorded temperature of 11 degrees. The state average temperature was 31 degrees. Precipitation was fairly low statewide. No stations reached the average for the week, and many stations reported precipitation amounts less than half of normal. Morgantown had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.39 of an inch. Moorefield had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.01 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 0.25 of an inch.

Temperatures were slightly above normal statewide the week ending **January 25th**. Most of the stations were 3 to 4 degrees above average, but Bluefield was exactly normal. Most of the high temperatures recorded were in the 40s and 50s; lows were in the teens and 20s. The southern part of the State was generally the warmest. Williamson had the highest recorded temperature of 58 degrees. Terra Alta had the lowest recorded temperature of 15 degrees. The state average temperature was 34 degrees. Precipitation amounts were up this week also, with several of the stations reaching or exceeding average; five reported an inch or more. Creston had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 1.61 inches. Belington had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.30 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 0.86 of an inch.

Three cold air systems moved over West Virginia the week ending **February 1st**. All stations were at least 4 degrees below normal; Elkins and Bluefield were both 8 degrees below average. During the week, high temperatures reached the 40s for most locations, with Huntington reaching 53 degrees Thursday afternoon. After the warm temperatures, a cold front pushed through, and with clearing skies, the coldest temperatures of the week were recorded on Friday and Saturday. During this time, most stations dropped into the single digits. Huntington had the highest recorded temperature of 53 degrees. Elkins had the lowest recorded temperature of one degree. The state average temperature was 26 degrees. Precipitation amounts varied; generally, the central mountains received the most precipitation, while the northeastern and southern parts of the State received the least. Five stations had one inch or more precipitation. Elkins had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 1.27 inches. Keyser had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.38 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 0.82 of an inch.

For the week ending **February 1st**, reported topsoil moisture was 4 percent short, 80 percent adequate, and 16 percent surplus compared with 5 percent short, 68 percent adequate, and 27 percent surplus last year. Subsoil moisture was 1 percent very short, 7 percent short, 86 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus, comparison data not available. Hay and roughage supplies were 9 percent short, 86 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus compared with 2 percent very short, 15 percent short, 72 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus last year. Feed grain supplies were 4 percent short, 95 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus compared with 1 percent very short, 3 percent short, 93 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus last year. Winter wheat conditions were 2 percent poor, 30 percent fair, 64 percent good, and 4 percent excellent. Cattle and calves were 2 percent poor, 20 percent fair, 62 percent good, and 16 percent excellent. Sheep and lambs were 2 percent poor, 26 percent fair, 68 percent good, and 4 percent excellent. Farming activities for the month included lambing, calving, and weather related activities; farmers are breaking ice for livestock and checking fences due to high winds. Dormant pruning of fruit trees continues in the eastern production region.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 02-01-15

Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Norm	Since April 1st 2014	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal

--NORTHWEST-----									
WHEELING	40	5	24		0.73		31.41	26.91	
PARKERSBURG	48	10	28	-4	0.84	0.68	31.66	37.38	34.99
CRESTON	47	6	26		0.97		39.19	41.30	

--NORTHCENTRAL-----									
MORGANTOWN	47	8	26		0.95		36.23	36.70	
CLARKSBURG	49	7	26	-6	1.12	0.71	36.68	39.68	38.95
BELINGTON	52	4	25		0.88		34.78	33.51	
WESTON	49	5	28		0.97		39.95	39.79	

--SOUTHWEST-----									
WILLIAMSON	52	17	32		1.00		45.52	47.62	
HUNTINGTON	53	14	29	-5	0.60	0.71	38.01	40.19	35.84
CHARLESTON	51	11	28	-7	0.75	0.71	37.53	48.38	37.13
RIPLEY	49	10	26		0.78		33.71	39.47	

--CENTRAL-----									
TERRA ALTA	42	2	20		1.09		49.43	42.18	
ELKINS	44	1	22	-8	1.27	0.74	39.94	44.42	39.11
MARLINTON	36	7	22		0.92		36.32	37.28	
BECKLEY	47	2	25	-7	1.17	0.63	35.06	39.53	35.06

--SOUTHERN-----									
PINEVILLE	49	13	29		0.84		40.14	37.01	
BLUEFIELD	47	8	27	-8	0.57	0.64	40.09	37.51	33.56
WHITE SUL SP	46	15	27		0.65		34.63	42.15	
BLUESTONE DAM	47	7	25		0.57		31.84	38.82	

--NORTHEASTERN-----									
MARTINSBURG	40	10	27	-4	0.43	0.58	36.80	30.84	33.02
KEYSER	38	8	24		0.38		26.65	29.34	
MOOREFIELD	38	9	26		0.47		29.72	29.21	

State Average Temperature	26								
State Average Precipitation	0.82								

Source:
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February Summary of Weather and Agricultural Conditions

February 2 - March 1, 2015

February weather was a wintry mix of snow, freezing rain, and very cold temperatures; arctic fronts moved through the region several times throughout the month. On Monday, February 16th, a train carrying Bakken crude oil derailed in Fayette County; Governor Tomblin called a State of Emergency for Fayette and Kanawha counties. West Virginia temperatures remained below average in the week ending **February 8th**. Even though high temperatures reached the 60s in most locations over the weekend, the State was able to remain below average because of the very cold days near the end of the workweek. During this time period, highs statewide were only in the teens and 20s while low temperatures were mostly in the single digits. Both Williamson and Moorefield had the highest recorded temperature of 67 degrees. Elkins had the lowest recorded temperature of -2 degrees. The state average temperature was 30 degrees. Precipitation was well below average; the southwestern part of West Virginia was the driest. Elkins had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.40 of an inch. Both Marlinton and Martinsburg had the lowest with zero recorded precipitation. The state average precipitation was 0.12 of an inch.

Three arctic air masses passed over the State the week ending **February 15th**. All stations had temperatures that were well below average, and many stations dropped to below zero during the week. Martinsburg was eight degrees below average and was the closest to normal, while Charleston, Beckley, and Bluefield were all 15 degrees below average and were the farthest from normal. Although it was frigid, most of the stations recorded high temperatures in the 40s and 50s before the cold air moved in. Pineville had the highest recorded temperature of 59 degrees. Terra Alta had the lowest recorded temperature of -12 degrees. The state average temperature was 22 degrees. There was limited precipitation and with temperatures being so low, most of the precipitation fell as snow. Both Terra Alta and Elkins had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.52 of an inch. Both Ripley and Martinsburg had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.05 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 0.22 of an inch.

West Virginia experienced very cold and icy conditions the week ending **February 22nd**. The State received several inches of snow statewide early in the week, ranging from 4 inches up north to 12-15 inches in the coalfields. Record low temperatures were reached throughout the State near the end of the workweek, and more precipitation fell statewide again over the weekend, with another bout of snow in the southeast part of the State. Temperatures were exceptionally low, with all stations reporting at least 17 degrees below normal. Beckley was 25 degrees below average. All stations, except for Martinsburg, fell to below zero during the week. Most stations only reached the 30s. Martinsburg had the highest recorded temperature of 49 degrees. Creston had the lowest recorded temperature of -23 degrees. The state average temperature was 13 degrees. The state received very high amounts of precipitation; seven stations received over two inches, and two received over three inches. The Eastern Panhandle was the driest. Bluefield had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 3.34 inches. Martinsburg had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.50 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 1.64 inches.

The bitter, wintry weather continued in West Virginia the week ending **March 1st**. All sites were at least 12 degrees below normal, with most sites being 15 or 16 degrees colder. Stations only reached highs in the 30s or 40s; once again, almost all stations dropped below zero during the week. Pineville had the highest recorded temperature of 44 degrees. Elkins had the lowest recorded temperature of -11 degrees. The state average temperature was 22 degrees. Precipitation amounts were down and the State was very dry until the end of the week, when one more cold system pushed through bringing rain and snow. The Eastern Panhandle received the least amount of precipitation, while the northern mountains received the most. Elkins had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.97 of an inch. Martinsburg had the lowest with zero recorded precipitation. The state average precipitation was 0.43 of an inch.

For the week ending **March 1st**, reported topsoil moisture was 4 percent short, 72 percent adequate, and 24 percent surplus compared with 2 percent short, 81 percent adequate, and 17 percent surplus last year. Subsoil moisture was 1 percent very short, 8 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 18 percent surplus, comparison data not available. Hay and roughage supplies were 3 percent very short, 15 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus compared with 3 percent very short, 10 percent short, 85 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus last year. Feed grain supplies were 5 percent short, 89 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus compared with 1 percent very short, 5 percent short, 93 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last year. Winter wheat conditions were 3 percent poor, 30 percent fair, 62 percent good, and 5 percent excellent. Cattle and calves were 5 percent poor, 25 percent fair, 59 percent good, and 11 percent excellent. Calving was 34 percent complete, compared with 29 percent last year. Sheep and lambs were 1 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 28 percent fair, 62 percent good, and 5 percent excellent. Lambing was 35 percent complete, compared with 33 percent last year. Farming activities for the month included lambing and calving; some cattle and sheep producers have lost calves and lambs due to the extremely cold temperatures.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 03-01-15

Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Weekly Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Week's Norm	Since April 1st 2014	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST--									
WHEELING	35	-7	17		0.38		33.77	29.19	
PARKERSBURG	39	-2	22	-16	0.30	0.70	33.06	41.16	37.69
CRESTON	39	-10	21		0.42		41.42	45.41	
--NORTHCENTRAL--									
MORGANTOWN	42	-3	23		0.82		38.21	39.62	
CLARKSBURG	41	-4	21	-15	0.65	0.76	38.55	43.20	42.09
BELINGTON	42	-2	23		0.26		36.40	37.75	
WESTON	40	-3	24		0.88		42.72	44.02	
--SOUTHWEST--									
WILLIAMSON	43	7	26		0.22		48.68	52.76	
HUNTINGTON	40	5	25	-15	0.44	0.81	40.23	44.69	38.92
CHARLESTON	43	3	24	-16	0.61	0.86	40.43	52.86	40.34
RIPLEY	39	-10	21		0.64		35.91	43.80	
--CENTRAL--									
TERRA ALTA	37	-10	17		0.94		52.47	46.91	
ELKINS	42	-11	20	-15	0.97	0.82	43.39	48.88	42.22
MARLINTON	38	-9	17		0.08		38.34	40.03	
BECKLEY	41	-1	21	-16	0.36	0.72	38.53	42.18	37.84
--SOUTHERN--									
PINEVILLE	44	5	26		0.41		43.92	40.83	
BLUEFIELD	42	1	24	-16	0.39	0.73	44.52	40.63	36.34
WHITE SUL SP	42	-7	22		0.22		37.54	45.28	
BLUESTONE DAM	42	4	24		0.23		34.90	42.13	
--NORTHEASTERN--									
MARTINSBURG	42	1	24	-12	0.00	0.62	37.35	34.01	35.37
KEYSER	41	-7	22		0.16		27.52	32.93	
MOOREFIELD	42	-3	23		0.15		30.55	33.10	
State Average Temperature	22								
State Average Precipitation	0.43								

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

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March Summary of Weather and Agricultural Conditions

March 2 - March 29, 2015

The month of March started with very cold temperatures as an arctic front moved over the region. On Wednesday, March 4th, Governor Tomblin declared a State of Emergency due to the winter storms and flooding. For the week ending **March 8th**, temperatures remained well below normal. Maximum temperatures reached the 50s and low 60s, but with the arctic front moving over West Virginia, minimum temperatures dropped to below zero for most of the State. Charleston had the highest recorded temperature of 64 degrees. Elkins had the lowest recorded temperature of -6 degrees. The state average temperature was 30 degrees. Precipitation was widespread and caused flooding; nearly all stations reached one inch, and 17 stations reached at least two inches. Snow fell statewide midweek. Williamson had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 2.87 inches. Martinsburg had lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.73 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 2.17 inches.

For the week ending **March 15th**, temperatures statewide finally warmed to above average for the first time in weeks. Most stations were 4 to 5 degrees above normal, and reached the 60s during the week. With no strong arctic fronts pushing over the State, low temperatures were closer to normal for this time of the year. All stations dropped into the 20s and 30s. Williamson had the highest recorded temperature of 70 degrees. Wheeling had the lowest recorded temperature of 24 degrees. The state average temperature was 46 degrees. For the second week in a row, West Virginia received very large amounts of precipitation. All reporting stations exceeded their normal amounts, with several sites receiving amounts over twice the average. Because of the large amounts of precipitation, there was more flooding. Huntington had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 2.87 inches. Martinsburg had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.88 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 1.83 inches.

Temperatures across West Virginia finally normalized after a swing from very cold temperatures to above average temperatures for the week ending **March 22nd**; all stations were within one degree of normal. High temperatures reached the upper 60s to mid 70s, and low temperatures mostly dropped into the 20s and 30s. Both Huntington and Charleston had the highest recorded temperature of 76 degrees. Terra Alta had the lowest recorded temperature of 18 degrees. The state average temperature was 44 degrees. After two weeks of very heavy precipitation, the State finally dried out; five days had zero recorded precipitation. All stations, except for Martinsburg, reported below normal precipitation amounts. The northwest part of the State received the least amount of precipitation. Martinsburg had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.92 of an inch. Wheeling had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.15 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 0.52 of an inch.

A strong cold front during the week ending **March 29th** caused temperatures statewide to drop back to well below normal. Most stations were 6 to 8 degrees below normal with recorded high temperatures in the 70s, and lows in the teens. Beckley was the closest to normal. With this latest cold front, record low temperatures were set across the State over the weekend. Moorefield had the highest recorded temperature of 78 degrees. Both Terra Alta and Elkins had the lowest recorded temperature of 7 degrees. The state average temperature was 40 degrees. Precipitation amounts were varied across the state, and some fell as snow. Beckley was the only station to receive more than average precipitation. Bluestone Dam had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 1.14 inches. Parkersburg had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.09 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 0.48 of an inch.

For the week ending **March 29th**, reported topsoil moisture was 6 percent short, 92 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus, compared with 1 percent short, 88 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus last year. Subsoil moisture was 5 percent short, 85 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus, comparison data not available. Hay and roughage supplies were 1 percent very short, 19 percent short, 78 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus compared with 2 percent very short, 29 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus last year. Feed grain supplies were 5 percent short, 92 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus compared with 5 percent very short, 20 percent short, and 75 percent adequate last year. Winter wheat conditions were 1 percent poor, 43 percent fair, 55 percent good, and 1 percent excellent. Range and pasture conditions were 1 percent very poor, 15 percent poor, 50 percent fair, and 34 percent good. Cattle and calves were 6 percent poor, 27 percent fair, 66 percent good, and 1 percent excellent. Calving was 67 percent complete, compared with 71 percent last year. Sheep and lambs were 5 percent poor, 23 percent fair, 71 percent good, and 1 percent excellent. Lambing was 75 percent complete, compared with 74 percent last year. Farming activities for the month included lambing and calving; some producers report calf health issues. Cold temperatures have slowed forage growth.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 03-29-15

Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Norm	Since April 1st 2014	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST									
WHEELING	70	14	36		0.48		37.36	30.87	
PARKERSBURG	74	15	39	-8	0.09	0.86	38.23	42.91	41.06
CRESTON	76	12	40		0.29		47.11	47.58	
--NORTHCENTRAL									
MORGANTOWN	72	16	39		0.29		43.17	41.88	
CLARKSBURG	73	14	39	-6	0.26	0.98	43.22	45.05	45.67
BELINGTON	70	16	39		0.30		41.91	39.82	
WESTON	72	13	40		0.52		49.01	46.36	
--SOUTHWEST									
WILLIAMSON	77	21	46		0.94		54.20	54.68	
HUNTINGTON	76	18	43	-6	0.17	0.87	46.28	46.66	42.44
CHARLESTON	77	15	43	-6	0.44	0.84	45.82	55.60	43.89
RIPLEY	75	17	41		0.24		41.62	45.82	
--CENTRAL									
TERRA ALTA	65	7	32		0.55		58.59	49.14	
ELKINS	71	7	37	-6	0.83	0.93	50.03	51.77	45.79
MARLINTON	66	10	37		0.28		42.64	42.41	
BECKLEY	71	10	41	-4	0.86	0.84	43.74	43.88	41.07
--SOUTHERN									
PINEVILLE	76	18	45		0.94		49.38	42.59	
BLUEFIELD	73	12	43	-6	0.41	0.81	49.55	42.49	39.52
WHITE SUL SP	71	13	42		0.92		42.43	47.30	
BLUESTONE DAM	72	18	45		1.14		40.57	43.83	
--NORTHEASTERN									
MARTINSBURG	76	21	38	-8	0.15	0.86	40.03	35.96	38.55
KEYSER	76	15	37		0.23		30.45	34.58	
MOOREFIELD	78	14	39		0.13		32.98	34.57	
State Average Temperature	40								
State Average Precipitation	0.48								

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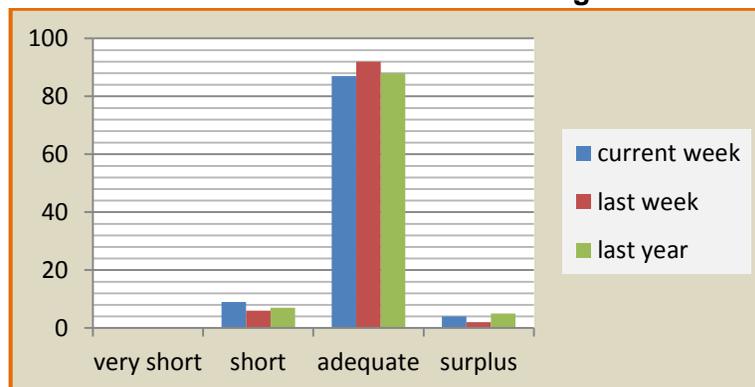
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.5. Topsoil moisture was 9 percent short, 87 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus compared with 7 percent short, 88 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus last year. Subsoil moisture was 2 percent very short, 8 percent short, 83 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus compared with 5 percent short, 90 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus last year. Hay and roughage supplies were 2 percent very short, 21 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus compared with 2 percent very short, 20 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last year. Feed grain supplies were 9 percent short, 87 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus compared with 1 percent very short, 4 percent short, and 95 percent adequate last year. Winter wheat conditions were 1 percent poor, 46 percent fair, 51 percent good, and 2 percent excellent. Hay conditions were 11 percent very poor, 18 percent poor, 37 percent fair, 31 percent good, and 3 percent excellent. Apple conditions were 7 percent poor, 37 percent fair, 54 percent good, and 2 percent excellent. Peach conditions were 11 percent poor, 38 percent fair, and 51 percent good. Range and pasture conditions were 6 percent very poor, 18 percent poor, 47 percent fair, and 29 percent good. Farming activities included repairing fences, plowing, and planting. Fruit producers are busy with early season spraying.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 04/05/15

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	-	9	87	4
Subsoil	2	8	83	7

-Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 04/05/15



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 04/05/15

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Cattle & Calves	-	8	25	63	4
Sheep & Lambs	-	2	24	69	5
Apples	-	7	37	54	2
Peaches	-	11	38	51	-
Hay	11	18	37	31	3
Winter Wheat	-	1	46	51	2
Pasture	6	18	47	29	-

- Represents zero.

CROP and LIVESTOCK PROGRESS for week ending 04/05/15

Crop/Livestock Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Calved	75	67	76	79
Lambled	79	75	81	82

- Represents data not available.

Weather Summary- For the week ending April 5, 2015

West Virginia experienced very cold temperatures and large amounts of rain this week. For most of the week, temperatures were very close to normal. The workweek experienced warm afternoons and chilly mornings until a cold front on Friday cooled the State off once again. All stations reached into the 60s and 70s, and dropped to below freezing. Precipitation amounts were up and caused flooding; the northeast was the driest part of the State; most precipitation was reported in the southwest with Williamson, Huntington, Charleston, and Pineville all recording over two inches. Most of the precipitation fell in a 48 hour period (Thursday and Friday), and was associated with a cold front that moved over the State on Friday. Major flooding was reported in Wayne, Boone, and Lincoln Counties Friday afternoon and evening into Saturday. The rest of the week was relatively dry.

Temperatures: Pineville had the highest recorded temperature of 78 degrees. Marlinton had the lowest recorded temperature of 21 degrees. The state average temperature was 48 degrees.

Precipitation: Williamson had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 2.75 inches. Martinsburg had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.15 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 1.30 inches.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 04-05-15

Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Norm	Since April 1st 2015	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST--									
WHEELING	65	25	48		0.79		0.79	1.31	
PARKERSBURG	71	27	49	-1	1.27	0.82	1.27	0.89	0.69
CRESTON	72	25	47		1.09		1.09	0.43	
--NORTHCENTRAL--									
MORGANTOWN	73	25	49		1.17		1.17	1.24	
CLARKSBURG	71	28	47	-1	0.94	0.91	0.94	0.60	0.76
BELINGTON	73	28	47		0.72		0.72	0.24	
WESTON	74	28	48		1.17		1.17	0.44	
--SOUTHWEST--									
WILLIAMSON	76	31	53		2.75		2.75	1.72	
HUNTINGTON	75	31	51	-1	2.72	0.81	2.72	0.74	0.69
CHARLESTON	77	28	50	-2	2.46	0.75	2.46	1.01	0.63
RIPLEY	71	27	50		1.37		1.37	0.59	
--CENTRAL--									
TERRA ALTA	66	24	42		1.20		1.20	0.68	
ELKINS	72	24	44	-2	1.03	0.91	1.03	0.29	0.78
MARLINTON	68	21	41		1.95		1.95	0.67	
BECKLEY	73	23	46	-3	1.78	0.76	1.77	1.20	0.65
--SOUTHERN--									
PINEVILLE	78	29	50		2.19		2.19	1.10	
BLUEFIELD	74	24	47	-4	1.23	0.74	1.23	0.89	0.63
WHITE SUL SP	73	24	47		1.69		1.69	0.69	
BLUESTONE DAM	74	26	50		0.47		0.47	0.99	
--NORTHEASTERN--									
MARTINSBURG	73	29	51	3	0.15	0.81	0.15	0.13	0.69
KEYSER	69	26	48		0.22		0.22	0.29	
MOOREFIELD	75	25	48		0.26		0.26	0.22	
State Average Temperature	48								
State Average Precipitation	1.30								

Sources:
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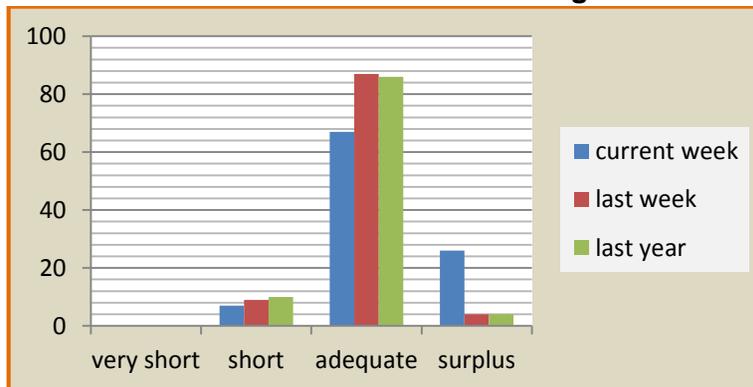
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 3. Hay and roughage supplies were 2 percent very short, 24 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus compared with 5 percent very short, 23 percent short, 71 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last year. Feed grain supplies were 9 percent short, 85 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus compared with 1 percent very short, 9 percent short, 89 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last year. Farming activities included tilling gardens, working on equipment, and waiting for fields to dry from the recent rains. Fruit comments from the week include the following: many apple varieties have reached the tight cluster stage of development; beginning with this stage through petal fall, flowers and young fruitlets will be susceptible to temperatures below 30 degrees. Early blooming peaches are about 20 percent in the pink stage. Cherry has advanced significantly over the past 3 to 4 days and will likely reach open cluster soon. Sufficient rainfall has initiated scab infection and maintaining coverage with a combination of fungicides is critical at this stage of development.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 04/12/15

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	-	7	67	26
Subsoil	-	8	76	16

-Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 04/12/15



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 04/12/15

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Cattle & Calves	-	4	27	58	11
Sheep & Lambs	-	2	25	67	6
Apples	-	7	36	55	2
Peaches	-	10	35	55	-
Hay	10	15	34	38	3
Winter Wheat	-	1	45	49	5
Pasture	5	13	51	30	1

- Represents zero.

CROP and LIVESTOCK PROGRESS for week ending 04/12/15

Crop/Livestock Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Corn planted	2	-	2	3
Winter Wheat headed	2	-	1	1
Cattle calved	79	75	84	84
Sheep lambed	83	79	87	86

- Represents data not available.

Weather Summary- For the week ending April 12, 2015

Overall, temperatures warmed across West Virginia this week. All stations exceeded average, with Elkins being the farthest from normal. All stations reached the 70s and 80s and dropped into the 20s and 30s, with half of the stations dropping to below freezing. Precipitation, again for the second week, greatly exceeded normal. All stations, except for Martinsburg, had greater than normal precipitation. Elkins exceeded three inches for the week, 5 stations reached two inches, and 16 stations received over one inch of rain. The rain fell in showers and thunderstorms as a cold front approached, and caused flooding in the northern part of the State, from Clarksburg to Parkersburg.

Temperatures: Charleston had the highest recorded temperature of 87 degrees. Both Elkins and Marlinton had the lowest recorded temperature of 27 degrees. The state average temperature was 57 degrees.

Precipitation: Elkins had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 3.30 inches. Martinsburg had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.54 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 1.57 inches.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 04-12-15

Station	Temperature				Precipitation					
	High	Low	Weekly Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Week's Norm	Since April 1st 2015	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal	
--NORTHWEST--										
WHEELING	76	36	56		2.68		3.47	1.67		
PARKERSBURG	79	34	58	6	1.93	0.75	3.20	1.26	1.44	
CRESTON	81	30	56		2.74		3.83	0.55		
--NORTHCENTRAL--										
MORGANTOWN	77	36	59		1.56		2.73	1.44		
CLARKSBURG	78	31	57	6	2.46	0.84	3.40	0.90	1.60	
BELINGTON	78	32	57		1.83		2.55	0.39		
WESTON	79	31	57		2.31		3.48	0.62		
--SOUTHWEST--										
WILLIAMSON	85	37	63		1.02		3.77	1.87		
HUNTINGTON	85	38	60	6	1.52	0.78	4.24	0.89	1.47	
CHARLESTON	87	32	59	5	1.27	0.73	3.73	1.49	1.36	
RIPLEY	81	37	60		1.69		3.06	0.87		
--CENTRAL--										
TERRA ALTA	73	29	55		1.78		2.98	1.19		
ELKINS	75	27	56	8	3.30	0.87	4.33	0.63	1.65	
MARLINTON	71	27	53		1.16		3.11	1.07		
BECKLEY	80	29	54	4	1.29	0.76	3.06	1.52	1.41	
--SOUTHERN--										
PINEVILLE	84	35	59		1.29		3.48	1.37		
BLUEFIELD	81	35	59	6	0.86	0.76	2.09	1.33	1.39	
WHITE SUL SP	77	30	57		0.77		2.46	1.03		
BLUESTONE DAM	79	34	58		0.79		1.26	1.37		
--NORTHEASTERN--										
MARTINSBURG	77	31	52	2	0.54	0.79	0.69	0.68	1.48	
KEYSER	78	28	52		0.81		1.03	0.63		
MOOREFIELD	76	30	55		0.98		1.24	0.77		
State Average Temperature	57									
State Average Precipitation	1.57									

Sources:
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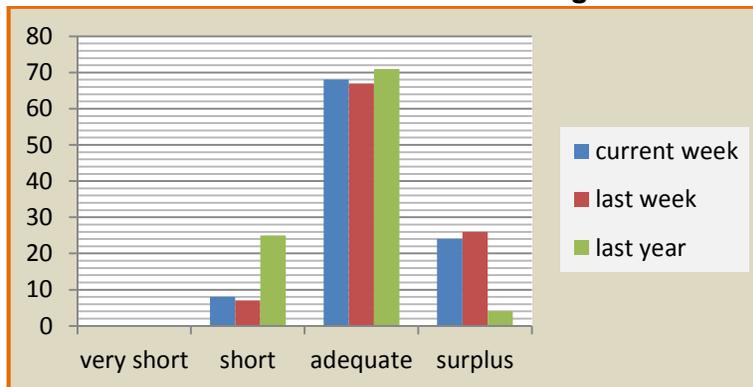
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 3.6. Hay and roughage supplies were 2 percent very short, 24 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus compared with 2 percent very short, 17 percent short, 79 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus last year. Feed grain supplies were 9 percent short, 86 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus compared with 1 percent very short, 5 percent short, 93 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last year. Farming activities included plowing and planting; wet fields continue to slow some preparations and crop progress. Fruit comments from the week include the following: apples are beginning to show early bloom. Conditions for scab infection continue and with bloom open potential for fire blight infection is high. Early blooming peaches have begun shedding a few petals; other varieties are at or near full bloom. Most sweet cherries as well as tart cherries have reached full bloom. Pollination conditions for these tree fruit have been good, but with rain and wind predicted for the next several days, apple pollinating conditions will be poor.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 04/19/15

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	-	8	68	24
Subsoil	1	8	73	18

-Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 04/19/15



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 04/19/15

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Cattle & Calves	-	3	27	61	9
Sheep & Lambs	-	2	25	68	5
Apples	-	8	36	54	2
Peaches	-	9	36	55	-
Hay	9	13	36	38	4
Winter Wheat	-	1	44	49	6
Pasture	3	10	47	39	1

- Represents zero.

CROP and LIVESTOCK PROGRESS for week ending 04/19/15

Crop/Livestock Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Corn planted	5	2	3	5
Winter Wheat headed	3	2	2	3
Cattle calved	85	79	88	88
Sheep lambled	87	83	91	89

- Represents data not available.

Weather Summary- For the week ending April 19, 2015

West Virginia was warm this week with plenty of rainfall. All stations were above average, with Parkersburg being the farthest from normal. Nearly all stations reached the 80s, and for the first time this year all stations remained above freezing for the week. Precipitation was very high with the southwestern and central part of the State experiencing flooding again. All stations, except for Wheeling received at least one inch of precipitation. Bluestone Dam, Williamson, and White Sulphur Springs all received over three inches, and another 10 stations received over two inches.

Temperatures: Both Charleston and Keyser had the highest recorded temperature of 86 degrees. Both Belington and Marlinton had the lowest recorded temperature of 34 degrees. The state average temperature was 58 degrees.

Precipitation: Bluestone Dam had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 3.52 inches. Wheeling had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.58 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 2.20 inches.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 04-19-15

Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Weekly Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Week's Norm	Since April 1st 2015	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST--									
WHEELING	81	45	59		0.58		4.05	1.91	
PARKERSBURG	82	47	62	8	1.32	0.73	4.52	1.57	2.17
CRESTON	83	42	59		1.83		5.66	0.82	
--NORTHCENTRAL--									
MORGANTOWN	84	45	60		1.54		4.27	1.93	
CLARKSBURG	83	45	58	5	1.88	0.84	5.28	1.30	2.44
BELINGTON	81	34	55		1.80		4.35	0.75	
WESTON	82	47	58		2.29		5.77	1.13	
--SOUTHWEST--									
WILLIAMSON	85	45	64		3.22		6.99	2.22	
HUNTINGTON	82	50	62	5	2.74	0.77	6.98	1.26	2.24
CHARLESTON	86	49	62	6	2.04	0.72	5.77	1.79	2.08
RIPLEY	82	44	62		1.76		4.82	1.23	
--CENTRAL--									
TERRA ALTA	78	40	52		2.33		5.31	1.43	
ELKINS	80	41	56	6	2.25	0.86	6.58	0.99	2.51
MARLINTON	73	34	52		2.83		5.94	2.05	
BECKLEY	78	43	57	5	2.88	0.77	5.94	1.67	2.18
--SOUTHERN--									
PINEVILLE	82	46	60		2.49		5.97	1.62	
BLUEFIELD	81	42	58	3	2.86	0.77	4.95	1.72	2.16
WHITE SUL SP	79	41	56		3.01		5.47	1.80	
BLUESTONE DAM	80	48	59		3.52		4.78	1.80	
--NORTHEASTERN--									
MARTINSBURG	81	40	58	5	2.32	0.74	3.01	1.28	2.22
KEYSER	86	38	56		1.83		2.86	0.86	
MOOREFIELD	82	40	58		1.02		2.26	1.58	
State Average Temperature	58								
State Average Precipitation	2.20								

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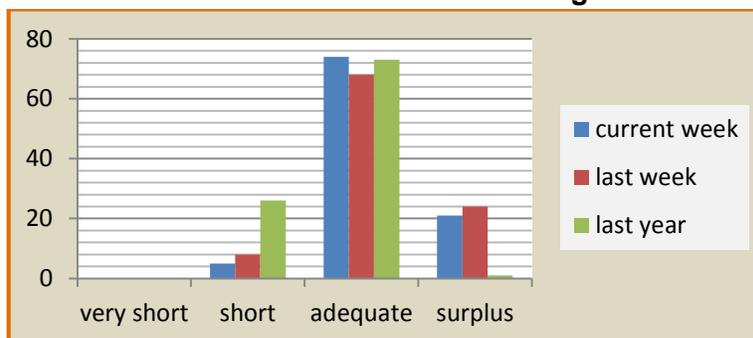
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.2. Hay and roughage supplies were 1 percent very short, 21 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus compared with 8 percent very short, 13 percent short, and 79 percent adequate last year. Feed grain supplies were 8 percent short, 87 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus compared with 1 percent very short, 9 percent short, 89 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last year. Farming activities included field preparations and planting. Weed control is beginning in some pastures and hayfields. Fruit comments from the week include the following: the recent cold spell has slowed bud development and hampered good pollination especially with the windy conditions during the day. While temperatures at the low elevations reached 32 degrees, windy conditions and some cloud cover prevented the predicted freeze events on two separate nights this period. Peaches have reached petal as have early blooming apple and sweet cherry.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 04/26/15

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	-	5	74	21
Subsoil	-	6	80	14

-Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 04/26/15



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 04/26/15

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	7	33	54	6
Peaches	1	9	38	48	4
Hay	8	13	33	41	5
Winter Wheat	-	1	45	51	3
Pasture	4	11	38	45	2
Cattle & Calves	-	3	22	63	12
Sheep & Lambs	-	2	22	71	5

- Represents zero.

CROP and LIVESTOCK PROGRESS for week ending 04/26/15

Crop/Livestock Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Corn planted	9	5	5	11
Corn emerged	3	-	-	1
Soybeans planted	3	-	2	4
Winter Wheat headed	4	3	6	7
Cattle calved	88	85	93	92
Sheep lambled	89	87	94	93

- Represents data not available.

Weather Summary- For the week ending April 26, 2015

Frost/Freeze season has begun, and a Freeze Warning was issued Thursday night into Friday with the passing of a strong cold front midweek; nearly all stations dropped to below freezing during the week. All stations were below average and reached at least 70 degrees. Martinsburg and Moorefield were the only two to reach the 80 degree mark. Precipitation was scattered, but with thunderstorm season beginning precipitation amounts were more varied than they were over the winter. Stations that were directly hit by thunderstorms received more precipitation than surrounding areas. Nearly all stations reported above average precipitation, and seven stations reached over one inch. The central part of the state was the wettest and the Eastern Panhandle was the driest.

Temperatures: Moorefield had the highest recorded temperature of 81 degrees. Marlinton had the lowest recorded temperature of 26 degrees. The state average temperature was 48 degrees.

Precipitation: Elkins had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 1.54 inches. Martinsburg had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.25 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 0.94 of an inch.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 04-26-15

Station	Temperature				Precipitation					
	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Norm	Since April 1st 2015	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal	
--NORTHWEST--										
WHEELING	72	30	47		0.43		4.48	2.25		
PARKERSBURG	72	28	49	-8	0.84	0.79	5.36	1.95	2.96	
CRESTON	74	27	47		1.05		6.71	1.45		
--NORTHCENTRAL--										
MORGANTOWN	77	34	49		0.87		5.14	2.26		
CLARKSBURG	76	28	48	-7	1.08	0.84	6.36	1.72	3.28	
BELINGTON	75	29	48		0.94		5.29	1.44		
WESTON	74	28	50		0.96		6.73	1.81		
--SOUTHWEST--										
WILLIAMSON	74	33	53		0.87		7.86	2.69		
HUNTINGTON	72	31	50	-9	0.79	0.84	7.77	2.17	3.08	
CHARLESTON	77	28	49	-9	0.84	0.80	6.61	2.33	2.88	
RIPLEY	72	27	49		0.98		5.80	1.80		
--CENTRAL--										
TERRA ALTA	71	27	42		1.46		6.77	2.12		
ELKINS	77	28	46	-6	1.54	0.91	8.12	1.62	3.42	
MARLINTON	73	26	44		1.32		7.26	2.65		
BECKLEY	71	28	45	-10	0.84	0.82	6.78	2.16	3.00	
--SOUTHERN--										
PINEVILLE	75	31	50		1.46		7.43	2.10		
BLUEFIELD	73	29	48	-9	0.55	0.82	5.50	2.15	2.98	
WHITE SUL SP	75	34	48		0.93		6.40	2.60		
BLUESTONE DAM	73	32	49		0.97		5.75	2.70		
--NORTHEASTERN--										
MARTINSBURG	80	35	51	-4	0.25	0.79	3.26	2.45	3.01	
KEYSER	71	32	48		1.44		4.30	1.44		
MOOREFIELD	81	33	51		0.37		2.63	2.12		
State Average Temperature	48									
State Average Precipitation	0.94									

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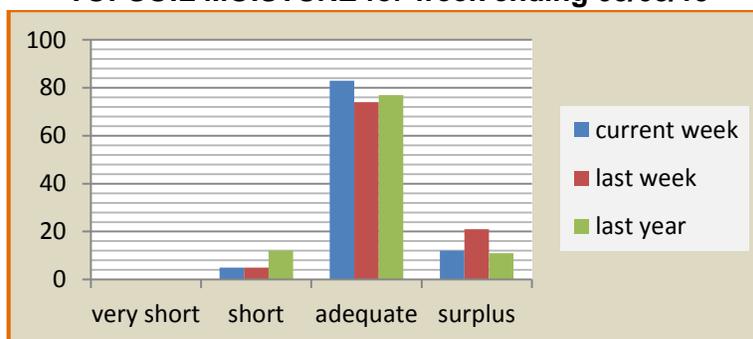
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.1. Hay and roughage supplies were 1 percent very short, 15 percent short, 80 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus compared with 2 percent very short, 6 percent short, 83 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus last year. Feed grain supplies were 5 percent short, 90 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus compared with 1 percent very short, 4 percent short, and 95 percent adequate last year. Farming activities included plowing, planting, and vaccinating cattle. Fruit comments from the week include the following: some apple varieties continue to have bloom which is susceptible to fire blight. Heavy showers during the period resulted in additional scab infection potential. Peaches are approaching shuck split stage and are susceptible to the brown marmorated stink bug feeding at this time. Most sweet cherries have already experienced the shuck split stage. Several nights near or slightly below freezing appear to have resulted in little or no damage to tree fruit crops in general.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 05/03/15

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	-	5	83	12
Subsoil	-	9	84	7

-Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 05/03/15



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 05/03/15

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	8	33	56	3
Peaches	1	9	36	52	2
Hay	7	9	31	49	4
Winter Wheat	-	1	42	54	3
Pasture	3	8	35	51	3
Cattle & Calves	-	3	19	69	9
Sheep & Lambs	-	2	15	78	5

- Represents zero.

CROP and LIVESTOCK PROGRESS for week ending 05/03/15

Crop/Livestock Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Corn planted	11	9	8	21
Corn emerged	5	3	2	4
Soybeans planted	6	3	2	6
Winter Wheat headed	6	4	11	14
Cattle calved	92	88	96	95
Sheep lambbed	94	89	99	97

- Represents data not available.

Weather Summary- For the week ending May 3, 2015

Temperatures went up and precipitation amounts went down in West Virginia this week. Most stations had below average temperatures again, with Martinsburg being the only station over normal. All stations reached the 70s and 80s during the week, and nearly all dropped into the 30s. Four stations dropped to below freezing; Marlinton and Beckley were the only stations to drop into the 20s. The State was dry, with precipitation only falling during a couple of days. Bluefield and Martinsburg were the only stations to exceed average precipitation; all other stations were well below average. The western part of the State was the driest, with the southern coal fields and the Eastern Panhandle the wettest.

Temperatures: Parkersburg had the highest recorded temperature of 83 degrees. Marlinton had the lowest recorded temperature of 26 degrees. The state average temperature was 53 degrees.

Precipitation: Keyser had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.94 of an inch. Both Creston and Ripley had the lowest with zero recorded precipitation. The state average precipitation was 0.30 of an inch.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 05-03-15

Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Norm	Since April 1st 2015	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST--									
WHEELING	76	36	54		0.01		4.49	3.52	
PARKERSBURG	83	35	56	-2	0.05	0.80	5.41	3.64	3.76
CRESTON	79	34	52		0.00		6.71	3.42	
--NORTHCENTRAL--									
MORGANTOWN	80	38	56		0.11		5.25	2.95	
CLARKSBURG	79	34	54	-3	0.21	0.79	6.57	2.48	4.07
BELINGTON	73	34	53		0.05		5.34	2.24	
WESTON	76	34	53		0.26		6.99	2.69	
--SOUTHWEST--									
WILLIAMSON	81	40	57		0.40		8.26	4.13	
HUNTINGTON	80	36	55	-5	0.18	0.90	7.95	5.99	3.98
CHARLESTON	81	32	53	-7	0.10	0.87	6.71	3.53	3.75
RIPLEY	81	35	54		0.00		5.80	3.74	
--CENTRAL--									
TERRA ALTA	70	32	49		0.39		7.16	2.95	
ELKINS	74	31	51	-3	0.33	0.95	8.45	2.54	4.37
MARLINTON	70	26	46		0.01		7.27	3.78	
BECKLEY	72	29	47	-9	0.51	0.89	7.29	2.84	3.89
--SOUTHERN--									
PINEVILLE	77	38	54		0.48		7.91	3.05	
BLUEFIELD	75	31	49	-10	0.87	0.85	6.37	2.94	3.83
WHITE SUL SP	75	32	52		0.49		6.89	3.57	
BLUESTONE DAM	76	35	52		0.35		6.10	3.84	
--NORTHEASTERN--									
MARTINSBURG	80	43	58	1	0.85	0.84	4.11	4.19	3.85
KEYSER	79	32	54		0.94		5.24	2.78	
MOOREFIELD	79	35	54		0.03		2.66	2.96	
State Average Temperature	53								
State Average Precipitation	0.30								

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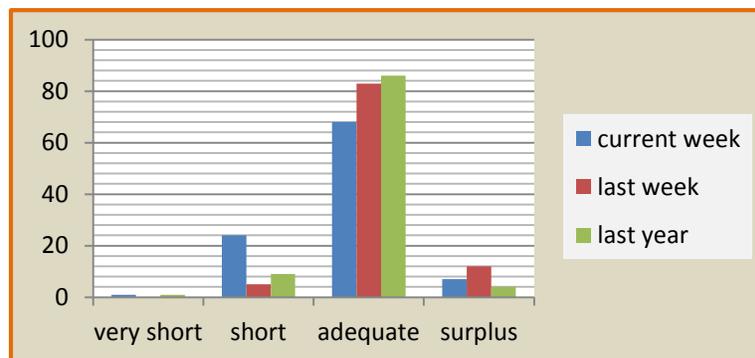
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SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 05/10/15

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	1	24	68	7
Subsoil	-	19	75	6

-Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 05/10/15



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 05/10/15

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	8	33	56	3
Peaches	1	9	35	53	2
Hay	5	12	29	49	5
Winter Wheat	-	1	41	57	1
Pasture	3	10	35	49	3
Cattle & Calves	-	2	21	66	11
Sheep & Lambs	-	1	19	75	5

- Represents zero.

CROP and LIVESTOCK PROGRESS for week ending 05/10/15

Crop/Livestock Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Corn planted	24	11	16	30
Corn emerged	9	5	6	10
Soybeans planted	11	6	8	11
Winter Wheat headed	11	6	30	35
Cattle calved	96	92	99	98
Sheep lambled	97	94	100	99

- Represents data not available.

Weather Summary- For the week ending May 10, 2015

Due to a high pressure ridge and dry conditions over the State, West Virginia was very warm and had very little precipitation this week. All climate stations were at least 6 degrees over average, and six stations were at least 10 degrees above normal. Parkersburg and Clarksburg were both 12 degrees above normal. All reporting stations reached the 80s and 11 sites broke the 90 degree mark at least once; several reached 90 degrees multiple days in a row. Low temperatures were mostly in the 40s. Because of the high pressure, precipitation was very sparse and mostly fell in isolated showers and thunderstorms. Eight stations received zero precipitation, and a total of 16 received less than a tenth of an inch.

Temperatures: Belington had the highest recorded temperature of 92 degrees. Beckley had the lowest recorded temperature of 39 degrees. The state average temperature was 69 degrees.

Precipitation: Charleston had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.42 of an inch. Several stations had the lowest with zero recorded precipitation. The state average precipitation was 0.09 of an inch.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 05-10-15

Station	Temperature				Precipitation					
	High	Low	Weekly Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Week's Norm	Since April 1st 2015	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal	
--NORTHWEST--										
WHEELING	91	50	71		0.25		4.74	4.81		
PARKERSBURG	90	45	72	12	0.00	0.94	5.41	4.35	4.70	
CRESTON	90	42	69		0.02		6.73	3.84		
--NORTHCENTRAL--										
MORGANTOWN	91	47	74		0.11		5.36	3.25		
CLARKSBURG	89	44	71	12	0.00	0.95	6.57	2.60	5.02	
BELINGTON	92	47	70		0.16		5.50	2.78		
WESTON	90	47	70		0.00		6.99	3.01		
--SOUTHWEST--										
WILLIAMSON	91	47	73		0.04		8.30	4.53		
HUNTINGTON	90	47	73	11	0.00	1.03	7.95	6.96	5.01	
CHARLESTON	91	48	72	10	0.42	1.05	7.13	4.36	4.80	
RIPLEY	90	44	71		0.04		5.84	4.12		
--CENTRAL--										
TERRA ALTA	82	46	66		0.01		7.17	3.41		
ELKINS	90	43	67	11	0.05	1.14	8.50	2.99	5.51	
MARLINTON	81	41	61		0.00		7.27	4.11		
BECKLEY	82	39	64	6	0.00	1.02	7.29	3.33	4.91	
--SOUTHERN--										
PINEVILLE	86	43	69		0.05		7.96	3.44		
BLUEFIELD	85	43	67	6	0.00	0.93	6.37	3.24	4.76	
WHITE SUL SP	85	41	66		0.01		6.90	3.98		
BLUESTONE DAM	85	47	69		0.00		6.10	4.29		
--NORTHEASTERN--										
MARTINSBURG	86	51	69	10	0.34	0.93	4.45	5.31	4.78	
KEYSER	89	41	68		0.06		5.30	3.75		
MOOREFIELD	87	42	69		0.32		2.98	3.71		
State Average Temperature	69									
State Average Precipitation	0.09									

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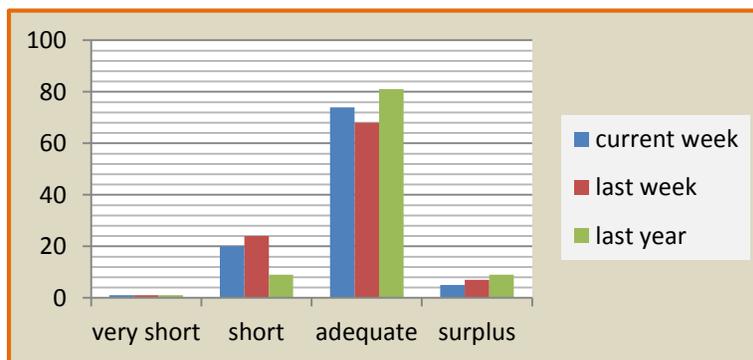
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SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 05/17/15

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	1	20	74	5
Subsoil	1	22	73	4

-Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 05/17/15



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 05/17/15

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	7	33	54	6
Peaches	1	9	38	48	4
Hay	4	14	31	46	5
Winter Wheat	-	1	44	52	3
Pasture	3	9	38	47	3
Cattle & Calves	-	3	21	67	9
Sheep & Lambs	-	2	18	75	5

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 05/17/15

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Corn planted	38	24	26	46
Corn emerged	25	9	8	22
Hay, first cut	6	-	-	1
Soybeans planted	12	11	10	28
Soybeans emerged	3	-	-	10
Winter Wheat headed	18	11	43	59

- Represents data not available or zero.

Weather Summary- For the week ending May 17, 2015

Temperatures in West Virginia this week began very warm, cooled off towards the middle, and then warmed back up to normal for the weekend. Overall, the State temperatures were above average for the week. Elkins and Martinsburg were the farthest from normal. Most stations reached the 80s, and five stations reached the 90s. With the cooling towards the middle of the week, all stations dropped into the 40s, with several stations reaching the 30s as well. Precipitation was up from the previous week and amounts were varied across the State, due to several thunderstorms popping up throughout the week. Eight sites broke the one inch mark; the southwest part of the State received the most precipitation.

Temperatures: Moorefield had the highest recorded temperature of 92 degrees. Both Terra Alta and Marlinton had the lowest recorded temperature of 34 degrees. The state average temperature was 65 degrees.

Precipitation: Ripley had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 1.34 inches. Keyser had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.17 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 0.74 of an inch.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 05-17-15

Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Norm	Since April 1st 2015	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST--									
WHEELING	86	40	65		1.10		5.84	6.84	
PARKERSBURG	87	37	66	4	0.60	0.97	6.01	5.72	5.67
CRESTON	89	37	64		1.07		7.80	5.63	
--NORTHCENTRAL--									
MORGANTOWN	89	37	66		0.32		5.68	6.78	
CLARKSBURG	88	37	65	4	1.18	0.95	7.75	4.61	5.97
BELINGTON	87	35	64		0.55		6.05	4.82	
WESTON	88	39	64		1.04		8.03	5.32	
--SOUTHWEST--									
WILLIAMSON	90	46	70		0.25		8.55	4.95	
HUNTINGTON	88	46	68	5	1.20	1.07	9.15	7.41	6.08
CHARLESTON	90	41	67	4	1.00	1.10	8.13	5.21	5.90
RIPLEY	90	42	67		1.34		7.18	5.20	
--CENTRAL--									
TERRA ALTA	83	34	59		0.76		7.93	7.82	
ELKINS	88	35	64	6	0.81	1.19	9.31	6.76	6.70
MARLINTON	79	34	58		0.96		8.23	8.16	
BECKLEY	85	36	62	3	0.39	1.06	7.68	5.88	5.97
--SOUTHERN--									
PINEVILLE	87	42	66		0.26		8.22	5.58	
BLUEFIELD	87	39	64	2	0.38	0.96	6.75	5.56	5.72
WHITE SUL SP	87	37	64		0.96		7.86	6.08	
BLUESTONE DAM	87	38	65		1.02		7.12	6.42	
--NORTHEASTERN--									
MARTINSBURG	88	41	67	6	0.44	0.95	4.89	8.56	5.73
KEYSER	90	38	64		0.17		5.47	6.49	
MOOREFIELD	92	41	66		0.47		3.45	6.42	
State Average Temperature	65								
State Average Precipitation	0.74								

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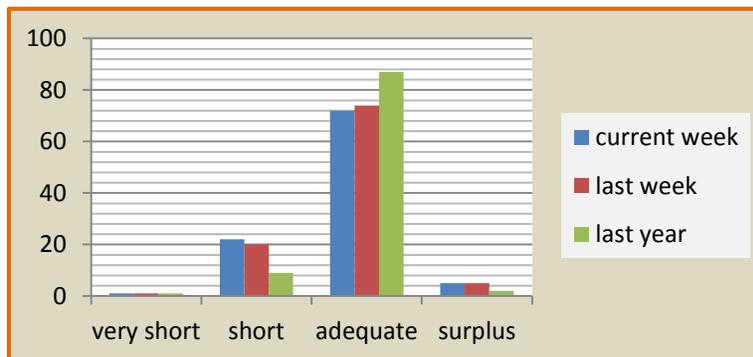
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SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 05/24/15

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	1	22	72	5
Subsoil	1	21	75	3

-Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 05/24/15



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 05/24/15

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	7	33	54	6
Peaches	1	9	38	48	4
Hay	4	13	29	47	7
Winter Wheat	-	1	44	52	3
Pasture	2	9	35	49	5
Cattle & Calves	-	3	22	66	9
Sheep & Lambs	-	3	19	73	5

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 05/24/15

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Corn planted	59	38	47	62
Corn emerged	35	25	17	33
Hay, first cut	15	6	15	9
Soybeans planted	21	12	25	44
Soybeans emerged	8	3	3	22
Winter Wheat headed	21	18	53	71

- Represents data not available or zero.

Weather Summary- For the week ending May 24, 2015

West Virginia began warm, but after a strong cold front the State ended with below average temperatures for the week. After the front passed, several sites dropped into the 30s, but no stations dropped to below freezing. The high temperatures reached the 80s for nearly every station. The state average temperature was five degrees cooler than the previous week. Precipitation was down and most stations were very dry, with the exception of Martinsburg and Bluestone Dam which each received large amounts of rain associated with thunderstorms. All other stations had precipitation amounts that were well below normal for the week.

Temperatures: Both Martinsburg and Keyser had the highest recorded temperature of 88 degrees. Both Terra Alta and Keyser had the lowest recorded temperature of 34 degrees. The state average temperature was 60 degrees.

Precipitation: Martinsburg had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 1.19 inches. Parkersburg had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.03 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 0.44 of an inch.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 05-24-15

Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Week's Norm	Since April 1st 2015	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST--									
WHEELING	81	38	60		0.17		6.01	7.01	
PARKERSBURG	82	40	60	-4	0.03	1.00	6.04	6.42	6.67
CRESTON	83	36	59		0.19		7.99	6.29	
--NORTHCENTRAL--									
MORGANTOWN	83	41	60		0.59		6.27	6.78	
CLARKSBURG	81	42	59	-4	0.67	1.03	8.42	4.62	7.00
BELINGTON	80	41	59		0.46		6.51	4.82	
WESTON	83	43	61		0.27		8.30	5.32	
--SOUTHWEST--									
WILLIAMSON	84	46	64		0.27		8.82	5.00	
HUNTINGTON	84	42	63	-2	0.10	1.06	9.25	7.59	7.14
CHARLESTON	86	43	63	-2	0.40	1.10	8.53	5.89	7.00
RIPLEY	85	40	61		0.31		7.49	5.22	
--CENTRAL--									
TERRA ALTA	77	34	54		0.86		8.79	7.86	
ELKINS	82	37	58	-1	0.63	1.20	9.94	6.86	7.90
MARLINTON	81	37	56		0.29		8.52	8.24	
BECKLEY	78	38	58	-3	0.52	1.08	8.20	6.28	7.05
--SOUTHERN--									
PINEVILLE	83	37	61		0.71		8.93	6.16	
BLUEFIELD	81	39	60	-4	0.33	0.98	7.08	5.82	6.70
WHITE SUL SP	82	40	61		0.22		8.08	6.85	
BLUESTONE DAM	82	37	61		1.08		8.20	7.12	
--NORTHEASTERN--									
MARTINSBURG	88	39	63	0	1.19	0.92	6.08	9.28	6.65
KEYSER	88	34	60		0.17		5.64	6.50	
MOOREFIELD	86	37	61		0.31		3.76	6.42	
State Average Temperature	60								
State Average Precipitation	0.44								

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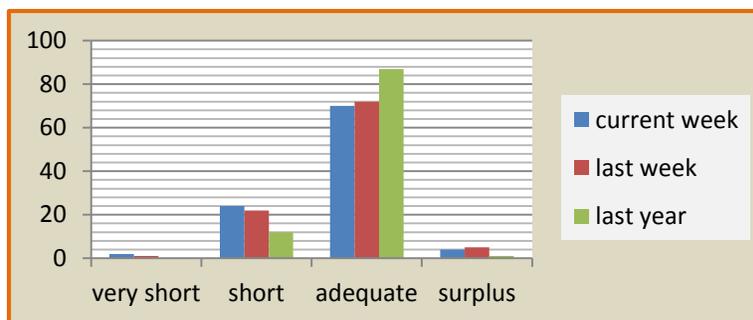
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SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 05/31/15

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	2	24	70	4
Subsoil	2	23	72	3

-Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 05/31/15



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 05/31/15

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	7	33	54	6
Peaches	1	9	37	48	5
Hay	4	9	30	50	7
Winter Wheat	-	1	44	53	2
Pasture	2	10	33	50	5
Cattle & Calves	-	3	22	66	9
Sheep & Lambs	-	2	20	73	5

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 05/31/15

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Corn planted	76	59	71	76
Corn emerged	59	35	34	45
Hay, first cut	32	15	17	20
Soybeans planted	46	21	45	60
Soybeans emerged	12	8	14	35
Winter Wheat headed	43	21	63	82

- Represents data not available or zero.

Weather Summary- For the week ending May 31, 2015

With West Virginia being drier than normal for the month, warmer temperatures were reported for the week. The high temperatures reached the 80s for all stations, one station reached 90. Most stations dropped into the 50s. The state average temperature was eleven degrees warmer than the previous week. Precipitation varied throughout the State with showers or thunderstorms. Seven stations received at least one inch of rain. Many stations had precipitation amounts that were well below normal for the week.

Temperatures: Williamson had the highest recorded temperature of 90 degrees. Wheeling, Weston, and Marlinton all had the lowest recorded temperature of 47 degrees. The state average temperature was 71 degrees.

Precipitation: Keyser had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 1.83 inches. Both Pineville and Bluefield had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.12 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 0.76 of an inch.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 05-31-15

Station	Temperature				Precipitation					
	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Week's Norm	Since April 1st 2015	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal	
--NORTHWEST--										
WHEELING	85	47	71		1.45		7.46	7.27		
PARKERSBURG	85	51	72	6	1.32	1.03	7.36	7.23	7.70	
CRESTON	88	53	71		1.00		8.99	7.20		
--NORTHCENTRAL--										
MORGANTOWN	89	55	74		0.23		6.50	7.42		
CLARKSBURG	85	56	72	7	0.59	1.16	9.01	6.64	8.16	
BELINGTON	86	57	72		0.39		6.90	6.13		
WESTON	87	47	72		1.13		9.43	6.25		
--SOUTHWEST--										
WILLIAMSON	90	54	74		0.29		9.11	6.78		
HUNTINGTON	88	53	74	7	0.48	1.13	9.73	8.48	8.27	
CHARLESTON	88	59	74	7	1.42	1.15	9.95	6.16	8.15	
RIPLEY	89	60	74		0.53		8.02	5.44		
--CENTRAL--										
TERRA ALTA	80	52	68		1.44		10.23	10.49		
ELKINS	86	55	70	9	0.37	1.16	10.31	7.47	9.06	
MARLINTON	82	47	65		0.95		9.47	8.80		
BECKLEY	81	49	67	4	0.46	1.09	8.66	6.48	8.14	
--SOUTHERN--										
PINEVILLE	86	53	72		0.12		9.05	6.89		
BLUEFIELD	85	56	70	5	0.12	1.06	7.20	6.20	7.76	
WHITE SUL SP	84	48	68		0.45		8.53	7.00		
BLUESTONE DAM	84	50	70		0.86		9.06	7.12		
--NORTHEASTERN--										
MARTINSBURG	88	55	74	9	0.81	0.91	6.89	9.83	7.56	
KEYSER	88	50	72		1.83		7.47	6.78		
MOOREFIELD	87	54	70		0.38		4.14	7.74		
State Average Temperature	71									
State Average Precipitation	0.76									

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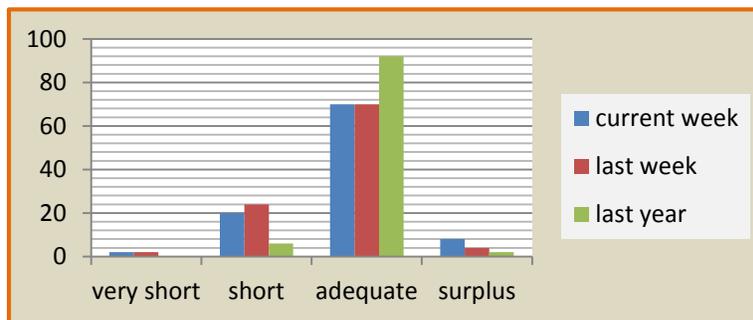
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SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 06/07/15

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	2	20	70	8
Subsoil	2	21	70	7

-Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 06/07/15



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 06/07/15

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	7	32	54	7
Peaches	1	6	31	53	9
Corn	-	2	23	72	3
Hay	3	8	30	49	10
Winter Wheat	-	1	45	52	2
Pasture	1	8	34	49	8
Cattle & Calves	-	3	20	68	9
Sheep & Lambs	-	2	17	75	6

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 06/07/15

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Corn planted	85	76	78	84
Corn emerged	72	59	53	58
Hay, first cut	38	32	29	35
Soybeans planted	53	46	63	71
Soybeans emerged	35	12	39	47
Winter Wheat headed	59	43	71	88

- Represents data not available or zero.

Weather Summary- For the week ending June 7, 2015

West Virginia temperatures cooled off a little from the week before and dropped to average or just below average for all stations. The temperatures became more summerlike, without any large swings in temperature. All stations reached the 80s during the week, and all stations dropped into the 50s. The State average temperature was 5 degrees lower than the previous week. Most of the precipitation fell as showers or thunderstorms during the week. Amounts ranged from 0.03 of an inch in Parkersburg, to 1.83 inches at Marlinton (most of it fell in one day). The southwest part of the State was the driest and the Central Mountain area was the wettest.

Temperatures: Williamson and Charleston had the highest recorded temperature of 89 degrees. Terra Alta and Martinsburg had the lowest recorded temperature of 50 degrees. The state average temperature was 66 degrees.

Precipitation: Marlinton had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 1.83 inches. Parkersburg had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.03 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 0.61 of an inch.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 06/07/15

Station	Temperature				Precipitation					
	High	Low	Weekly Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Week's Norm	Since April 1st 2015	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal	
--NORTHWEST--										
WHEELING	83	51	66		0.04		7.50	8.07		
PARKERSBURG	86	53	67	-1	0.03	1.03	7.39	8.28	8.73	
CRESTON	87	53	67		0.73		9.72	8.49		
--NORTHCENTRAL--										
MORGANTOWN	87	53	67		0.44		6.94	8.64		
CLARKSBURG	86	52	67	0	0.29	1.13	9.30	8.32	9.29	
BELINGTON	85	53	66		0.30		7.20	7.27		
WESTON	86	51	66		0.54		9.97	7.69		
--SOUTHWEST--										
WILLIAMSON	89	54	69		0.29		9.40	9.38		
HUNTINGTON	88	54	68	-1	0.07	1.03	9.80	9.74	9.30	
CHARLESTON	89	54	67	-2	0.19	1.08	10.14	7.34	9.23	
RIPLEY	87	53	66		0.08		8.10	7.44		
--CENTRAL--										
TERRA ALTA	85	50	62		0.19		10.42	13.43		
ELKINS	81	54	65	2	1.13	1.00	11.44	8.72	10.06	
MARLINTON	80	52	63		1.83		11.30	10.03		
BECKLEY	81	51	64	-1	1.52	0.97	10.18	7.37	9.11	
--SOUTHERN--										
PINEVILLE	87	54	68		0.38		9.43	8.09		
BLUEFIELD	81	53	67	0	0.57	1.03	7.77	7.70	8.79	
WHITE SUL SP	83	55	66		1.51		10.04	9.04		
BLUESTONE DAM	81	53	64		1.16		10.22	7.67		
--NORTHEASTERN--										
MARTINSBURG	85	50	64	-3	0.93	0.90	7.82	12.16	8.46	
KEYSER	82	51	63		0.88		8.35	8.27		
MOOREFIELD	83	52	64		0.29		4.43	8.93		
State Average Temperature	66									
State Average Precipitation	0.61									

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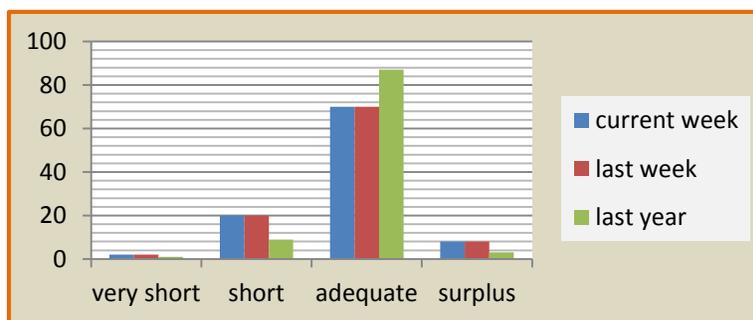
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.2. Hay and roughage supplies were 2 percent very short, 13 percent short, 78 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus compared with 1 percent very short, 6 percent short, 89 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus last year. Feed grain supplies were 6 percent short, 89 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus compared with 3 percent very short, 11 percent short, 85 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last year. Farming activities included planting corn and soybeans, and making hay.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 06/14/15

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	2	20	70	8
Subsoil	2	22	69	7

-Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 06/14/15



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 06/14/15

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	7	32	54	7
Peaches	1	6	31	53	9
Corn	-	3	25	68	4
Hay	3	8	28	51	10
Winter Wheat	-	1	45	52	2
Pasture	1	8	33	50	8
Cattle & Calves	-	3	20	68	9
Sheep & Lambs	-	2	17	75	6

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 06/14/15

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Corn planted	89	85	84	91
Corn emerged	78	72	70	74
Hay, first cut	44	38	40	50
Soybeans planted	60	53	72	81
Soybeans emerged	40	35	59	66
Winter Wheat headed	60	59	83	95
Winter Wheat harvested	8	-	3	6

- Represents data not available or zero.

Weather Summary- For the week ending June 14, 2015

West Virginia temperatures were very warm. All stations reported temperatures above average, with Martinsburg being 8 degrees above normal. Most stations dropped into the 50s during the week. The State average temperature was 7 degrees higher than previous week. Precipitation amounts varied across the state. Amounts ranged from 0.20 of an inch in Bluestone Dam, to 2.78 inches at Terra Alta. The southern part of the State, along with the eastern panhandle were the driest. The State average precipitation was 1.12 inches.

Temperatures: Keyser had the highest recorded temperature of 97 degrees. Almost all stations reached the 90 degree mark. Marlinton had the lowest recorded temperature of 49 degrees. The state average temperature was 73 degrees.

Precipitation: Terra Alta had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 2.78 inches. Bluestone Dam had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.20 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 1.12 inches.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 06/14/15

Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Norm	Since April 1st 2015	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST--									
WHEELING	91	58	74		2.58		10.08	8.87	
PARKERSBURG	91	55	75	5	1.01	0.97	8.40	10.02	9.70
CRESTON	90	53	73		2.13		11.85	10.04	
--NORTHCENTRAL--									
MORGANTOWN	90	56	74		1.30		8.24	9.91	
CLARKSBURG	89	53	74	5	2.11	1.04	11.41	9.84	10.33
BELINGTON	89	50	71		1.19		8.39	8.30	
WESTON	89	57	74		1.18		11.15	9.22	
--SOUTHWEST--									
WILLIAMSON	93	62	77		0.73		10.13	10.76	
HUNTINGTON	94	60	77	6	0.90	0.93	10.70	10.42	10.23
CHARLESTON	92	57	75	4	2.23	1.00	12.37	9.41	10.23
RIPLEY	90	53	73		0.95		9.05	8.56	
--CENTRAL--									
TERRA ALTA	84	53	68		2.78		13.20	14.52	
ELKINS	89	51	71	6	1.06	0.97	12.50	9.28	11.03
MARLINTON	82	49	65		0.59		11.89	10.96	
BECKLEY	83	51	68	1	0.29	0.89	10.47	10.20	10.00
--SOUTHERN--									
PINEVILLE	90	59	74		0.28		9.71	9.03	
BLUEFIELD	86	53	70	1	0.80	0.96	8.57	10.27	9.75
WHITE SUL SP	88	52	71		0.49		10.53	10.27	
BLUESTONE DAM	90	54	71		0.20		10.42	9.26	
--NORTHEASTERN--									
MARTINSBURG	94	57	77	8	0.49	0.89	8.31	15.69	9.35
KEYSER	97	53	75		0.70		9.05	10.76	
MOOREFIELD	91	52	73		0.71		5.14	9.57	
State Average Temperature	73								
State Average Precipitation	1.12								

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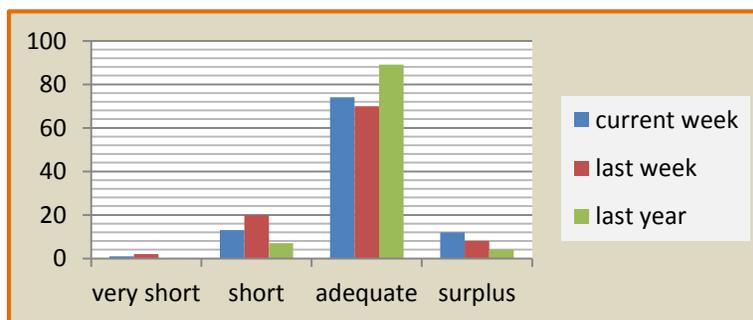
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SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 06/21/15

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	1	13	74	12
Subsoil	2	17	76	5

-Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 06/21/15



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 06/21/15

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	7	28	54	11
Peaches	1	6	25	53	15
Corn	-	1	25	68	6
Hay	3	11	26	51	9
Winter Wheat	-	1	44	53	2
Pasture	1	7	30	54	8
Cattle & Calves	-	2	21	68	9
Sheep & Lambs	-	1	16	75	8

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 06/21/15

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Corn planted	92	89	88	95
Corn emerged	81	78	79	87
Hay, first cut	48	44	44	62
Soybeans planted	65	60	77	87
Soybeans emerged	53	40	67	75
Winter Wheat headed	76	60	88	98
Winter Wheat harvested	12	8	6	12

- Represents data not available or zero.

Weather Summary- For the week ending June 21, 2015

West Virginia remained very warm for another week and had significant rain. The temperatures of all stations were reported in at least three degrees above normal and Huntington was seven degrees over average. All stations reached the upper 80s; five stations reached the 90 degree mark. Most stations dropped into the 60s, a few sites dropped into the 50s. Generally, the southwest and Eastern Panhandle were the warmest. Precipitation had a major impact on the State; all stations, with the exception of Beckley received over one inch of precipitation. With showers, thunderstorms, and the remnants of Tropical Storm Bill moving over the State, several sites had over one inch in a 24 hour period. Over the weekend, Marlinton and Clarksburg received over two inches of precipitation in a 24 hour period. West Virginia had 15 sites with over two inches during the week, five sites with over three inches, and Clarksburg and Elkins received over four inches. The southern coal fields were generally the driest, and the Central and Northcentral part of the State the wettest.

Temperatures: Williamson had the highest recorded temperature of 93 degrees. Wheeling had the lowest recorded temperature of 56 degrees. The state average temperature was 75 degrees.

Precipitation: Elkins had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 5.09 inches. Beckley had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.71 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 2.42 inches.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 06/21/15

Station	Temperature				Precipitation					
	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Norm	Since April 1st 2015	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal	
--NORTHWEST--										
WHEELING	86	56	72		1.62		11.70	9.90		
PARKERSBURG	87	65	75	3	3.62	0.91	12.02	12.20	10.61	
CRESTON	88	63	76		2.17		14.02	11.77		
--NORTHCENTRAL--										
MORGANTOWN	87	62	75		2.54		10.78	10.86		
CLARKSBURG	86	65	75	5	4.62	0.91	16.03	10.74	11.24	
BELINGTON	86	62	75		3.89		12.28	10.27		
WESTON	86	66	75		2.93		14.08	10.72		
--SOUTHWEST--										
WILLIAMSON	93	68	79		1.59		11.72	12.93		
HUNTINGTON	92	69	80	7	2.10	0.87	12.80	11.23	11.10	
CHARLESTON	90	66	77	4	2.42	0.98	14.79	10.23	11.21	
RIPLEY	88	63	76		2.30		11.35	9.16		
--CENTRAL--										
TERRA ALTA	81	57	70		2.45		15.65	15.98		
ELKINS	87	63	73	6	5.09	1.02	17.59	11.58	12.05	
MARLINTON	87	58	72		3.87		15.76	12.42		
BECKLEY	85	61	73	5	0.71	0.92	11.18	11.23	10.92	
--SOUTHERN--										
PINEVILLE	89	67	76		1.18		10.89	9.40		
BLUEFIELD	88	61	74	3	1.22	0.97	9.79	10.79	10.72	
WHITE SUL SP	89	64	76		1.09		11.62	10.85		
BLUESTONE DAM	89	63	76		1.02		11.44	9.83		
--NORTHEASTERN--										
MARTINSBURG	90	63	77	6	2.20	0.89	10.51	16.15	10.24	
KEYSER	90	60	75		2.32		11.37	11.37		
MOOREFIELD	89	66	76		2.39		7.53	9.97		
State Average Temperature	75									
State Average Precipitation	2.42									

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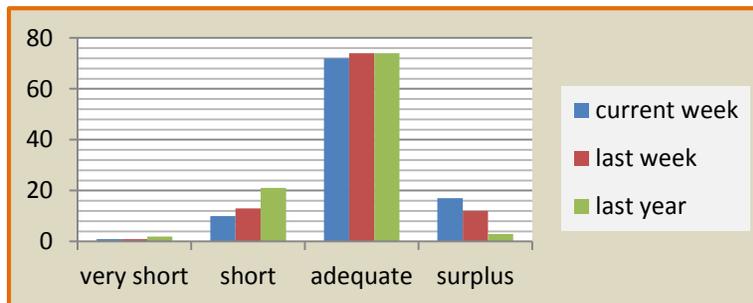
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 3.4. Hay and roughage supplies were 2 percent very short, 8 percent short, 83 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus compared with 4 percent very short, 7 percent short, 85 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus last year. Feed grain supplies were 5 percent short, 91 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus compared with 4 percent very short, 9 percent short, and 87 percent adequate last year. Weather conditions limited hay making and field work. Fruit comments from the week include the following: brown marmorated stink bug nymphs and young adults continue to move into the orchards. The frequent thunderstorms have increased disease pressure in all fruit trees.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 06/28/15

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	1	10	72	17
Subsoil	1	11	82	6

-Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 06/28/15



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 06/28/15

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	7	28	54	11
Peaches	1	6	25	53	15
Corn	-	1	24	70	5
Hay	3	9	26	53	9
Soybeans	-	1	27	71	1
Winter Wheat	-	1	44	52	3
Pasture	1	8	27	55	9
Cattle & Calves	-	2	22	67	9
Sheep & Lambs	-	1	17	77	5

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 06/28/15

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Corn planted	95	92	94	98
Corn emerged	82	81	89	93
Hay, first cut	61	48	60	73
Soybeans planted	80	65	84	91
Soybeans emerged	70	53	76	82
Winter Wheat headed	85	76	91	98
Winter Wheat harvested	18	12	10	30

- Represents data not available or zero.

Weather Summary- For the week ending June 28, 2015

Precipitation had a major impact on the State; all stations, received nearly daily showers and storms which provided plenty of rainfall. The highest reported rainfall totals for the week were at Ripley, Keyser, and Pineville, all of which had rainfall amounts of at least three inches. This keeps all parts of the State with a surplus of rainfall since May 1st, with the exception of Bluefield. The Central part of the State received the most rainfall, and the southern coal fields were the driest, similar to the previous week.

Temperatures: Keyser and Moorefield had the highest recorded temperature of 94 degrees. Terra Alta and Beckley had the lowest recorded temperature of 46 degrees. The state average temperature was 70 degrees.

Precipitation: Keyser had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 3.29 inches. Clarksburg had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.55 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 1.93 inches.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 06/28/15

Station	Temperature				Precipitation					
	High	Low	Weekly Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Week's Norm	Since April 1st 2015	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal	
--NORTHWEST--										
WHEELING	85	54	70		1.47		13.17	10.22		
PARKERSBURG	87	53	71	-2	1.17	0.86	13.19	12.61	11.47	
CRESTON	89	51	71		1.57		15.59	13.18		
--NORTHCENTRAL--										
MORGANTOWN	88	51	70		1.69		12.47	11.79		
CLARKSBURG	87	49	70	-1	0.55	0.98	16.58	11.05	12.22	
BELINGTON	86	49	69		1.69		13.97	10.50		
WESTON	88	56	72		1.37		15.45	11.17		
--SOUTHWEST--										
WILLIAMSON	93	57	76		2.35		14.07	14.08		
HUNTINGTON	91	56	75	1	1.62	0.82	14.42	11.65	11.92	
CHARLESTON	89	54	74	0	1.11	0.96	15.90	11.08	12.17	
RIPLEY	89	55	71		3.00		14.35	9.86		
--CENTRAL--										
TERRA ALTA	79	46	63		1.78		17.43	16.85		
ELKINS	86	48	68	0	2.46	1.08	20.05	12.03	13.13	
MARLINTON	82	47	66		2.96		18.72	13.05		
BECKLEY	84	46	68	-2	1.85	0.94	13.03	11.50	11.86	
--SOUTHERN--										
PINEVILLE	89	53	73		3.09		13.98	10.12		
BLUEFIELD	86	47	71	-2	1.30	0.91	11.09	11.85	11.63	
WHITE SUL SP	87	50	70		2.41		14.03	11.01		
BLUESTONE DAM	84	52	69		2.09		13.53	10.18		
--NORTHEASTERN--										
MARTINSBURG	92	56	71	-2	2.26	0.84	12.77	16.82	11.08	
KEYSER	94	51	70		3.29		14.66	11.68		
MOOREFIELD	94	52	71		1.32		8.85	10.00		
State Average Temperature	70									
State Average Precipitation	1.93									

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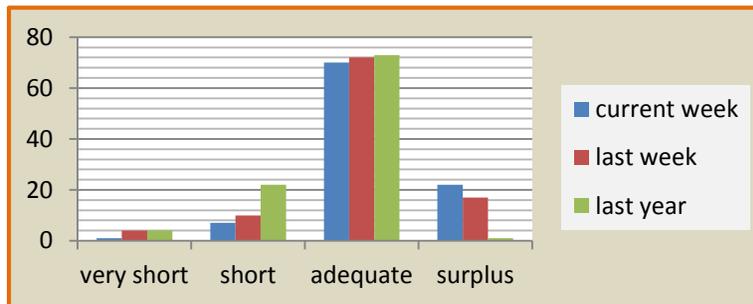
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SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 07/05/15

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	1	7	70	22
Subsoil	2	9	81	8

-Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 07/05/15



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 07/05/15

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	7	28	54	11
Peaches	1	6	24	53	16
Corn	-	1	22	67	10
Hay	4	8	31	48	9
Soybeans	-	1	27	71	1
Winter Wheat	-	1	44	52	3
Pasture	1	5	20	62	12
Cattle & Calves	-	2	17	72	9
Sheep & Lambs	-	2	13	78	7

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 07/05/15

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Corn emerged	92	82	93	96
Corn silking	5	-	5	8
Hay, first cut	64	61	79	82
Soybeans planted	91	80	94	97
Soybeans emerged	85	70	86	90
Winter Wheat headed	94	85	95	99
Winter Wheat harvested	19	18	18	54

- Represents data not available or zero.

Weather Summary- For the week ending July 5, 2015

West Virginia temperatures remained below average across the entire state due to periods of extensive cloudiness and rainfall. Southern West Virginia maintained the coolest temperatures with weekly averages falling some six degrees below normal. The northern half of the State, while below normal, was generally warmer with average weekly temperatures only one to three degrees below normal. Multiple storm systems brought numerous periods of showers and storms through the week. The highest reported rainfall totals for the week were at Williamson, followed by Beckley, and Pineville. The abundance of rainfall has ensured the entire State remains above average for season normal precipitation.

Temperatures: Martinsburg and Keyser had the highest recorded temperature of 87 degrees. Bluefield, Marlinton, and Terra Alta had the lowest recorded temperature of 47 degrees. The state average temperature was 68 degrees.

Precipitation: Williamson had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 5.08 inches. Moorefield had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.07 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 1.65 inches.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 07/05/15

Station	Temperature				Precipitation					
	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Norm	Since April 1st 2015	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal	
--NORTHWEST--										
WHEELING	81	57	69		1.33		14.50	10.22		
PARKERSBURG	83	56	69	-4	1.04	0.86	14.23	12.83	12.33	
CRESTON	81	51	68		2.12		17.71	13.65		
--NORTHCENTRAL--										
MORGANTOWN	86	55	71		1.15		13.62	11.81		
CLARKSBURG	86	53	69	-2	1.48	0.98	18.06	11.05	13.20	
BELINGTON	81	56	67		0.38		14.35	10.50		
WESTON	84	57	69		1.18		16.63	11.20		
--SOUTHWEST--										
WILLIAMSON	84	56	73		5.08		19.15	14.33		
HUNTINGTON	83	59	71	-3	1.72	0.82	16.14	11.67	12.74	
CHARLESTON	82	57	70	-4	2.03	0.96	17.93	11.11	13.13	
RIPLEY	80	58	69		0.83		15.18	10.11		
--CENTRAL--										
TERRA ALTA	77	47	62		1.04		18.47	16.95		
ELKINS	81	50	67	-1	1.06	1.08	21.11	12.17	14.21	
MARLINTON	75	47	61		1.52		20.24	13.12		
BECKLEY	78	46	64	-6	3.85	0.94	16.88	11.55	12.80	
--SOUTHERN--										
PINEVILLE	81	53	70		3.75		17.73	10.23		
BLUEFIELD	81	47	66	-6	1.74	0.91	12.83	11.87	12.54	
WHITE SUL SP	81	50	67		1.76		15.79	11.66		
BLUESTONE DAM	79	55	68		1.40		14.93	10.26		
--NORTHEASTERN--										
MARTINSBURG	87	53	71	-2	0.38	0.84	13.15	17.72	11.92	
KEYSER	87	52	70		1.36		16.02	11.93		
MOOREFIELD	85	52	70		0.07		8.92	10.82		
State Average Temperature	68									
State Average Precipitation	1.65									

Sources:
 Weather comments and data - Dept. of Commerce, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration National Weather Service, Charleston, WV.
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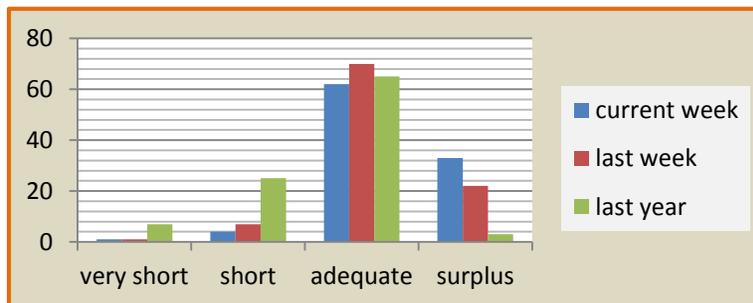
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 3.0. Hay and roughage supplies were 1 percent very short, 16 percent short, 79 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus, comparison data not available. Feed grain supplies were 3 percent short, 94 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus, comparison data not available. Weather conditions continue to limit field work. Producers are still struggling with pinkeye outbreaks in cattle. Fruit comments from the week include the following: unless treated with effective insecticides, Japanese Beetles can be found in abundance. Peach harvest is approaching in the Eastern Panhandle and peach size appears about normal to slightly larger at this stage compared to recent years. Some orchards have experienced brief, but damaging hail in heavy thunderstorms over the past several weeks.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 07/12/15

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	1	4	62	33
Subsoil	-	6	67	27

-Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 07/12/15



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 07/12/15

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	7	30	54	9
Peaches	1	9	29	53	8
Corn	-	2	25	61	12
Hay	4	10	38	41	7
Soybeans	-	1	28	68	3
Winter Wheat	-	1	44	48	7
Pasture	-	3	20	66	11
Cattle & Calves	-	1	15	75	9
Sheep & Lambs	1	1	13	80	5

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 07/12/15

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Corn emerged	95	92	95	99
Corn silking	11	5	14	20
Hay, first cut	67	64	85	86
Soybeans emerged	88	85	91	95
Soybeans blooming	3	-	15	17
Winter Wheat harvested	26	19	37	64

- Represents data not available or zero.

Weather Summary- For the week ending July 12, 2015

Temperatures for the most part were around average in West Virginia, but precipitation was far above average this week. Parkersburg, Charleston, Beckley, and Bluefield temperatures were just below average, while temperatures in Clarksburg, Elkins, and Martinsburg were just above average. Most stations reached highs in the 80s, lows were in the 50s to 60s. Precipitation was once again above average. Several storm systems brought large amounts of rain. Flooding was reported in several parts of the State, including the coal fields, central lowlands, southern mountains, and along the Ohio River. Almost all stations received above one inch of precipitation; eleven stations received over two inches of rain, five stations received over three inches, and two received over four inches. The Northeastern part of the State was the driest.

Temperatures: Keyser had the highest recorded temperature of 93 degrees. Marlinton had the lowest recorded temperature of 55 degrees. The state average temperature was 72 degrees.

Precipitation: Williamson had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 4.42 inches. Wheeling had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.70 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 2.07 inches.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 07/12/15

Station	Temperature				Precipitation					
	High	Low	Weekly Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Week's Norm	Since April 1st 2015	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal	
--NORTHWEST--										
WHEELING	86	60	71		0.70		15.20	10.80		
PARKERSBURG	86	61	73	-2	1.39	0.95	15.62	13.90	13.28	
CRESTON	86	61	73		4.11		21.82	17.67		
--NORTHCENTRAL--										
MORGANTOWN	87	64	75		1.89		15.51	13.80		
CLARKSBURG	86	64	74	1	2.05	1.13	20.11	12.94	14.33	
BELINGTON	82	60	71		1.59		15.94	12.49		
WESTON	86	63	73		2.10		18.73	14.60		
--SOUTHWEST--										
WILLIAMSON	89	67	78		4.42		23.57	14.95		
HUNTINGTON	87	65	76	0	3.35	1.02	19.49	12.22	13.76	
CHARLESTON	86	63	74	-2	3.16	1.10	21.09	13.07	14.23	
RIPLEY	84	61	73		0.80		15.98	12.20		
--CENTRAL--										
TERRA ALTA	79	57	69		2.43		20.90	18.50		
ELKINS	85	60	71	1	2.45	1.26	23.56	13.98	15.47	
MARLINTON	79	55	63		1.31		21.55	13.95		
BECKLEY	80	56	67	-4	1.26	1.09	18.14	12.07	13.89	
--SOUTHERN--										
PINEVILLE	85	64	73		2.15		19.88	11.71		
BLUEFIELD	82	56	69	-4	1.55	0.96	14.38	12.18	13.50	
WHITE SUL SP	86	59	73		3.07		18.86	11.84		
BLUESTONE DAM	85	56	71		2.44		17.37	10.67		
--NORTHEASTERN--										
MARTINSBURG	90	59	76	1	0.71	0.81	13.86	18.69	12.73	
KEYSER	93	61	77		0.93		16.95	12.47		
MOOREFIELD	88	61	75		1.72		10.64	12.11		
State Average Temperature	72									
State Average Precipitation	2.07									

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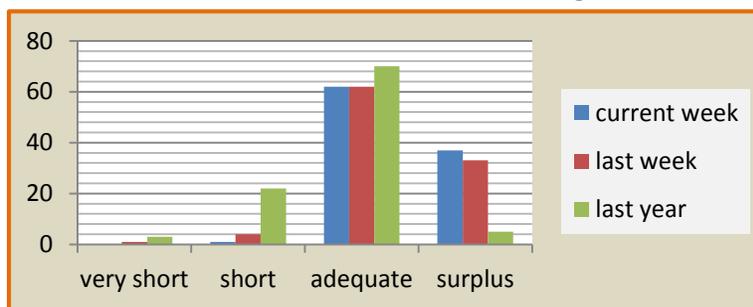
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 3.1. An abundance of rain limited field work. High temperatures and humidity were present which did not help various crops with disease issues. Fruit comments from the week include the following: Japanese Beetles continue to be a problem. Peach harvest is now here. The pear psylla is now evident in pear trees, and disease developments such as bitter rot and white rot are affecting the apple crop.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 07/19/15

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	-	1	62	37
Subsoil	1	1	72	26

-Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 07/19/15



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 07/19/15

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	7	30	53	10
Peaches	1	9	30	53	7
Corn	-	2	22	62	14
Hay	3	10	39	42	6
Soybeans	-	1	27	69	3
Winter Wheat	-	1	44	50	5
Pasture	1	5	19	63	12
Cattle & Calves	-	2	16	72	10
Sheep & Lambs	1	1	12	77	9

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 07/19/15

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Peaches harvested	8	-	-	6
Corn silking	25	11	31	39
Hay, first cut	76	67	90	92
Soybeans emerged	89	88	95	98
Soybeans blooming	9	3	26	29
Winter Wheat harvested	53	26	62	81

- Represents data not available or zero.

Weather Summary- For the week ending July 19, 2015

West Virginia temperatures were very close to normal. The high temperatures reached the 90s with the majority of the stations in the 80s. Most stations dropped into the 50s and 60s, with only one station in the 40s. The state average temperature was two degrees warmer than the previous week. Precipitation amounts dropped from the previous two weeks, but several stations were still above average. Twelve stations received at least one inch of rain, five stations reached two inches, and one station reached over three inches. There was more flooding in the State, and a State of Emergency was declared in the counties of Braxton, Webster, and Wood. A State of Preparedness was also issued for 35 additional counties.

Temperatures: Keyser had the highest recorded temperature of 96 degrees. Marlinton had the lowest recorded temperature of 43 degrees. The state average temperature was 74 degrees.

Precipitation: Williamson had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 3.97 inches. Both Wheeling and Morgantown had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.25 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 1.41 of an inch.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 07/19/15

Station	Temperature				Precipitation					
	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Norm	Since April 1st 2015	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal	
--NORTHWEST--										
WHEELING	87	52	72		0.25		15.45	11.85		
PARKERSBURG	87	56	74	-1	0.36	0.97	15.98	14.55	14.25	
CRESTON	91	57	74		1.91		23.73	18.78		
--NORTHCENTRAL--										
MORGANTOWN	94	58	77		0.25		15.76	14.32		
CLARKSBURG	89	54	74	1	0.92	1.52	21.03	14.43	15.85	
BELINGTON	86	57	72		0.48		16.42	13.49		
WESTON	89	59	74		2.29		21.02	16.04		
--SOUTHWEST--										
WILLIAMSON	93	65	77		3.97		27.54	16.64		
HUNTINGTON	92	61	76	0	2.69	1.08	22.18	13.37	14.84	
CHARLESTON	91	62	76	0	2.51	1.18	23.60	14.43	15.41	
RIPLEY	90	60	74		1.90		17.88	13.36		
--CENTRAL--										
TERRA ALTA	85	52	70		2.38		23.28	19.93		
ELKINS	88	58	73	3	1.34	1.26	24.90	14.74	16.73	
MARLINTON	86	43	69		0.42		21.97	14.43		
BECKLEY	85	60	72	1	1.57	1.20	19.71	13.01	15.09	
--SOUTHERN--										
PINEVILLE	89	66	75		1.67		21.55	13.43		
BLUEFIELD	86	61	73	-1	1.89	0.98	16.27	13.19	14.48	
WHITE SUL SP	88	60	74		0.73		19.59	12.64		
BLUESTONE DAM	89	63	75		0.97		18.34	11.34		
--NORTHEASTERN--										
MARTINSBURG	92	56	75	-1	1.46	0.83	15.32	19.82	13.56	
KEYSER	96	54	75		0.40		17.35	13.30		
MOOREFIELD	92	57	75		0.74		11.38	12.66		
State Average Temperature	74									
State Average Precipitation	1.41									

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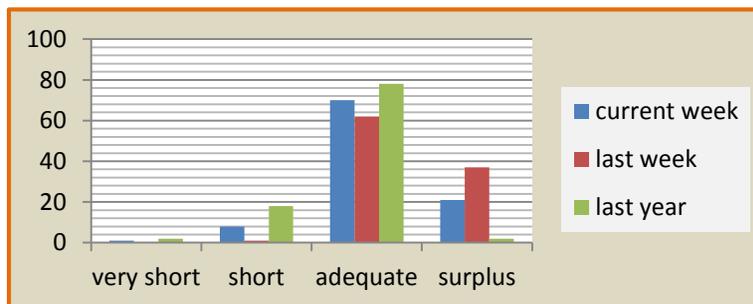
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.6. Many farmers took advantage of the drier weather conditions which were great for making hay. Fruit comments from the week include the following: Japanese Beetle remains a problem in some crops. This is the first week in some time with little or no precipitation in the Eastern Panhandle area. Peach harvest is proceeding at a normal rate with good quality.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 07/26/15

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	1	8	70	21
Subsoil	1	9	82	8

-Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 07/26/15



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 07/26/15

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	7	32	48	13
Peaches	1	4	30	53	12
Corn	-	2	24	60	14
Hay	-	7	41	47	5
Soybeans	-	1	27	67	5
Pasture	-	4	21	66	9
Cattle & Calves	-	1	20	68	11
Sheep & Lambs	1	1	16	74	8

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 07/26/15

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Peaches harvested	16	8	7	17
Corn silking	43	25	50	60
Corn doughing	5	-	3	6
Hay, first cut	84	76	94	95
Hay, second cut	10	-	9	20
Soybeans emerged	91	89	99	100
Soybeans blooming	18	9	43	50
Soybeans setting pods	3	-	15	19
Winter Wheat harvested	64	53	72	89

- Represents data not available or zero.

Weather Summary- For the week ending July 26, 2015

West Virginia was drier this week and temperatures remained near average for the second week in a row. All sites were within a degree or two of normal. The week began warm, cooled near the end of the workweek, then warmed again over the weekend. Most stations reached the upper 80s to low 90s during the week.

Temperatures dropped to unseasonable 50s after a cold front crossed over the State midweek. Overall, the state recorded below average precipitation. Huntington was the only reporting station that exceeded average precipitation. Two other sites broke the one inch mark. Generally, the south and southwest received the most precipitation, while the Eastern Panhandle was nearly dry.

Temperatures: Keyser had the highest recorded temperature of 94 degrees. Marlinton had the lowest recorded temperature of 50 degrees. The state average temperature was 73 degrees.

Precipitation: Huntington had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 1.75 inches. Both Martinsburg and Moorefield had the lowest with zero recorded precipitation. The state average precipitation was 0.40 of an inch.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 07/26/15

Station	Temperature				Precipitation					
	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Norm	Since April 1st 2015	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal	
--NORTHWEST--										
WHEELING	86	56	73		0.19		15.64	12.79		
PARKERSBURG	88	57	74	0	0.41	1.00	16.39	14.92	15.25	
CRESTON	88	55	72		0.21		23.94	19.03		
--NORTHCENTRAL--										
MORGANTOWN	90	57	75		0.11		15.87	16.33		
CLARKSBURG	87	59	74	1	0.36	1.42	21.39	16.50	17.27	
BELINGTON	86	54	70		0.11		16.53	15.38		
WESTON	88	57	74		0.86		21.88	18.62		
--SOUTHWEST--										
WILLIAMSON	92	62	76		1.41		28.95	17.49		
HUNTINGTON	91	61	76	0	1.75	1.08	23.93	14.47	15.92	
CHARLESTON	89	58	74	-2	0.57	1.14	24.17	15.96	16.55	
RIPLEY	88	59	75		0.14		18.02	13.63		
--CENTRAL--										
TERRA ALTA	85	51	68		0.29		23.57	23.53		
ELKINS	87	54	71	1	0.19	1.16	25.09	17.30	17.89	
MARLINTON	85	50	67		0.21		22.18	16.25		
BECKLEY	84	54	70	-1	1.10	1.14	20.81	13.89	16.23	
--SOUTHERN--										
PINEVILLE	87	61	74		0.35		21.90	15.13		
BLUEFIELD	86	57	72	-1	0.07	0.92	16.34	14.47	15.40	
WHITE SUL SP	87	56	72		0.21		19.80	15.12		
BLUESTONE DAM	86	59	73		0.33		18.67	12.08		
--NORTHEASTERN--										
MARTINSBURG	91	57	75	0	0.00	0.86	15.32	20.98	14.42	
KEYSER	94	55	75		0.03		17.38	14.36		
MOOREFIELD	92	55	74		0.00		11.38	14.47		
State Average Temperature	73									
State Average Precipitation	0.40									

Sources:
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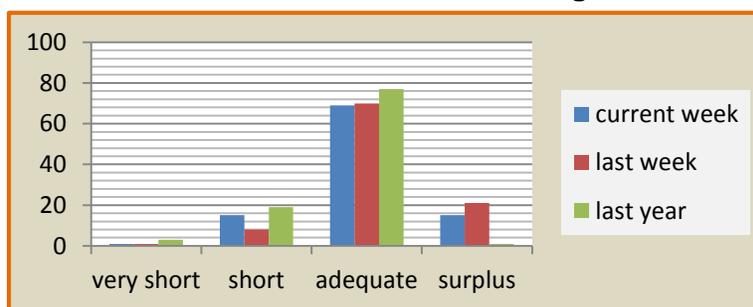
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.3. Haymaking progressed due to the drier weather conditions. Fruit comments from the week include the following: dry weather conditions reduced potential for additional rot to develop in peaches and apples. Mid-season peaches are now being harvested. The hot dry weather has also increased the population of mites in orchards. High temperatures were in the 90s, and lows were in the 50s. Precipitation is down from previous week.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 08/02/15

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	1	15	69	15
Subsoil	1	13	78	8

-Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 08/02/15



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 08/02/15

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	7	30	48	15
Peaches	1	3	28	55	13
Corn	-	2	22	62	14
Hay	3	9	38	44	6
Soybeans	1	1	27	68	3
Pasture	1	5	22	62	10
Cattle & Calves	-	1	19	69	11
Sheep & Lambs	1	1	16	74	11

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 08/02/15

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Peaches harvested	32	16	11	24
Corn silking	72	43	72	76
Corn doughing	20	5	7	14
Hay, first cut	91	84	99	98
Hay, second cut	33	10	18	30
Soybeans emerged	100	91	100	100
Soybeans blooming	45	18	67	68
Soybeans setting pods	19	3	32	35
Winter Wheat harvested	93	64	76	93

- Represents data not available or zero.

Weather Summary- For the week ending August 2, 2015

West Virginia temperatures in most stations ran slightly above normal. The middle of the week was rather hot across the state with several readings into the low 90s. Temperatures dropped by the weekend, with 70s and 80s for highs throughout most of the State. Most precipitation was reported in Williamson and Pineville; they were the only reporting sites that exceeded the State average. The South and Southwest received the most precipitation out of the areas that did see rainfall, while the northwest was nearly dry.

Temperatures: Keyser and Moorefield had the highest recorded temperature of 95 degrees. Morgantown had the lowest recorded temperature of 48 degrees. The state average temperature was 74 degrees.

Precipitation: Williamson had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 1.46 inches. Wheeling, Parkersburg, Creston and Weston had the lowest with zero recorded precipitation. The state average precipitation was 0.37 of an inch.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 08/02/15

Station	Temperature				Precipitation					
	High	Low	Weekly Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Week's Norm	Since April 1st 2015	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal	
--NORTHWEST--										
WHEELING	92	63	76		0.00		15.64	13.78		
PARKERSBURG	92	59	76	2	0.00	0.92	16.39	15.33	16.17	
CRESTON	90	55	74		0.00		23.94	19.75		
--NORTHCENTRAL--										
MORGANTOWN	93	60	78		0.23		16.10	17.50		
CLARKSBURG	91	56	75	2	0.56	1.13	21.95	17.67	18.40	
BELINGTON	85	56	72		0.10		16.63	16.05		
WESTON	90	59	75		0.00		21.88	19.76		
--SOUTHWEST--										
WILLIAMSON	93	62	77		1.46		30.41	18.46		
HUNTINGTON	93	59	77	1	0.01	1.01	23.94	15.83	16.93	
CHARLESTON	91	58	76	1	0.60	1.07	24.77	16.92	17.62	
RIPLEY	92	58	76		0.57		18.59	13.96		
--CENTRAL--										
TERRA ALTA	85	54	70		0.04		23.61	24.21		
ELKINS	89	52	72	2	0.29	1.10	25.38	17.94	18.99	
MARLINTON	84	48	69		0.13		22.31	16.53		
BECKLEY	81	51	68	-3	0.71	1.14	21.52	13.92	17.37	
--SOUTHERN--										
PINEVILLE	88	59	74		1.13		23.03	15.20		
BLUEFIELD	86	53	71	-2	0.17	0.84	16.51	15.87	16.24	
WHITE SUL SP	88	51	72		0.73		20.53	15.87		
BLUESTONE DAM	85	54	72		0.55		19.22	12.27		
--NORTHEASTERN--										
MARTINSBURG	91	58	77	3	0.16	0.83	15.48	21.05	15.25	
KEYSER	95	57	77		0.04		17.42	14.50		
MOOREFIELD	93	55	76		0.60		11.98	14.55		
State Average Temperature	74									
State Average Precipitation	0.37									

Sources:
 Weather comments and data - Dept. of Commerce, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration National Weather Service, Charleston, WV.
 Fruit comments - Stephen S. Miller, Ph.D. Research Horticulturist.

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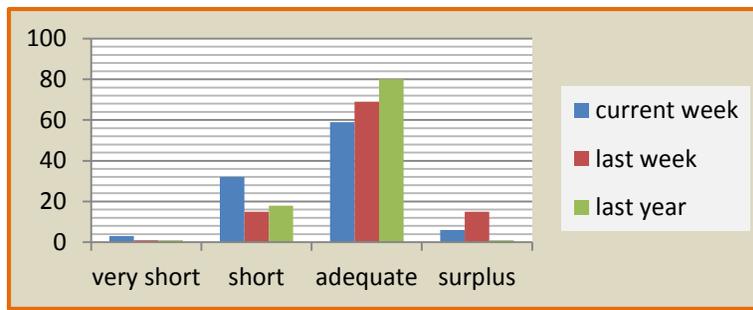
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.1. Farmers are making hay and many are getting ready for the State Fair. Fruit comments from the week include the following: the lack of moisture over the past four weeks is beginning to have an effect on tree fruit size, especially in peach trees. Sunburn, which is generally not a problem in the Mid-Atlantic region, is showing up on apples exposed to direct sunlight. The hot, dry conditions are also causing an increase in mites.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 08/09/15

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	3	32	59	6
Subsoil	2	16	76	6

-Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 08/09/15



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 08/09/15

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	7	31	47	15
Peaches	1	3	28	55	13
Corn	-	2	22	61	15
Hay	3	6	38	47	6
Soybeans	-	1	27	69	3
Pasture	1	5	16	72	6
Cattle & Calves	-	1	14	73	12
Sheep & Lambs	-	1	11	82	6

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 08/09/15

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Peaches harvested	36	32	24	38
Corn silking	79	72	80	84
Corn doughing	33	20	16	30
Corn dented	3	-	-	3
Hay, first cut	95	91	100	99
Hay, second cut	39	33	26	37
Soybeans blooming	60	45	82	82
Soybeans setting pods	28	19	42	50
Winter Wheat harvested	95	93	81	96

- Represents data not available or zero.

Weather Summary- For the week ending August 9, 2015

West Virginia's temperatures were very close to normal this week, and overall, the State was fairly dry. Clarksburg was one degree over normal, Charleston was one degree below normal, and Bluefield was two degrees below normal. Every other site was right at average. Temperatures generally reached the 80s, with the Southwest and Eastern Panhandle getting into the 90s. Low temperatures for the week were in the 50s and 60s. Typical summertime patterns left the State with precipitation amounts ranging from 0.02 of an inch to 1.98 inches. Only Bluefield reached the week's normal precipitation amount; all other stations fell short of average. The North Central part of the State was the driest, while the South was the wettest.

Temperatures: Keyser had the highest recorded temperature of 93 degrees. Marlinton had the lowest recorded temperature of 51 degrees. The state average temperature was 72 degrees.

Precipitation: Bluefield had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 1.98 inches. Marlinton had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.02 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 0.63 of an inch.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 08/09/15

Station	Temperature				Precipitation					
	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Norm	Since April 1st 2015	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal	
--NORTHWEST--										
WHEELING	85	61	72		1.12		16.76	14.09		
PARKERSBURG	89	61	74	0	0.57	0.85	16.96	15.36	17.02	
CRESTON	87	60	73		0.58		24.52	19.92		
--NORTHCENTRAL--										
MORGANTOWN	88	60	75		0.24		16.34	17.69		
CLARKSBURG	87	63	74	1	0.22	1.02	22.17	18.11	19.42	
BELINGTON	87	58	70		0.08		16.71	17.12		
WESTON	87	61	74		0.42		22.30	19.88		
--SOUTHWEST--										
WILLIAMSON	90	66	76		1.22		31.63	22.47		
HUNTINGTON	90	63	76	0	0.70	0.88	24.64	16.07	17.81	
CHARLESTON	88	61	74	-1	0.26	0.93	25.03	17.08	18.55	
RIPLEY	88	60	74		0.28		18.87	14.14		
--CENTRAL--										
TERRA ALTA	79	56	67		0.56		24.17	24.22		
ELKINS	85	57	70	0	0.26	0.93	25.64	18.27	19.92	
MARLINTON	83	51	69		0.02		22.33	16.73		
BECKLEY	82	54	70	0	0.59	0.97	22.11	14.90	18.34	
--SOUTHERN--										
PINEVILLE	86	60	74		1.20		24.23	18.35		
BLUEFIELD	85	59	72	-2	1.98	0.84	18.49	18.96	17.08	
WHITE SUL SP	86	53	72		0.53		21.06	16.34		
BLUESTONE DAM	88	58	73		1.62		20.84	13.70		
--NORTHEASTERN--										
MARTINSBURG	91	61	74	0	0.16	0.74	15.64	21.12	15.99	
KEYSER	93	57	73		0.85		18.27	14.88		
MOOREFIELD	91	57	72		0.41		12.39	14.66		
State Average Temperature	72									
State Average Precipitation	0.63									

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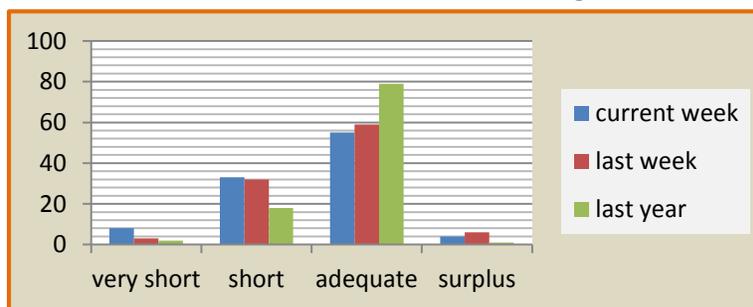
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.2. Farmers are making hay and harvesting peaches and apples; many are attending the State Fair in Lewisburg. Fruit comments from the week include the following: the lack of moisture from dry weather conditions is hurting final swell for late season peaches where supplemental water is not available. Mites continue to thrive in the hot, dry conditions, as well as pear psylla, which may have been controlled earlier in the season. Sunburn is more common on apples than has been seen in a number of years. Stink bugs are increasing in numbers in some locations and pose a threat for fruit damage from now until early October.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 08/16/15

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	8	33	55	4
Subsoil	5	22	68	5

-Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 08/16/15



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 08/16/15

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	7	36	47	10
Peaches	1	3	28	60	8
Corn	-	2	22	61	15
Hay	3	9	38	43	7
Soybeans	-	1	28	68	3
Pasture	1	6	24	64	5
Cattle & Calves	-	1	16	75	8
Sheep & Lambs	1	2	12	80	5

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 08/16/15

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	4	-	-	3
Peaches harvested	56	36	47	54
Corn silking	83	79	84	89
Corn doughing	40	33	36	52
Corn dented	12	3	6	11
Hay, second cut	48	39	52	49
Soybeans blooming	71	60	89	91
Soybeans setting pods	42	28	64	69

- Represents data not available or zero.

Weather Summary- For the week ending August 16, 2015

The week started out wet and after a cold front passage, weather conditions dried out. West Virginia's temperatures ranged from being right at normal to four degrees below normal for the week. Clarksburg, Huntington, and Martinsburg were at normal, Parkersburg and Elkins were two degrees below normal, Charleston and Beckley were three degrees below normal, and Bluefield was four degrees below normal. High temperatures generally were in the 80s to lower 90s. Low temperatures were mostly in the 40s and 50s. Precipitation amounts were varied; even with the rain earlier in the week, precipitation amounts ended up being below normal at most stations. Elkins and Bluefield received above normal amounts.

Temperatures: Keyser had the highest recorded temperature of 97 degrees. Terra Alta, Elkins, and Marlinton had the lowest recorded temperature of 47 degrees. The state average temperature was 71 degrees.

Precipitation: White Sulphur Springs had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 2.56 inches. Wheeling had the lowest with zero recorded precipitation. The state average precipitation was 0.79 of an inch.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 08/16/15

Station	Temperature				Precipitation					
	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Norm	Since April 1st 2015	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal	
--NORTHWEST--										
WHEELING	88	53	73		0.00		16.76	16.79		
PARKERSBURG	89	54	72	-2	0.78	0.82	17.74	16.42	17.84	
CRESTON	88	50	71		0.73		25.25	21.30		
--NORTHCENTRAL--										
MORGANTOWN	92	55	74		0.23		16.57	20.31		
CLARKSBURG	89	52	72	0	0.56	0.77	22.73	20.40	20.19	
BELINGTON	86	52	70		1.10		17.81	18.12		
WESTON	87	53	71		0.79		23.09	21.66		
--SOUTHWEST--										
WILLIAMSON	88	60	75		1.13		32.76	23.87		
HUNTINGTON	93	57	75	0	0.15	0.85	24.79	17.77	18.66	
CHARLESTON	91	53	72	-3	0.49	0.86	25.52	18.13	19.41	
RIPLEY	88	52	72		0.73		19.60	17.02		
--CENTRAL--										
TERRA ALTA	83	47	65		0.47		24.64	26.60		
ELKINS	86	47	68	-2	1.46	0.87	27.10	19.59	20.79	
MARLINTON	86	47	66		0.83		23.16	18.18		
BECKLEY	83	50	67	-3	0.20	0.78	22.31	15.82	19.12	
--SOUTHERN--										
PINEVILLE	85	57	73		0.88		25.11	19.34		
BLUEFIELD	85	54	69	-4	0.99	0.74	19.48	19.65	17.82	
WHITE SUL SP	85	51	69		2.56		23.62	18.10		
BLUESTONE DAM	83	51	70		1.90		22.74	14.81		
--NORTHEASTERN--										
MARTINSBURG	94	54	73	0	0.11	0.68	15.75	22.13	16.67	
KEYSER	97	51	73		0.26		18.53	16.05		
MOOREFIELD	91	51	71		0.97		13.36	16.37		
State Average Temperature	71									
State Average Precipitation	0.79									

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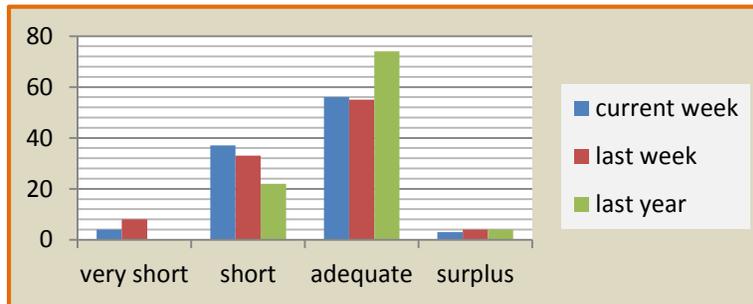
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.9. Farmers are making hay and chopping corn. Fruit comments from the week include the following: the heavy thundershowers during the period provided some relief from four weeks of dry weather and may help improve the size of late peaches. Honeycrisp, Gala, and a few other early apple varieties are being harvested.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 08/23/15

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	4	37	56	3
Subsoil	6	29	63	2

-Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 08/23/15



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 08/23/15

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	8	39	46	7
Corn	-	4	20	63	13
Hay	2	11	41	42	4
Soybeans	-	1	26	67	6
Pasture	1	7	30	56	6
Cattle & Calves	-	1	17	75	7
Sheep & Lambs	-	2	14	79	5

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 08/23/15

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	9	4	12	9
Peaches harvested	62	56	70	72
Corn silking	85	83	89	94
Corn doughing	45	40	64	66
Corn dented	14	12	17	21
Hay, second cut	53	48	63	57
Soybeans blooming	75	71	93	96
Soybeans setting pods	44	42	79	82

- Represents data not available or zero.

Weather Summary- For the week ending August 23, 2015

West Virginia experienced mixed temperatures and precipitation amounts this week. Across the State, temperatures varied somewhat. Martinsburg and Elkins were above normal, while Beckley, Bluefield, Charleston, and Parkersburg were below average. Although temperatures were close to normal, the State experienced a large temperature swing. Several stations reached the 90s during the week, but due to a cold front that moved through, there were also highs only in the 70s. Most stations also recorded lows in the 50s; Marlinton and Beckley each dropped into the 40s. Overall, the week began with lots of precipitation and ended dry. As usual in the summer, precipitation amounts varied. Half of the reporting stations were above normal and half were below. Several stations recorded over one inch of precipitation in a 24 hour period. Fifteen stations received over one inch and Wheeling was the only station to break the two inch mark.

Temperatures: Keyser had the highest recorded temperature of 98 degrees. Marlinton had the lowest recorded temperature of 48 degrees. The state average temperature was 71 degrees.

Precipitation: Wheeling had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 2.02 inches. White Sulphur Springs had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.28 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 1.14 inches.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 08/23/15

Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Norm	Since April 1st 2015	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST--									
WHEELING	90	54	73		2.02		18.78	19.86	
PARKERSBURG	91	52	72	-1	0.74	0.81	18.48	18.27	18.65
CRESTON	89	50	71		1.25		26.50	21.69	
--NORTHCENTRAL--									
MORGANTOWN	94	55	74		1.41		17.98	20.98	
CLARKSBURG	91	50	72	0	0.52	0.74	23.25	21.06	20.93
BELINGTON	91	52	70		1.38		19.19	19.09	
WESTON	90	55	72		1.06		24.15	22.23	
--SOUTHWEST--									
WILLIAMSON	90	59	75		1.11		33.87	27.20	
HUNTINGTON	92	57	75	0	0.41	0.86	25.20	20.77	19.52
CHARLESTON	89	54	73	-1	1.31	0.81	26.83	19.37	20.22
RIPLEY	89	54	73		1.30		20.90	17.82	
--CENTRAL--									
TERRA ALTA	84	50	67		1.85		26.49	28.65	
ELKINS	88	51	70	1	0.56	0.85	27.66	20.65	21.64
MARLINTON	83	48	67		1.08		24.24	18.87	
BECKLEY	81	49	67	-3	1.57	0.72	23.88	18.49	19.84
--SOUTHERN--									
PINEVILLE	86	56	72		0.98		26.09	22.41	
BLUEFIELD	84	52	69	-3	1.68	0.69	21.16	21.74	18.51
WHITE SUL SP	87	53	71		0.28		23.90	19.58	
BLUESTONE DAM	84	55	71		1.44		24.18	16.34	
--NORTHEASTERN--									
MARTINSBURG	95	55	74	1	1.18	0.66	16.93	23.25	17.33
KEYSER	98	51	74		1.76		20.29	16.61	
MOOREFIELD	93	50	72		0.29		13.65	17.20	
State Average Temperature			71						
State Average Precipitation			1.14						

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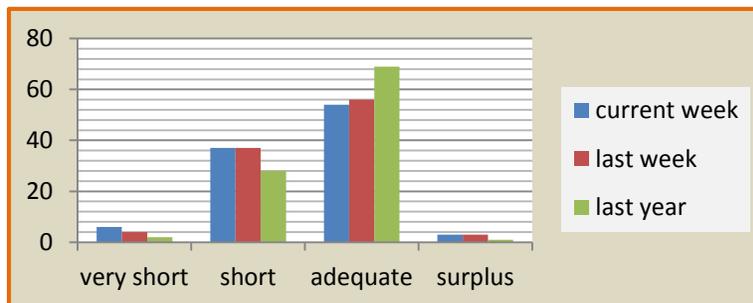
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.4. Farmers are making hay and harvesting corn for silage. Fruit comments from the week include the following: the lack of sufficient rainfall over the past several weeks is having an effect on late peach fruit size and also the size in some apple varieties. Damage from stink bugs still appears low, but bug catches have risen recently. Harvests of early apple varieties such as Honeycrisp, Gala, Golden Supreme, Summer Rambo, and others are partially complete. Fruit color in some red varieties is rather poor due to the high temperatures and the lack of cool nights.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 08/30/15

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	6	37	54	3
Subsoil	8	26	63	3

-Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 08/30/15



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 08/30/15

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	7	31	52	10
Corn	-	4	20	67	9
Hay	2	10	48	37	3
Soybeans	-	1	29	69	1
Pasture	1	10	31	50	8
Cattle & Calves	-	1	15	78	6
Sheep & Lambs	-	2	11	83	4

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 08/30/15

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	12	9	17	17
Peaches harvested	76	62	84	83
Corn silking	95	85	93	97
Corn doughing	65	45	78	75
Corn dented	34	14	39	38
Hay, second cut	68	53	72	66
Soybeans blooming	81	75	95	99
Soybeans setting pods	65	44	89	90

- Represents data not available or zero.

Weather Summary- For the week ending August 30, 2015

West Virginia was very dry this week with temperatures that warmed up after a cooler start to the workweek. Throughout the State, most locations saw below normal temperatures much of the week after a front moved through during the first half of the week. Bluefield and Beckley were the coolest at 7 degrees below average. By Friday, a warming trend set in and temperatures began to warm area wide. Precipitation was scant; the small amount of precipitation that occurred was in conjunction with the front and was limited to only a few reporting sites. A drier air mass along with high pressure kept most locations dry through the week. However, an increase in temperatures later in the week as well as increasing atmospheric moisture allowed for more thunderstorm development, particularly in the mountains. For the season to date, all reporting stations aside from Parkersburg were below normal.

Temperatures: Keyser had the highest recorded temperature of 94 degrees. Marlinton and Beckley had the lowest recorded temperature of 45 degrees. The state average temperature was 67 degrees.

Precipitation: White Sulphur Springs had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.10 of an inch. Most reporting stations had zero recorded precipitation. The state average precipitation was 0.01 of an inch.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 08/30/15

Station	Temperature				Precipitation					
	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Norm	Since April 1st 2015	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal	
--NORTHWEST--										
WHEELING	84	52	67		0.00		18.78	21.13		
PARKERSBURG	86	51	68	-4	0.00	0.76	18.48	19.12	19.41	
CRESTON	86	48	66		0.00		26.50	23.44		
--NORTHCENTRAL--										
MORGANTOWN	89	55	70		0.00		17.98	22.02		
CLARKSBURG	87	51	69	-3	0.00	0.72	23.25	21.86	21.65	
BELINGTON	84	52	66		0.00		19.19	19.50		
WESTON	87	52	68		0.00		24.15	22.94		
--SOUTHWEST--										
WILLIAMSON	84	53	69		0.00		33.87	27.62		
HUNTINGTON	86	52	69	-5	0.00	0.77	25.20	21.26	20.29	
CHARLESTON	88	52	68	-5	0.00	0.76	26.83	21.33	20.98	
RIPLEY	87	50	67		0.00		20.90	19.02		
--CENTRAL--										
TERRA ALTA	80	48	63		0.03		26.52	29.33		
ELKINS	86	49	66	-2	0.00	0.79	27.66	21.19	22.43	
MARLINTON	82	45	62		0.00		24.24	19.10		
BECKLEY	78	45	62	-7	0.02	0.63	23.90	18.62	20.47	
--SOUTHERN--										
PINEVILLE	82	54	68		0.00		26.09	22.56		
BLUEFIELD	80	46	64	-7	0.02	0.68	21.18	21.83	19.19	
WHITE SUL SP	83	48	65		0.10		24.00	19.60		
BLUESTONE DAM	83	47	66		0.00		24.18	16.71		
--NORTHEASTERN--										
MARTINSBURG	91	54	71	0	0.00	0.68	16.93	23.25	18.01	
KEYSER	94	50	70		0.00		20.29	16.70		
MOOREFIELD	89	50	68		0.00		13.65	17.50		
State Average Temperature	67									
State Average Precipitation	0.01									

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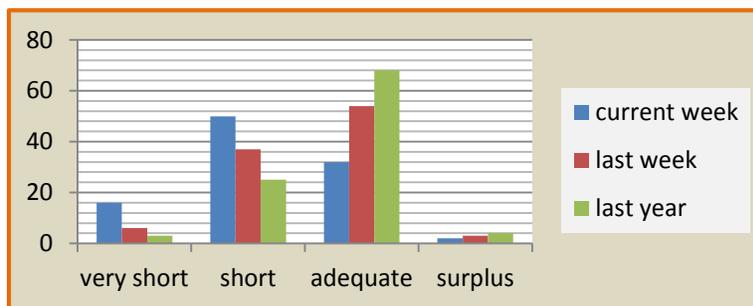
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.4. Farmers are making hay and harvesting apples and peaches. Weather conditions have been very hot and dry, with spotty rain. Fruit comments from the week include the following: while thundershowers moved through the region for two days, little or no precipitation was measured in parts of the State. Sunburn is more evident on apples than in recent years. More Brown Marmorated Stink Bugs can be found in orchards.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 09/06/15

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	16	50	32	2
Subsoil	13	44	41	2

-Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 09/06/15



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 09/06/15

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	7	31	52	10
Corn	-	5	24	63	8
Hay	2	19	45	28	6
Soybeans	-	1	36	62	1
Pasture	3	15	30	45	7
Cattle & Calves	-	1	21	69	9
Sheep & Lambs	-	2	16	75	7

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 09/06/15

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	19	12	21	24
Peaches harvested	85	76	91	90
Corn doughing	72	65	82	83
Corn dented	43	34	53	52
Corn mature	5	-	6	5
Hay, second cut	72	68	76	75
Soybeans blooming	85	81	99	100
Soybeans setting pods	69	65	92	95
Soybeans dropping leaves	2	-	20	26

- Represents data not available or zero.

Weather Summary- For the week ending September 06, 2015

West Virginia temperatures and precipitation amounts were up this week, along with humidity. Throughout the State, all locations reported above normal temperatures during most of the week. The North Central region had temperatures that averaged 7 degrees above normal in Clarksburg, with Elkins coming in at 6 degrees above normal. Beckley and Bluefield were the closest to average for the week with temperatures only one degree above average. The entire State saw below average precipitation for the week; many locations did not receive any measurable rainfall. The North Central and South West were the driest areas of the State. For the year, many locations are still above normal. However, Parkersburg and Martinsburg are currently below normal for the year in terms of rainfall.

Temperatures: Martinsburg and Keyser had the highest recorded temperature of 94 degrees. Marlinton and Beckley had the lowest recorded temperature of 54 degrees. The state average temperature was 74 degrees.

Precipitation: Terra Alta had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.70 of an inch. Several reporting stations had zero recorded precipitation. The state average precipitation was 0.15 of an inch.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 09/06/15

Station	Temperature				Precipitation					
	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Norm	Since April 1st 2015	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal	
--NORTHWEST--										
WHEELING	87	63	75		0.01		18.79	21.21		
PARKERSBURG	91	64	76	5	0.00	0.77	18.48	19.35	20.18	
CRESTON	89	61	75		0.62		27.12	24.04		
--NORTHCENTRAL--										
MORGANTOWN	92	65	78		0.00		17.98	22.34		
CLARKSBURG	91	63	76	7	0.09	0.79	23.34	22.98	22.44	
BELINGTON	87	58	73		0.00		19.19	20.09		
WESTON	91	60	75		0.00		24.15	23.89		
--SOUTHWEST--										
WILLIAMSON	89	63	76		0.00		33.87	29.42		
HUNTINGTON	90	63	76	4	0.00	0.73	25.20	23.31	21.02	
CHARLESTON	92	61	77	5	0.00	0.79	26.83	22.83	21.77	
RIPLEY	88	61	76		0.09		20.99	19.62		
--CENTRAL--										
TERRA ALTA	84	57	70		0.70		27.22	30.79		
ELKINS	87	55	72	6	0.05	0.86	27.71	21.77	23.29	
MARLINTON	84	54	69		0.22		24.46	20.49		
BECKLEY	82	54	68	1	0.20	0.67	24.10	20.86	21.14	
--SOUTHERN--										
PINEVILLE	89	61	74		0.03		26.12	24.64		
BLUEFIELD	86	57	71	1	0.15	0.67	21.33	23.10	19.86	
WHITE SUL SP	86	61	73		0.00		24.00	20.74		
BLUESTONE DAM	85	59	73		0.00		24.18	18.50		
--NORTHEASTERN--										
MARTINSBURG	94	57	77	7	0.02	0.79	16.95	24.94	18.80	
KEYSER	94	58	77		0.62		20.91	17.42		
MOOREFIELD	90	57	75		0.51		14.16	18.68		
State Average Temperature	74									
State Average Precipitation	0.15									

Sources:
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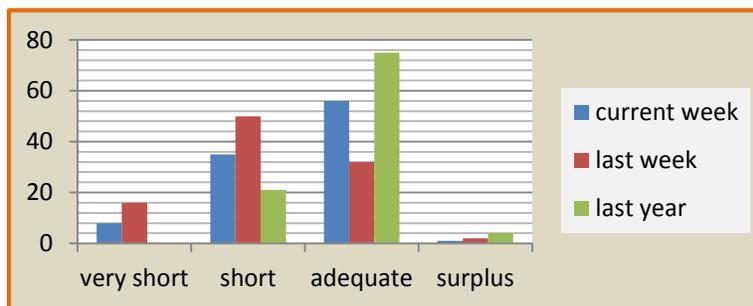
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.1. Farming activities included repairing fences, selling feeder calves, chopping corn, and making hay. Some producers have reported pinkeye and blackleg infections in cattle. Fruit comments from the week include the following: the Eastern Panhandle received some much needed rain. Brown Marmorated Stink Bugs continue to be observed in apple orchards; the numbers appear to be heavier than in 2014.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 09/13/15

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	8	35	56	1
Subsoil	10	36	53	1

-Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 09/13/15



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 09/13/15

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	7	33	52	8
Corn	-	5	28	62	5
Hay	3	18	40	35	4
Soybeans	-	1	35	63	1
Pasture	3	16	35	41	5
Cattle & Calves	-	1	18	72	9
Sheep & Lambs	-	2	15	75	8

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 09/13/15

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	25	19	25	32
Peaches harvested	91	85	97	95
Corn doughing	79	72	88	90
Corn dented	58	43	74	67
Corn mature	19	5	19	13
Hay, second cut	77	72	85	83
Hay, third cut	8	-	13	18
Soybeans blooming	89	85	100	100
Soybeans setting pods	72	69	95	97
Soybeans dropping leaves	7	2	36	40

- Represents data not available or zero.

Weather Summary- For the week ending September 13, 2015

West Virginia had fall like weather over the weekend and precipitation was up from the previous week. Throughout the State, all locations saw near to below normal temperatures during most of the week. Bluefield was the coolest at 3 degrees below average. Precipitation was scattered and amounts ranged from zero to 2.84 inches. Most stations were below normal, but Beckley, Bluefield, and Martinsburg received above normal amounts. For the year, many locations are still above normal.

Temperatures: Keyser had the highest recorded temperature of 99 degrees. Marlinton had the lowest recorded temperature of 34 degrees. The state average temperature was 68 degrees.

Precipitation: Beckley had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 2.84 inches. White Sulphur Springs had the lowest with zero recorded precipitation. The state average precipitation was 0.71 of an inch.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 09/13/15

Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Norm	Since April 1st 2015	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST--									
WHEELING	90	50	69		0.55		19.33	21.55	
PARKERSBURG	89	45	69	1	0.29	0.73	18.77	19.61	20.91
CRESTON	91	40	68		0.44		27.56	24.42	
--NORTHCENTRAL--									
MORGANTOWN	92	50	71		0.08		18.06	23.22	
CLARKSBURG	91	46	70	3	0.07	0.86	23.41	23.84	23.30
BELINGTON	90	46	67		0.33		19.52	20.65	
WESTON	93	43	69		0.05		24.20	24.32	
--SOUTHWEST--									
WILLIAMSON	91	45	69		1.81		35.68	31.04	
HUNTINGTON	92	45	69	-1	0.19	0.67	25.39	23.94	21.69
CHARLESTON	93	43	69	-1	0.62	0.76	27.45	23.85	22.53
RIPLEY	91	46	69		0.75		21.74	20.07	
--CENTRAL--									
TERRA ALTA	85	46	65		0.79		28.01	31.19	
ELKINS	93	41	67	3	0.70	0.82	28.41	22.14	24.11
MARLINTON	85	34	65		0.41		24.87	20.99	
BECKLEY	82	39	63	-2	2.84	0.71	26.94	21.19	21.85
--SOUTHERN--									
PINEVILLE	87	46	68		1.65		27.77	25.42	
BLUEFIELD	87	38	65	-3	1.44	0.73	22.77	24.88	20.59
WHITE SUL SP	85	44	66		0.00		24.00	21.31	
BLUESTONE DAM	85	43	67		0.19		24.37	18.95	
--NORTHEASTERN--									
MARTINSBURG	94	46	69	1	1.37	0.80	18.32	25.09	19.60
KEYSER	99	46	70		0.52		21.43	17.75	
MOOREFIELD	94	44	70		0.50		14.66	18.74	
State Average Temperature	68								
State Average Precipitation	0.71								

* Precipitation data for Wheeling were revised on September 15, 2015.

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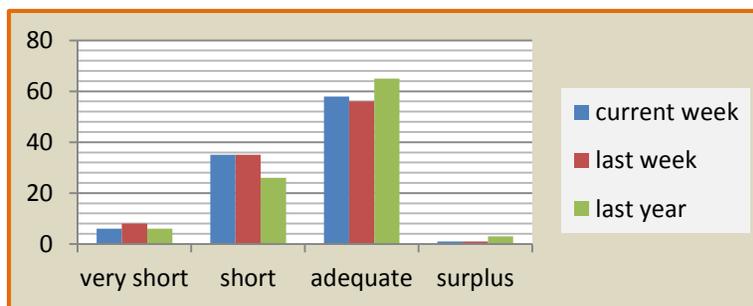
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.1. Farming activities included repairing farm equipment, selling feeder calves, and feeding hay, as some pastures are short from the drought conditions. There have been more reports of parasite outbreaks in small ruminants from the weather swings. Fruit comments from the week include the following: conditions are getting dry again. In apple, the harvests of Red and Golden Delicious are underway. Now is the time to apply trunk borer sprays to peaches.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 09/20/15

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	6	35	58	1
Subsoil	8	32	58	2

-Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 09/20/15



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 09/20/15

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	8	33	52	7
Corn	-	5	25	62	8
Hay	2	16	41	35	6
Soybeans	-	1	36	62	1
Pasture	4	15	31	45	5
Cattle & Calves	-	1	21	69	9
Sheep & Lambs	-	2	18	72	8

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 09/20/15

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	31	25	29	42
Peaches harvested	95	91	100	99
Corn doughing	85	79	94	96
Corn dented	76	58	80	77
Corn mature	31	19	36	28
Corn for grain harvested	4	-	7	3
Hay, second cut	84	77	90	88
Hay, third cut	21	8	40	31
Soybeans blooming	93	89	100	100
Soybeans setting pods	75	72	99	100
Soybeans dropping leaves	15	7	42	58

- Represents data not available or zero.

Weather Summary- For the week ending September 20, 2015

In West Virginia, temperatures began cool, warmed toward the middle of the week, and then cooled again over the weekend. High temperatures were mostly in the 80s, with Keyser reaching into the 90s. Low temperatures dropped into the 40s and 50s, with a few sites in the mountains dropping into the 30s. With the temperature fluctuations, locations throughout the State were both above and below average, but close to normal. Parkersburg, Huntington, Beckley, and Bluefield were all below normal. Clarksburg, Elkins, and Martinsburg were above normal. The State continued to be very dry; precipitation was very sparse again this week. All stations were below average, and eight stations received zero precipitation.

Temperatures: Keyser had the highest recorded temperature of 92 degrees. Marlinton had the lowest recorded temperature of 34 degrees. The state average temperature was 65 degrees.

Precipitation: Williamson had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.45 of an inch. Several stations recorded zero precipitation. The state average precipitation was 0.08 of an inch.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 09/20/15

Station	Temperature				Precipitation					
	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Norm	Since April 1st 2015	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal	
--NORTHWEST--										
WHEELING	82	50	65		0.00		19.33	21.56		
PARKERSBURG	84	45	65	-1	0.00	0.70	18.77	19.61	21.61	
CRESTON	86	40	64		0.33		27.89	24.52		
--NORTHCENTRAL--										
MORGANTOWN	88	49	68		0.00		18.06	23.45		
CLARKSBURG	86	46	66	2	0.00	0.83	23.41	24.32	24.13	
BELINGTON	87	44	65		0.03		19.55	20.85		
WESTON	86	44	66		0.00		24.20	24.46		
--SOUTHWEST--										
WILLIAMSON	84	46	66		0.45		36.13	31.04		
HUNTINGTON	82	45	65	-2	0.00	0.62	25.39	23.94	22.31	
CHARLESTON	87	44	67	0	0.08	0.77	27.53	23.90	23.30	
RIPLEY	84	47	66		0.09		21.83	20.42		
--CENTRAL--										
TERRA ALTA	85	41	62		0.02		28.03	31.32		
ELKINS	84	42	64	2	0.07	0.89	28.48	22.20	25.00	
MARLINTON	83	34	60		0.25		25.12	20.99		
BECKLEY	78	39	59	-4	0.20	0.76	27.14	21.46	22.61	
--SOUTHERN--										
PINEVILLE	83	46	64		0.04		27.81	25.43		
BLUEFIELD	82	38	62	-3	0.12	0.77	22.89	25.23	21.36	
WHITE SUL SP	82	40	63		0.01		24.01	21.41		
BLUESTONE DAM	82	41	64		0.01		24.38	18.99		
--NORTHEASTERN--										
MARTINSBURG	87	46	67	2	0.00	0.90	18.32	25.10	20.50	
KEYSER	92	44	67		0.00		21.43	17.80		
MOOREFIELD	87	43	66		0.05		14.71	18.76		
State Average Temperature	65									
State Average Precipitation	0.08									

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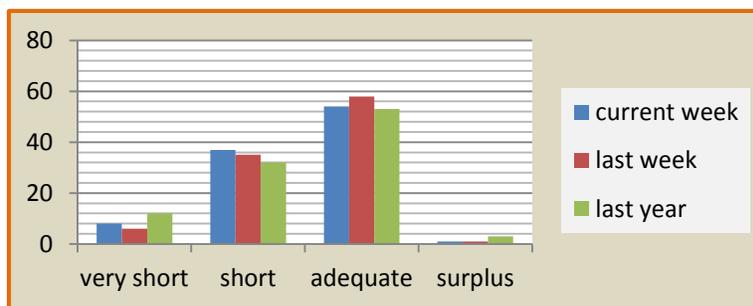
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.1. Farming activities included harvesting corn for grain and apples. Producers are feeding hay, as some pastures continue to be short from the drought conditions. The lack of good quality and quantity of hay is a serious issue for some farmers. The fruit comment from the week includes the following: cooler weather conditions may still help color in later apple varieties.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 09/27/15

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	8	37	54	1
Subsoil	7	33	58	2

-Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 09/27/15



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 09/27/15

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	9	40	46	5
Corn	-	8	27	59	6
Hay	2	16	45	34	3
Soybeans	-	5	34	60	1
Pasture	5	21	27	44	3
Cattle & Calves	-	1	20	70	9
Sheep & Lambs	-	2	18	74	6

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 09/27/15

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	38	31	32	52
Corn doughing	95	85	99	99
Corn dented	81	76	87	86
Corn mature	36	31	42	40
Corn for grain harvested	13	4	10	10
Hay, second cut	88	84	94	93
Hay, third cut	34	21	63	48
Soybeans blooming	96	93	100	100
Soybeans setting pods	82	75	100	100
Soybeans dropping leaves	29	15	59	74

- Represents data not available or zero.

Weather Summary- For the week ending September 27, 2015

In West Virginia, temperatures were generally above normal this week and precipitation amounts were up from the previous week. Six reporting stations had temperatures that were greater than average; Beckley and Bluefield were the only two stations that reported below average temperatures for the week. About half of the stations reached the 80s, while the other half only reached into the 70s. Low temperatures were in the 40s and 50s. Precipitation was up. The State average precipitation jumped to 0.44 of an inch, but only three stations exceeded normal precipitation amounts. Bluefield and Bluestone Dam in the Southeastern part of the State were the only stations to reach the one inch mark. The Northwestern part of the State was the driest.

Temperatures: Williamson had the highest recorded temperature of 85 degrees. Beckley had the lowest recorded temperature of 42 degrees. The state average temperature was 63 degrees.

Precipitation: Bluestone Dam had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 1.18 inches. Parkersburg and Huntington had the lowest with zero recorded precipitation. The state average precipitation was 0.44 of an inch.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 09/27/15

Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Norm	Since April 1st 2015	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST--									
WHEELING	79	51	65		0.02		19.35	21.56	
PARKERSBURG	81	50	65	2	0.00	0.71	18.77	19.61	22.32
CRESTON	82	47	64		0.46		28.35	24.52	
--NORTHCENTRAL--									
MORGANTOWN	83	50	66		0.01		18.07	23.45	
CLARKSBURG	84	44	65	4	0.21	0.76	23.62	24.36	24.89
BELINGTON	84	45	63		0.31		19.86	20.85	
WESTON	82	45	64		0.02		24.22	24.53	
--SOUTHWEST--									
WILLIAMSON	85	55	66		0.72		36.85	31.04	
HUNTINGTON	82	54	66	2	0.00	0.61	25.39	23.94	22.92
CHARLESTON	84	52	66	2	0.79	0.74	28.32	23.90	24.04
RIPLEY	82	51	65		0.46		22.29	20.42	
--CENTRAL--									
TERRA ALTA	72	50	58		0.14		28.17	31.32	
ELKINS	79	43	61	2	0.24	0.83	28.72	22.20	25.83
MARLINTON	79	47	58		0.86		25.98	20.99	
BECKLEY	74	42	59	-1	0.71	0.66	27.85	21.51	23.27
--SOUTHERN--									
PINEVILLE	78	54	64		0.89		28.70	25.65	
BLUEFIELD	78	51	61	-2	1.14	0.74	24.03	25.24	22.10
WHITE SUL SP	76	49	62		0.03		24.04	21.41	
BLUESTONE DAM	81	51	61		1.18		25.56	18.99	
--NORTHEASTERN--									
MARTINSBURG	79	47	63	1	0.18	0.82	18.50	25.46	21.32
KEYSER	82	44	60		0.48		21.91	17.80	
MOOREFIELD	78	46	59		0.90		15.61	18.76	
State Average Temperature	63								
State Average Precipitation	0.44								

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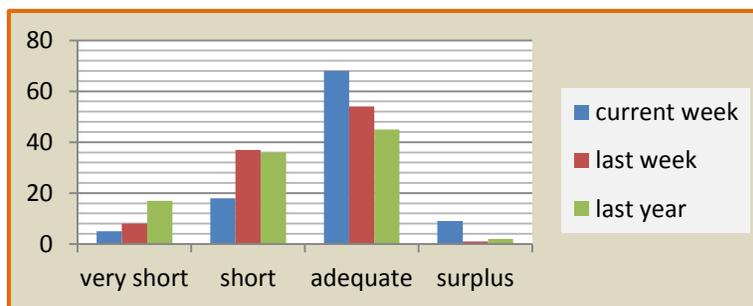
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 2.4. Farming activities included harvesting apples, corn for grain, and making hay; farmers continue to feed hay due to pasture conditions. The wet weather conditions allowed fewer days for fieldwork. The fruit comment from the week includes the following: some skin cracking and splitting in apples has been caused by the more than three inches of rain spread out over approximately five days in the region.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 10/04/15

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	5	18	68	9
Subsoil	4	21	72	3

-Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 10/04/15



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 10/04/15

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	7	36	47	10
Corn	-	7	24	62	7
Hay	3	14	38	40	5
Soybeans	3	8	33	55	1
Pasture	4	14	25	51	6
Cattle & Calves	-	1	19	68	12
Sheep & Lambs	-	1	18	72	9

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 10/04/15

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	42	38	43	62
Corn dented	87	81	92	92
Corn mature	42	36	48	55
Corn for grain harvested	20	13	18	17
Hay, second cut	90	88	99	97
Hay, third cut	40	34	76	62
Soybeans setting pods	84	82	100	100
Soybeans dropping leaves	42	29	82	84
Soybeans harvested	4	-	7	10
Winter wheat planted	5	-	21	21

- Represents data not available or zero.

Weather Summary- For the week ending October 4, 2015

In West Virginia, both temperatures and precipitation amounts varied statewide during the week. In the Northwest and North Central part of the State, slightly above average temperatures were reported. In the Southern, Central, and Northeastern regions, below average temperatures were reported. Precipitation was up this week; five stations reported above average precipitation. The rainiest location was the Northeastern part of the State. For the season, most locations remain slightly above normal for total precipitation. Several locations including Terra Alta and Elkins are now over 30 inches for the year. Williamson has 37.85 inches.

Temperatures: Charleston had the highest recorded temperature of 84 degrees. Terra Alta had the lowest recorded temperature of 39 degrees. The state average temperature was 59 degrees.

Precipitation: Martinsburg had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 3.26 inches. Huntington had the lowest with zero recorded precipitation. The state average precipitation was 1.22 inches.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 10/04/15

Station	Temperature				Precipitation					
	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Norm	Since April 1st 2015	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal	
--NORTHWEST--										
WHEELING	73	44	58		0.06		19.41	22.19		
PARKERSBURG	79	46	61	1	0.03	0.64	18.80	20.17	22.96	
CRESTON	81	47	61		2.88		31.23	24.99		
--NORTHCENTRAL--										
MORGANTOWN	77	47	61		0.16		18.23	24.43		
CLARKSBURG	78	46	61	2	0.09	0.79	23.71	25.24	25.68	
BELINGTON	77	45	60		0.29		20.15	21.31		
WESTON	78	46	61		0.08		24.30	24.90		
--SOUTHWEST--										
WILLIAMSON	79	46	61		1.00		37.85	31.75		
HUNTINGTON	79	48	61	0	0.00	0.59	25.39	24.59	23.51	
CHARLESTON	84	47	61	0	2.51	0.64	30.83	24.22	24.68	
RIPLEY	78	47	62		0.44		22.73	20.84		
--CENTRAL--										
TERRA ALTA	69	39	52		1.84		30.01	32.88		
ELKINS	79	44	58	2	1.45	0.70	30.17	22.36	26.53	
MARLINTON	70	42	54		1.60		27.58	21.27		
BECKLEY	74	44	54	-4	1.41	0.61	29.26	22.16	23.88	
--SOUTHERN--										
PINEVILLE	77	50	62		1.24		29.94	26.11		
BLUEFIELD	76	44	58	-3	2.49	0.67	26.52	25.95	22.77	
WHITE SUL SP	74	45	59		0.03		24.07	21.53		
BLUESTONE DAM	74	44	58		0.47		26.03	19.06		
--NORTHEASTERN--										
MARTINSBURG	78	45	58	-1	3.26	0.75	21.76	26.01	22.07	
KEYSER	79	43	57		2.86		24.77	18.08		
MOOREFIELD	78	44	58		2.70		18.31	19.03		
State Average Temperature	59									
State Average Precipitation	1.22									

* Weather data were revised on October 14, 2015.

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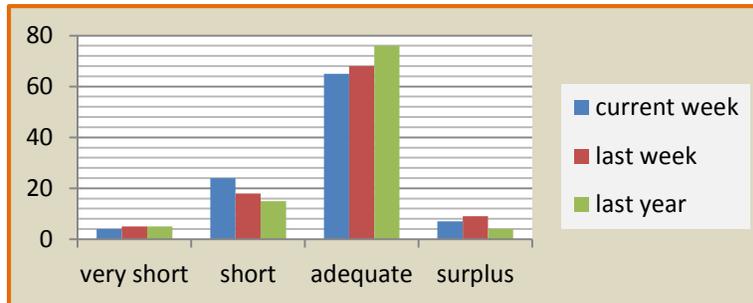
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.2. Farming activities included harvesting corn for grain and making hay; gardens are almost finished up for the year. The weather conditions were drier and helped with harvesting and outside activities. The apple harvest continues.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 10/11/15

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	4	24	65	7
Subsoil	4	25	68	3

-Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 10/11/15



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 10/11/15

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	6	36	50	8
Corn	-	7	24	63	6
Hay	3	12	37	42	6
Soybeans	4	8	36	51	1
Pasture	5	14	29	49	3
Cattle & Calves	-	1	21	69	9
Sheep & Lambs	-	1	20	73	6

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 10/11/15

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	55	42	60	72
Corn dented	91	87	96	97
Corn mature	46	42	58	68
Corn for grain harvested	24	20	26	24
Hay, second cut	96	90	100	99
Hay, third cut	55	40	81	71
Soybeans setting pods	87	84	100	100
Soybeans dropping leaves	49	42	94	91
Soybeans harvested	8	4	23	20
Winter wheat planted	13	5	42	38

- Represents data not available or zero.

Weather Summary- For the week ending October 11, 2015

In West Virginia this week, weather conditions were generally mild. Temperatures were 1 to 4 degrees above average and precipitation amounts decreased from the previous week. High temperatures were in the 70s to 80s, lows were in the 30s to 40s. Precipitation was down; several stations recorded zero precipitation. Only two stations received above average precipitation. The Central and Southern areas of the State received the most rain while the North Central area was the driest.

Temperatures: Charleston had the highest recorded temperature of 82 degrees. Keyser had the lowest recorded temperature of 36 degrees. The state average temperature was 59 degrees.

Precipitation: Terra Alta had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.85 of an inch. Several stations had the lowest with zero recorded precipitation. The state average precipitation was 0.26 of an inch.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 10/11/15

Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Norm	Since April 1st 2015	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST--									
WHEELING	76	40	59		0.00		19.41	22.84	
PARKERSBURG	79	39	60	2	0.02	0.65	18.82	21.84	23.61
CRESTON	80	37	60		0.31		31.54	27.52	
--NORTHCENTRAL--									
MORGANTOWN	78	42	61		0.00		18.23	25.34	
CLARKSBURG	77	41	60	4	0.00	0.70	23.71	27.20	26.38
BELINGTON	77	39	59		0.00		20.15	23.83	
WESTON	78	42	60		0.00		24.30	27.39	
--SOUTHWEST--									
WILLIAMSON	80	48	62		0.12		37.97	35.02	
HUNTINGTON	79	41	62	3	0.00	0.64	25.39	26.92	24.15
CHARLESTON	82	42	62	3	0.27	0.61	31.10	26.47	25.29
RIPLEY	79	38	61		0.19		22.92	22.88	
--CENTRAL--									
TERRA ALTA	73	37	55		0.85		30.86	34.62	
ELKINS	77	37	58	4	0.44	0.67	30.61	25.06	27.20
MARLINTON	73	37	55		0.50		28.08	23.71	
BECKLEY	75	39	57	2	0.73	0.58	29.99	25.29	24.46
--SOUTHERN--									
PINEVILLE	78	48	63		0.56		30.50	30.37	
BLUEFIELD	78	41	59	1	0.82	0.58	27.34	30.41	23.35
WHITE SUL SP	76	41	60		0.01		24.08	24.55	
BLUESTONE DAM	77	40	60		0.00		26.03	22.48	
--NORTHEASTERN--									
MARTINSBURG	80	37	58	2	0.20	0.73	21.96	26.98	22.80
KEYSER	81	36	60		0.27		25.04	19.47	
MOOREFIELD	80	37	59		0.35		18.66	20.08	
State Average Temperature	59								
State Average Precipitation	0.26								

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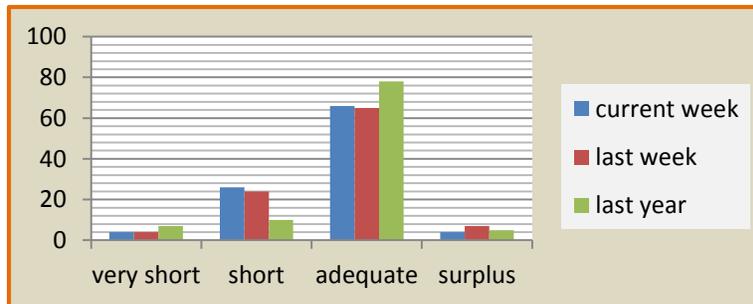
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.0. Farming activities included harvesting corn for grain and planting wheat. Weather conditions were drier with frost over the weekend; annual plants that were not protected were killed. The fruit comment from the week includes the following: some orchards are close to completing harvest.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 10/18/15

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	4	26	66	4
Subsoil	4	22	72	2

-Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 10/18/15



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 10/18/15

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Corn	-	8	24	63	5
Soybeans	3	8	36	52	1
Pasture	5	13	34	45	3
Cattle & Calves	-	1	15	75	9
Sheep & Lambs	-	1	13	80	6

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 10/18/15

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	72	55	77	81
Corn dented	95	91	100	100
Corn mature	61	46	78	81
Corn for grain harvested	27	24	43	36
Hay, third cut	73	55	89	78
Soybeans setting pods	94	87	100	100
Soybeans dropping leaves	59	49	99	96
Soybeans harvested	11	8	39	34
Winter wheat planted	31	13	54	59
Winter wheat emerged	10	-	29	42

- Represents data not available or zero.

Weather Summary- For the week ending October 18, 2015

West Virginia had a frosty weekend with light precipitation during the week. Temperatures were below normal for all stations across the State, ranging from 2 to 9 degrees below the week's average. The coldest temperatures on average were in the South, Southwest, and Northwest parts of the State; the cooler temperatures were due to multiple cold fronts. In addition, the growing season will end on Monday, October 19th, after two consecutive nights of subfreezing temperatures across most of the State. Precipitation amounts for the week continued to lag behind the season normal to date. Even with multiple frontal passages, a lack of atmospheric moisture prevented any widespread soaking rain across the State.

Temperatures: Keyser had the highest recorded temperature of 80 degrees. Marlinton had the lowest recorded temperature of 20 degrees. The state average temperature was 49 degrees.

Precipitation: Williamson had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.25 of an inch. Moorefield had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.01 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 0.12 of an inch.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 10/18/15

Station	Temperature				Precipitation					
	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Norm	Since April 1st 2015	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal	
--NORTHWEST--										
WHEELING	73	30	49		0.16		19.57	23.51		
PARKERSBURG	74	26	49	-7	0.14	0.63	18.96	22.90	24.24	
CRESTON	75	25	49		0.13		31.67	28.41		
--NORTHCENTRAL--										
MORGANTOWN	75	29	51		0.18		18.41	27.26		
CLARKSBURG	73	27	50	-4	0.10	0.66	23.81	28.24	27.04	
BELINGTON	75	24	47		0.10		20.25	25.40		
WESTON	75	27	51		0.11		24.41	28.65		
--SOUTHWEST--										
WILLIAMSON	71	29	51		0.25		38.22	36.37		
HUNTINGTON	74	28	50	-7	0.08	0.60	25.47	28.27	24.75	
CHARLESTON	77	28	51	-6	0.15	0.55	31.25	27.76	25.84	
RIPLEY	75	28	51		0.24		23.16	23.77		
--CENTRAL--										
TERRA ALTA	71	24	45		0.14		31.00	36.88		
ELKINS	77	22	47	-4	0.03	0.61	30.64	27.51	27.81	
MARLINTON	68	20	45		0.02		28.10	26.15		
BECKLEY	70	22	47	-6	0.17	0.55	30.16	26.12	25.01	
--SOUTHERN--										
PINEVILLE	71	28	51		0.17		30.67	31.80		
BLUEFIELD	67	25	48	-9	0.15	0.54	27.49	31.74	23.89	
WHITE SUL SP	70	26	51		0.09		24.17	26.00		
BLUESTONE DAM	72	28	50		0.09		26.12	23.76		
--NORTHEASTERN--										
MARTINSBURG	76	28	52	-2	0.12	0.67	22.08	28.50	23.47	
KEYSER	80	24	50		0.05		25.09	20.61		
MOOREFIELD	78	26	52		0.01		18.67	22.49		
State Average Temperature	49									
State Average Precipitation	0.12									

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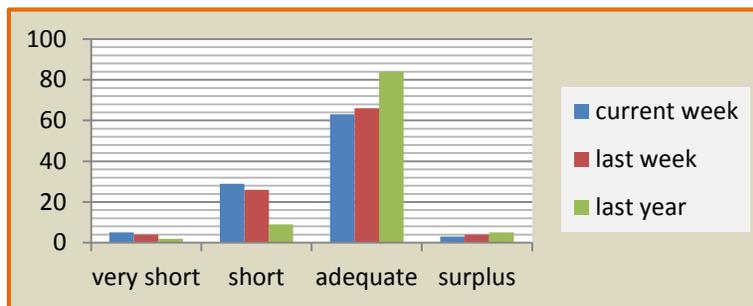
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.1. Farming activities included harvesting soybeans and corn for grain, and planting wheat. Due to recent frost, forage testing is being encouraged. Weather conditions were drier, with some rain. The fruit comments from the week include the following: late season apple varieties, like Pink Lady are beginning to be harvested. The ban on feeding or baiting deer in Eastern West Virginia is hurting some small apple grower's bottom line due to the loss of sales for ground apples.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 10/25/15

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	5	29	63	3
Subsoil	5	25	68	2

-Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 10/25/15



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 10/25/15

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Corn	-	7	25	64	4
Soybeans	1	4	42	52	1
Pasture	4	15	33	45	3
Cattle & Calves	-	1	18	71	10
Sheep & Lambs	-	2	16	74	8

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 10/25/15

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	89	72	86	89
Corn mature	80	61	90	91
Corn for grain harvested	45	27	60	50
Hay, third cut	79	73	94	88
Soybeans dropping leaves	81	59	100	98
Soybeans harvested	35	11	51	48
Winter wheat planted	39	31	61	67
Winter wheat emerged	20	10	35	50

- Represents data not available or zero.

Weather Summary- For the week ending October 25, 2015

In West Virginia, temperatures across the State were not too far above or below average, with the exception of Beckley, which was 5 degrees below normal. A cold front during the early part of the week, followed by a warming trend statewide, ensured generally average temperatures for this time of year. Precipitation was down slightly from the previous week, amounts ranged from zero to 0.50 of an inch. Precipitation amounts continued to lag behind the week's normal precipitation values statewide. However, compared to season normal values, many stations were a few to several inches above the normal. This trend was generally confined to the Southwestern, Southern, and Central parts of the State.

Temperatures: Martinsburg had the highest recorded temperature of 80 degrees. Marlinton had the lowest recorded temperature of 20 degrees. The state average temperature was 53 degrees.

Precipitation: Terra Alta had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.50 of an inch. Several stations had the lowest with zero recorded precipitation. The state average precipitation was 0.08 of an inch.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 10/25/15

Station	Temperature				Precipitation					
	High	Low	Weekly Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Week's Norm	Since April 1st 2015	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal	
--NORTHWEST--										
WHEELING	72	31	55		0.00		19.57	23.85		
PARKERSBURG	77	27	56	3	0.00	0.64	18.96	23.09	24.88	
CRESTON	79	25	54		0.32		31.99	28.66		
--NORTHCENTRAL--										
MORGANTOWN	74	29	55		0.00		18.41	27.73		
CLARKSBURG	75	33	54	2	0.00	0.72	23.81	28.99	27.76	
BELINGTON	75	26	52		0.06		20.31	26.26		
WESTON	77	28	54		0.00		24.41	29.45		
--SOUTHWEST--										
WILLIAMSON	79	30	56		0.24		38.46	36.39		
HUNTINGTON	77	29	56	1	0.00	0.65	25.47	28.28	25.40	
CHARLESTON	79	28	56	1	0.17	0.60	31.42	28.06	26.44	
RIPLEY	79	31	56		0.14		23.30	24.10		
--CENTRAL--										
TERRA ALTA	70	24	52		0.50		31.50	37.39		
ELKINS	75	22	51	2	0.09	0.62	30.73	28.62	28.43	
MARLINTON	73	20	49		0.00		28.10	26.18		
BECKLEY	71	22	48	-5	0.03	0.58	30.19	26.34	25.59	
--SOUTHERN--										
PINEVILLE	76	28	54		0.18		30.85	31.83		
BLUEFIELD	76	24	52	-3	0.03	0.54	27.52	31.82	24.43	
WHITE SUL SP	77	26	54		0.00		24.17	26.06		
BLUESTONE DAM	79	28	54		0.03		26.15	23.90		
--NORTHEASTERN--										
MARTINSBURG	80	30	53	1	0.00	0.67	22.08	28.57	24.14	
KEYSER	77	23	52		0.02		25.11	21.03		
MOOREFIELD	79	26	54		0.00		18.67	23.04		
State Average Temperature	53									
State Average Precipitation	0.08									

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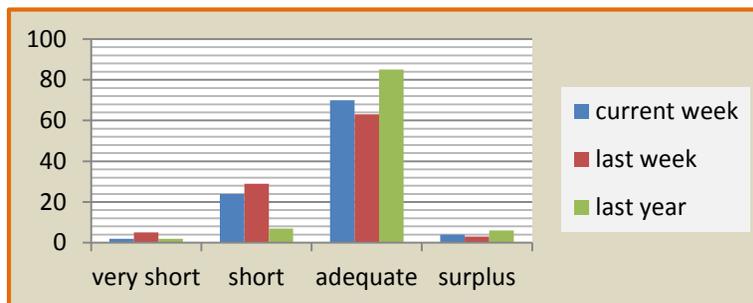
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.9. Farming activities included harvesting soybeans and corn for grain, and planting wheat; yields for corn and soybeans look very good in some counties. Due to the recent frosts, grass is not growing in parts of the State. The fruit comments from the week include the following: apple harvest is almost complete and it appears that damage on apples in 2015 from the Brown Marmorated Stink Bugs was low to moderate. Leaf fall in peach is about 60 percent complete. This is a good time for fall herbicide applications in deciduous fruit orchards.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 11/01/15

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	2	24	70	4
Subsoil	3	20	74	3

-Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 11/01/15



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 11/01/15

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Corn	-	6	24	63	7
Soybeans	2	7	41	49	1
Pasture	3	11	35	45	6
Cattle & Calves	-	1	20	68	11
Sheep & Lambs	-	2	19	70	9

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 11/01/15

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	95	89	90	94
Corn mature	86	80	94	96
Corn for grain harvested	50	45	73	62
Hay, third cut	85	79	99	94
Soybeans dropping leaves	86	81	100	99
Soybeans harvested	41	35	58	60
Winter wheat planted	60	39	69	76
Winter wheat emerged	35	20	42	59

- Represents data not available or zero.

Weather Summary- For the week ending November 1, 2015

West Virginia temperatures went down a little, and precipitation amounts were up from the previous week. Temperatures across the State were generally one to four degrees from average for the week. Central West Virginia had the coolest average temperatures, with Beckley recording temperatures four degrees below normal. Rain was scattered and precipitation amounts continued to lag behind the week's normal precipitation values for the Northwest and North Central locations. For the rest of the State, multiple storm systems brought higher than normal weekly precipitation; the Central and Southern areas had the most above average weekly totals.

Temperatures: Weston and Elkins had the highest recorded temperature of 73 degrees. Marlinton had the lowest recorded temperature of 24 degrees. The state average temperature was 50 degrees.

Precipitation: Bluefield had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 1.66 inches. Weston had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.01 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 0.75 of an inch.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 11/01/15

Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Norm	Since April 1st 2015	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST--									
WHEELING	65	38	50		0.14		19.71	24.65	
PARKERSBURG	67	34	50	-1	0.03	0.70	18.99	23.73	25.58
CRESTON	67	31	50		1.17		33.16	29.79	
--NORTHCENTRAL--									
MORGANTOWN	68	34	51		0.25		18.66	28.14	
CLARKSBURG	70	33	52	2	0.24	0.76	24.05	29.62	28.52
BELINGTON	70	31	49		0.46		20.77	26.91	
WESTON	73	32	50		0.01		24.42	30.53	
--SOUTHWEST--									
WILLIAMSON	70	34	52		0.73		39.19	37.72	
HUNTINGTON	69	35	52	-1	0.69	0.71	26.16	29.40	26.11
CHARLESTON	71	31	52	-1	0.79	0.69	32.21	29.48	27.13
RIPLEY	68	36	51		0.59		23.89	25.04	
--CENTRAL--									
TERRA ALTA	68	32	46		1.34		32.84	37.94	
ELKINS	73	27	48	1	0.92	0.70	31.65	29.66	29.13
MARLINTON	62	24	44		1.33		29.43	26.40	
BECKLEY	63	27	46	-4	1.26	0.64	31.45	27.15	26.23
--SOUTHERN--									
PINEVILLE	70	33	51		0.85		31.70	33.05	
BLUEFIELD	66	31	49	-4	1.66	0.58	29.18	32.66	25.01
WHITE SUL SP	68	30	50		0.30		24.47	26.45	
BLUESTONE DAM	67	31	49		0.45		26.60	24.45	
--NORTHEASTERN--									
MARTINSBURG	68	31	50	0	1.30	0.70	23.38	28.72	24.84
KEYSER	66	32	48		1.14		26.25	21.35	
MOOREFIELD	70	32	49		0.76		19.43	23.36	
State Average Temperature	50								
State Average Precipitation	0.75								

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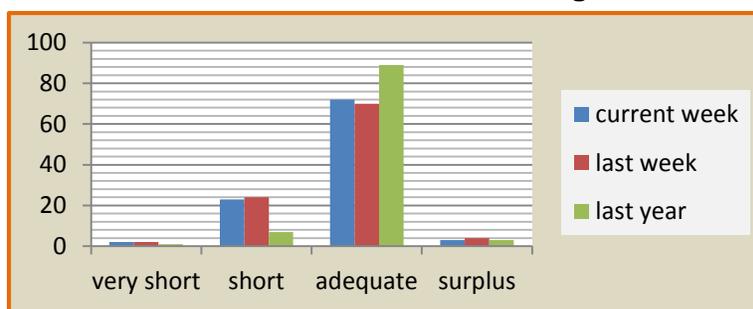
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.0. Farming activities included harvesting soybeans and corn for grain, and planting wheat. Weather conditions were warm and dry; high temperatures were in the 70s and 80s, and precipitation was down from the previous week. The fruit comments from the week include the following: a few late apples remain to be harvested and some growers are still picking up drops. Leaf fall on peaches has reached about 70 percent. Late mowing of orchards is in progress and some mouse baiting is underway for field and pine voles.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 11/08/15

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	2	23	72	3
Subsoil	5	23	71	1

-Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 11/08/15



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 11/08/15

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Soybeans	3	7	41	48	1
Cattle & Calves	-	1	16	74	9
Sheep & Lambs	-	2	14	78	6

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 11/08/15

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Corn mature	95	86	99	99
Corn for grain harvested	68	50	80	71
Hay, third cut	95	85	100	98
Soybeans dropping leaves	89	86	100	100
Soybeans harvested	55	41	67	71
Winter wheat planted	78	60	79	84
Winter wheat emerged	50	35	50	66

- Represents data not available or zero.

Weather Summary- For the week ending November 8, 2015

Temperatures were warmer in West Virginia this week with scattered precipitation that was down from the previous week. Temperatures were warmer than the week average across the entire State with the warmest temperatures in Central West Virginia. The Southern area of the State had slightly cooler temperatures where more persistent cloudiness and showers kept this area only 5 degrees above average. Observed precipitation was below the week normal precipitation values for the entire State. However, the Southwestern, Southern, and Central parts of the State remained above the seasonal norm, particularly the Southern and Central areas where more precipitation fell this week.

Temperatures: Williamson, Charleston, and Moorefield had the highest recorded temperature of 83 degrees. Elkins had the lowest recorded temperature of 21 degrees. The state average temperature was 55 degrees.

Precipitation: Bluefield had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.32 of an inch. Several stations had the lowest with zero recorded precipitation. The state average precipitation was 0.06 of an inch.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 11/08/15

Station	Temperature				Precipitation					
	High	Low	Weekly Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Week's Norm	Since April 1st 2015	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal	
--NORTHWEST--										
WHEELING	77	31	55		0.00		19.71	25.29		
PARKERSBURG	79	27	56	7	0.00	0.75	18.99	24.02	26.33	
CRESTON	79	25	55		0.14		33.30	30.18		
--NORTHCENTRAL--										
MORGANTOWN	78	29	56		0.00		18.66	28.61		
CLARKSBURG	79	26	55	7	0.00	0.92	24.05	29.89	29.44	
BELINGTON	78	23	54		0.02		20.79	27.18		
WESTON	80	27	56		0.00		24.42	31.03		
--SOUTHWEST--										
WILLIAMSON	83	38	59		0.00		39.19	38.37		
HUNTINGTON	79	32	57	6	0.00	0.76	26.16	30.20	26.87	
CHARLESTON	83	28	58	7	0.11	0.83	32.32	30.11	27.96	
RIPLEY	79	31	56		0.02		23.91	25.61		
--CENTRAL--										
TERRA ALTA	75	29	52		0.22		33.06	39.17		
ELKINS	79	21	53	8	0.06	0.77	31.71	30.26	29.90	
MARLINTON	74	27	52		0.00		29.43	27.05		
--SOUTHERN--										
BECKLEY	74	28	56	8	0.09	0.68	31.54	27.58	26.91	
PINEVILLE	77	34	58		0.26		31.96	33.67		
BLUEFIELD	74	31	56	5	0.32	0.61	29.50	33.10	25.62	
WHITE SUL SP	77	31	58		0.00		24.47	26.80		
BLUESTONE DAM	75	34	56		0.08		26.68	24.86		
--NORTHEASTERN--										
MARTINSBURG	79	27	55	7	0.00	0.71	23.38	29.15	25.55	
KEYSER	80	23	54		0.00		26.25	21.90		
MOOREFIELD	83	28	54		0.00		19.43	23.70		
State Average Temperature	55									
State Average Precipitation	0.06									

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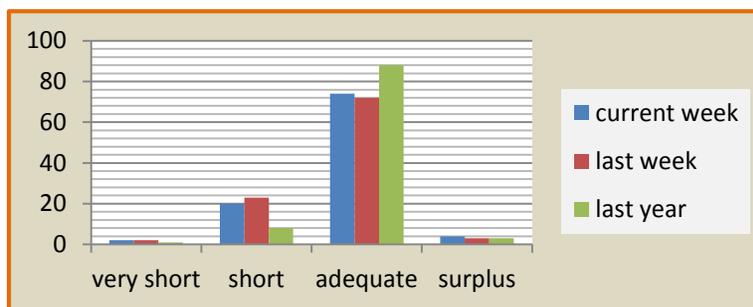
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.1. Farming activities included harvesting soybeans and corn for grain, planting wheat, and preparing for winter. Weather conditions were cooler this week with scattered precipitation and windy conditions.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 11/15/15

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	2	20	74	4
Subsoil	5	17	75	3

-Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 11/15/15



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 11/15/15

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Winter wheat	5	15	34	41	5
Cattle & Calves	-	1	17	69	13
Sheep & Lambs	-	1	18	73	8

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 11/15/15

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Corn for grain harvested	81	68	84	81
Soybeans dropping leaves	98	89	100	100
Soybeans harvested	70	55	77	81
Winter wheat planted	85	78	88	91
Winter wheat emerged	65	50	67	75

- Represents data not available or zero.

Weather Summary- For the week ending November 15, 2015

Temperatures were down and precipitation amounts increased this week. Most temperatures were at or just below normal; the only stations that were above average for the week were Martinsburg and Clarksburg. Most of the stations reached the upper 60s to low 70s for the week and dropped into the 20s. For the most part, precipitation amounts were on the dry side across West Virginia. Elkins and Bluefield were the only stations to exceed the normal. Three stations received an inch or more of rain.

Temperatures: Moorefield had the highest recorded temperature of 74 degrees. Marlinton had the lowest recorded temperature of 20 degrees. The state average temperature was 45 degrees.

Precipitation: Marlinton had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 1.29 inches. Bluestone Dam had the lowest with zero recorded precipitation. The state average precipitation was 0.46 of an inch.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 11/15/15

Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Norm	Since April 1st 2015	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST--									
WHEELING	64	31	48		0.05		19.76	25.64	
PARKERSBURG	66	27	47	0	0.02	0.75	19.01	24.62	27.08
CRESTON	66	25	45		0.75		34.05	30.65	
--NORTHCENTRAL--									
MORGANTOWN	67	29	48		0.13		18.79	28.99	
CLARKSBURG	66	26	46	1	0.20	0.86	24.25	30.07	30.30
BELINGTON	65	26	44		0.18		20.97	27.60	
WESTON	69	27	46		0.19		24.61	31.58	
--SOUTHWEST--									
WILLIAMSON	71	32	47		0.25		39.44	39.18	
HUNTINGTON	66	30	46	-3	0.02	0.80	26.18	31.05	27.67
CHARLESTON	71	26	46	-2	0.36	0.86	32.68	30.78	28.82
RIPLEY	66	30	46		0.15		24.06	26.14	
--CENTRAL--									
TERRA ALTA	60	30	42		1.00		34.06	39.53	
ELKINS	69	22	43	0	0.97	0.75	32.68	30.76	30.65
MARLINTON	63	20	39		1.29		30.72	27.50	
--SOUTHERN--									
BECKLEY	66	22	44	-1	0.54	0.66	32.08	28.01	27.57
PINEVILLE	69	26	46		1.01		32.97	34.14	
BLUEFIELD	64	23	44	-5	0.92	0.58	30.42	33.46	26.20
WHITE SUL SP	69	26	47		0.01		24.48	27.22	
BLUESTONE DAM	66	27	47		0.00		26.68	25.40	
--NORTHEASTERN--									
MARTINSBURG	68	27	48	2	0.67	0.68	24.05	29.40	26.23
KEYSER	68	25	45		0.80		27.05	22.00	
MOOREFIELD	74	25	46		0.55		19.98	23.81	
State Average Temperature	45								
State Average Precipitation	0.46								

*Weather data were revised on November 30, 2015. Document was originally updated on November 17, 2015.

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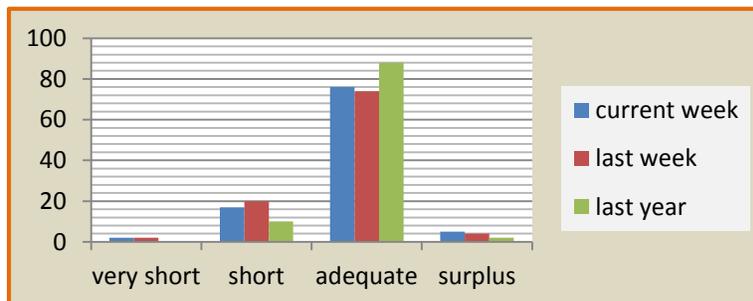
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.8. Farming activities included harvesting soybeans and corn for grain, and planting wheat. The fruit comments from the week include the following: apple orchard clean-up is in progress, since the harvest is finished. Some growers are applying bait for rodent control, but the predicted cold weather over the next 5 to 6 days will limit effectiveness; orchard voles are more active and bait is more effective with warm, dry conditions.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 11/22/15

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	2	17	76	5
Subsoil	5	15	77	3

-Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 11/22/15



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 11/22/15

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Winter wheat	5	20	32	39	4
Cattle & Calves	-	1	13	77	9
Sheep & Lambs	-	1	12	80	7

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 11/22/15

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Corn for grain harvested	86	81	88	88
Soybeans harvested	78	70	82	87
Winter wheat planted	90	85	94	96
Winter wheat emerged	71	65	73	81

- Represents data not available or zero.

Weather Summary- For the week ending November 22, 2015

West Virginia received a dusting of snow this week. Temperatures were not too far from average throughout the State. The Central and Northern parts of the State experienced slightly above normal average temperatures, while the Southern area experienced slightly below normal temperatures. In either case, average temperatures were only 1 to 4 degrees from the weekly normal. Precipitation for the week was in the normal ranges for almost the entire State. As in past weeks, however, the Southern area received the most precipitation. Scattered snow flurries brought many locations, particularly in the coal fields and mountains, their first snow of the season. However, no stations measured more than a trace.

Temperatures: Moorefield had the highest recorded temperature of 75 degrees. Terra Alta and Elkins had the lowest recorded temperature of 15 degrees. The state average temperature was 45 degrees.

Precipitation: Bluefield had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 1.19 inches. Parkersburg had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.10 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 0.52 of an inch.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 11/22/15

Station	Temperature				Precipitation					
	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Total	Week's Norm	Since April 1st 2015	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal	
--NORTHWEST--										
WHEELING	71	18	47		0.11		19.87	26.00		
PARKERSBURG	70	18	47	3	0.10	0.84	19.11	25.02	27.92	
CRESTON	69	16	46		0.39		34.44	31.15		
--NORTHCENTRAL--										
MORGANTOWN	70	19	47		0.43		19.22	29.70		
CLARKSBURG	71	19	47	4	0.50	0.90	24.75	30.73	31.20	
BELINGTON	65	19	45		0.30		21.27	27.86		
WESTON	71	19	46		0.14		24.75	31.99		
--SOUTHWEST--										
WILLIAMSON	68	24	48		0.13		39.57	39.58		
HUNTINGTON	71	19	47	1	0.26	0.84	26.44	31.46	28.51	
CHARLESTON	70	19	47	1	0.50	0.92	33.18	31.23	29.74	
RIPLEY	69	20	47		0.34		24.40	26.64		
--CENTRAL--										
TERRA ALTA	61	15	42		1.05		35.11	39.95		
ELKINS	66	15	43	2	0.71	0.82	33.39	31.05	31.47	
MARLINTON	68	18	41		1.13		31.85	28.74		
--SOUTHERN--										
BECKLEY	61	18	42	-1	0.71	0.71	32.79	28.30	28.28	
PINEVILLE	68	26	46		0.84		33.81	34.74		
BLUEFIELD	63	23	45	-2	1.19	0.66	31.61	34.53	26.86	
WHITE SUL SP	68	25	46		0.71		25.19	27.87		
BLUESTONE DAM	69	23	45		0.67		27.35	25.80		
--NORTHEASTERN--										
MARTINSBURG	70	27	47	4	0.56	0.76	24.61	30.20	26.99	
KEYSER	71	19	44		0.42		27.47	22.44		
MOOREFIELD	75	18	47		0.20		20.18	24.41		
State Average Temperature	45									
State Average Precipitation	0.52									

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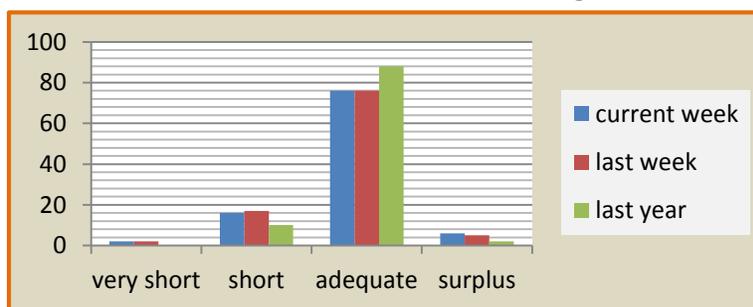
Agricultural News: This is the last weekly West Virginia Crop Weather Bulletin of the year. On January 4th, we will publish the first monthly version for the winter months. We would like to thank the West Virginia County Extension offices, USDA Farm Service Agency offices, the National Weather Service, and Dr. Stephen S. Miller for their valuable help in providing the information that makes this publication possible. Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.3. Farming activities included harvesting soybeans and corn for grain, and planting wheat. Crop harvest is winding down.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 11/29/15

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	2	16	76	6
Subsoil	3	16	77	4

-Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 11/29/15



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 11/29/15

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Winter wheat	5	16	34	39	6
Cattle & Calves	-	1	13	75	11
Sheep & Lambs	-	2	12	78	8

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 11/29/15

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Corn for grain harvested	92	86	91	92
Soybeans harvested	82	78	85	92
Winter wheat planted	95	90	99	99
Winter wheat emerged	78	71	77	86

- Represents data not available or zero.

Weather Summary- For the week ending November 29, 2015

West Virginia warmed up this week. Although the State began with temperatures that were well below normal, all stations warmed up considerably throughout the week and ended up with above average temperatures. Parkersburg and Elkins were the farthest from normal. During the cold spell at the beginning of the week, all stations dropped into the teens and 20s; later in the week, high temperatures reached the 60s and 70s. High pressure, with dry conditions, dominated the State for the majority of the week; precipitation was only recorded during the last two days. All stations had below average amounts this week.

Temperatures: Charleston and Keyser had the highest recorded temperature of 71 degrees. Terra Alta and Elkins had the lowest recorded temperature of 15 degrees. The state average temperature was 44 degrees.

Precipitation: Creston and Ripley had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.75 of an inch. Marlinton and Bluestone Dam had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.26 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 0.55 of an inch.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 11/29/15

Station	Temperature				Precipitation					
	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Norm	Since April 1st 2015	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal	
--NORTHWEST--										
WHEELING	66	18	44		0.29		20.16	26.31		
PARKERSBURG	67	18	46	5	0.63	0.80	19.74	25.06	28.72	
CRESTON	69	16	44		0.75		35.19	31.29		
--NORTHCENTRAL--										
MORGANTOWN	66	19	46		0.60		19.82	30.01		
CLARKSBURG	66	18	43	2	0.59	0.87	25.34	31.11	32.07	
BELINGTON	67	18	43		0.73		22.00	28.27		
WESTON	68	19	45		0.72		25.47	32.38		
--SOUTHWEST--										
WILLIAMSON	69	28	48		0.65		40.22	39.67		
HUNTINGTON	68	19	47	4	0.56	0.82	27.00	31.48	29.33	
CHARLESTON	71	19	47	4	0.63	0.87	33.81	31.51	30.61	
RIPLEY	70	20	45		0.75		25.15	26.90		
--CENTRAL--										
TERRA ALTA	62	15	41		0.73		35.84	40.71		
ELKINS	65	15	43	5	0.42	0.81	33.81	31.83	32.28	
MARLINTON	58	18	40		0.26		32.11	29.51		
--SOUTHERN--										
BECKLEY	64	17	42	2	0.37	0.70	33.16	28.75	28.98	
PINEVILLE	63	23	45		0.68		34.49	35.13		
BLUEFIELD	63	22	44	1	0.50	0.65	32.11	35.30	27.51	
WHITE SUL SP	61	23	44		0.41		25.60	28.85		
BLUESTONE DAM	63	23	44		0.26		27.61	26.44		
--NORTHEASTERN--										
MARTINSBURG	68	24	43	3	0.36	0.76	24.97	30.97	27.75	
KEYSER	71	19	41		0.51		27.98	23.14		
MOOREFIELD	69	20	44		0.71		20.89	25.38		
State Average Temperature	44									
State Average Precipitation	0.55									

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Agricultural News: The month of December has been unseasonably warm with rains that have caused flooding and muddy conditions. The warmer weather has allowed grazing, hay feeding, blooming, and lambing. Farming activities for the month included cleaning up after the heavy rains and preparing for winter weather.

SOIL MOISTURE and SUPPLIES for week ending 01/03/16

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	-	6	87	7
Subsoil	1	8	90	1
Hay & Roughage	-	4	93	3
Feed grain	-	2	96	2

-Represents zero.

CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 01/03/16

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Winter wheat	5	18	32	41	4
Cattle & Calves	-	2	18	72	8
Sheep & Lambs	-	-	16	78	6

- Represents zero.

December Summary of Weather and Agricultural Conditions November 30, 2015 - January 3, 2016

December temperatures were mild and warm with high temperatures mostly in the 60s and 70s throughout the month in West Virginia. Rain amounts varied and were scattered during the month; parts of the State received so much rain that high water caused some roads to be closed on Christmas. A tornado was reported on Wednesday the 23rd in Wood County. For the week ending **December 6th**, most weather stations reported above normal temperatures; temperatures ranged from 1 to 4 degrees above normal, except for Bluefield, which was 2 degrees below average. The warmest weather was in the Northcentral area of the State. Parkersburg, Creston, Morgantown, Clarksburg, and Charleston had the highest recorded temperature of 61 degrees. Marlinton had the lowest recorded temperature of 17 degrees. The state average temperature was 40 degrees. Precipitation amounts were well above normal this week. Most locations reported at least 1 inch of rain, and three had 2 inches or more. Williamson had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 2.37 inches. Wheeling had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.52 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 1.43 inches.

The week ending **December 13th** continued the trend of above normal temperatures statewide with all sites reporting weekly norms 9 to 14 degrees above average. The warmest sites were near the Ohio River where Parkersburg and Huntington were 14 degrees above normal for the week. The Southern part of the State was relatively cooler with Bluefield reporting only 9 degrees above average for the week. The remaining sites fell within this range. Creston, Charleston, and Moorefield had the highest recorded temperature of 74 degrees. Marlinton had the lowest recorded temperature of 22 degrees. The state average temperature was 49 degrees. Precipitation decreased from the previous week, it was a relatively dry week with rainfall totals less than 0.20 of an inch for the entire State. Many locations remained dry the entire week. The remaining sites that did see rainfall reported less than 0.10 of an inch for the week. West Virginia stays below average for weekly precipitation. Williamson had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.15 of an inch. Several locations had zero recorded precipitation. The state average precipitation was 0.04 of an inch.

Every region of West Virginia again saw above normal temperatures the week ending **December 20th**; most regions were at least 5 degrees above normal. The warmest area was in the Northeast, averaging 8 degrees above normal. Charleston had the highest recorded temperature of 72 degrees. Beckley had the lowest recorded temperature of 16 degrees. The state average temperature was 40 degrees. Precipitation increased from the previous week. Every region had at least 0.30 of an inch of rain but no more than 1 inch, this was very consistent across the State. The wettest location was in the South, while the driest location was in the Northeast. White Sulphur Springs had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 1.00 inch. Moorefield had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.34 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 0.68 of an inch.

The incredibly warm weather continued for another week; all stations were at least 20 degrees above normal for the week ending **December 27th**. Nearly all stations reached the 70s multiple times during the week. The low temperatures ranged from the middle 20s to the lower 40s. Charleston, Williamson, and Moorefield had the highest recorded temperature of 77 degrees. Marlinton had the lowest recorded temperature of 24 degrees. The state average temperature was 54 degrees. Precipitation amounts were very high. Nearly all stations reached the 1 inch mark, and seven stations reached at least 2 inches. On Christmas morning there was flooding from Huntington through the Northcentral part of the State; areas around Charleston were hit particularly hard. Huntington had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 2.82 inches. Clarksburg had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.81 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 1.70 inches.

For the week ending **January 3rd**, temperatures were all still above average, but were much closer to normal than the previous week. Bluefield was the closest to normal, while Clarksburg was still one of the warmest locations. Most stations reached the 50s or 60s early in the week and then followed with a cooling trend through the week; near the end, temperatures dropped into the teens and 20s. Pineville had the highest recorded temperature of 69 degrees. Terra Alta had the lowest recorded temperature of 18 degrees. The state average temperature was 40 degrees. Following a wet pattern, precipitation amounts were much less than the previous week. With the exception of Martinsburg, all stations recorded less than average precipitation. Martinsburg had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.90 of an inch. Williamson and Charleston had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.03 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 0.22 of an inch.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 01/03/16

Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Norm	Since April 1st 2015	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST--									
WHEELING	54	24	37		0.20		22.58	29.42	
PARKERSBURG	56	25	39	7	0.12	0.66	23.13	29.40	32.22
CRESTON	59	21	39		0.08		40.63	35.83	
--NORTHCENTRAL--									
MORGANTOWN	60	25	40		0.20		22.90	33.19	
CLARKSBURG	61	28	41	10	0.30	0.75	28.44	34.01	35.64
BELINGTON	60	26	40		0.09		26.09	32.66	
WESTON	61	26	42		0.15		29.94	37.29	
--SOUTHWEST--									
WILLIAMSON	63	24	42		0.03		45.59	43.30	
HUNTINGTON	58	27	40	6	0.10	0.69	31.67	36.01	33.05
CHARLESTON	61	26	41	6	0.03	0.68	39.36	35.67	34.30
RIPLEY	56	21	39		0.06		29.22	31.08	
--CENTRAL--									
TERRA ALTA	56	18	34		0.39		40.04	46.50	
ELKINS	62	23	39	9	0.17	0.69	38.59	37.03	35.96
MARLINTON	55	19	37		0.28		37.46	33.84	
--SOUTHERN--									
BECKLEY	66	22	40	9	0.07	0.65	36.73	32.36	32.36
PINEVILLE	69	21	43		0.07		38.49	38.29	
BLUEFIELD	62	23	40	5	0.31	0.63	36.59	38.41	30.79
WHITE SUL SP	67	25	43		0.07		29.61	32.67	
BLUESTONE DAM	65	23	41		0.10		31.28	29.75	
--NORTHEASTERN--									
MARTINSBURG	51	28	40	9	0.90	0.48	28.17	34.79	30.77
KEYSER	60	26	40		0.60		31.34	25.38	
MOOREFIELD	58	21	41		0.41		24.09	28.22	
State Average Temperature	40								
State Average Precipitation	0.22								

Source:
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