



Crop Progress and Condition



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Agricultural News: Weather conditions for the month of January in West Virginia were a mix of warmer and cooler temperatures with periods of light rain and some snow. Farming activities for the month included planning for the new crop year, feeding hay and grain to livestock, and repairing roads.

SOIL MOISTURE and SUPPLIES for week ending 01/24/21

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	-	11	79	10
Subsoil	-	9	85	6
Hay & Roughage	2	10	81	7
Feed grain	-	6	89	5

-Represents zero.

CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 01/24/21

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Winter Wheat	-	-	47	52	1
Cattle & Calves	-	2	31	63	4
Sheep & Lambs	-	1	12	84	3

- Represents zero.

January Summary of Weather and Agricultural Conditions January 4 - January 24, 2021

The first few days of the week ending **January 10th**, West Virginia recorded seasonable temperatures under overcast skies and light precipitation falling as rain in the lower elevations and snow in the higher areas. Late in the workweek, an area of low pressure passed just to the Southeast of the State. This system brought some precipitation to the coalfields. Temperatures after the front dropped quickly to far below normal. Williamson had the highest recorded temperature of 49 degrees. Beckley had the lowest recorded temperature of 13 degrees. The state average temperature was 32 degrees. Overall, the State was dry this week with zero stations meeting or exceeding precipitation averages. Temperatures were a mix across the State, with about half of the stations reporting below normal and the other half over. The Southern third of the State was cooler than normal, while the rest was at or above normal. Bluefield had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.47 of an inch. White Sulphur Springs, Bluestone Dam, Keyser, and Moorefield had the lowest with zero recorded precipitation. The state average precipitation was 0.08 of an inch.

The week ending **January 17th**, began somewhat cool under high pressure and continued to warm through the workweek. The warming trend ended late in the workweek as an area of low pressure moved overhead, bringing in cold air from the North. Temperatures for the rest of the week were just below normal. At the end of the week, nearly all stations were just above average. The Southeastern coalfields were cooler than most other locations in the State, while the Eastern Panhandle remained warmer than usual. Moorefield had the highest recorded temperature of 56 degrees. Beckley had the lowest recorded temperature of 13 degrees. The state average temperature was 33 degrees. West Virginia was dry with limited precipitation. Although all stations received some precipitation, no stations met or exceeded normal. The first half of the week West Virginia recorded no precipitation. Rain and snow fell as a strong cold front pushed over the State heading into the weekend with some precipitation lingering through the end of the week. Williamson had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.51 of an inch. Morgantown and Weston had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.13 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 0.29 of an inch.

At the beginning of the week ending **January 24th**, all stations were reporting above normal temperatures and continued the trend until a cold front passed over the region near the end of the workweek. After the cold front passage, all stations reported below normal temperatures. These arctic temperatures were able to bring most stations' weekly averages to just below normal. Parkersburg (+1) and Martinsburg (+2) were the only stations to report greater than normal averages. Williamson had the highest recorded temperature of 54 degrees. Elkins

had the lowest recorded temperature of 10 degrees. The state average temperature was 30 degrees. The dry trend for the State continued through this week as all stations reported below normal precipitation amounts for another week. Most of the precipitation fell as snow squalls as the front moved over and then as light snow flurries or rain showers post cold frontal passage. Belington had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.38 of an inch. Martinsburg had the lowest with zero recorded precipitation. The state average precipitation was 0.15 of an inch.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 01/24/21

Station	Temperature				Precipitation					
	High	Low	Weekly Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Week's Norm	Since April 1st 2020	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal	
--NORTHWEST										
WHEELING	45	16	29	-1	0.01	0.44	23.28	32.93	31.86	
PARKERSBURG	47	19	32	1	0.03	0.67	35.63	40.03	33.67	
CRESTON	45	18	32		0.04		41.12	45.17		
--NORTHCENTRAL										
MORGANTOWN	45	15	30	-1	0.29	0.64	29.59	37.68	34.47	
CLARKSBURG	43	18	31	0	0.09	0.74	37.08	35.00	39.22	
BELINGTON	40	17	28		0.38		41.34	33.78		
WESTON	43	17	31		0.24		47.42	40.58		
--SOUTHWEST										
WILLIAMSON	54	23	36		0.16		40.79	39.96		
HUNTINGTON	46	19	33	-1	0.12	0.66	36.66	41.85	34.49	
CHARLESTON	44	17	31	-3	0.20	0.67	42.71	40.74	35.66	
RIPLEY	46	19	32		0.08		37.38	42.82		
--CENTRAL										
TERRA ALTA	39	11	27		0.21		39.50	46.53		
ELKINS	38	10	26	-3	0.11	0.73	45.43	44.02	37.57	
MARLINTON	39	13	27		0.18		47.61	37.84		
--SOUTHERN										
BECKLEY	39	11	28	-3	0.10	0.62	41.71	37.36	33.68	
PINEVILLE	45	20	33		0.30		41.91	34.04		
BLUEFIELD	42	17	30	-4	0.29	0.66	46.16	32.00	32.26	
WHITE SUL SP	41	11	29		0.18		41.40	33.61		
BLUESTONE DAM	43	17	30		0.07		41.28	31.15		
--NORTHEASTERN										
MARTINSBURG	51	17	33	2	0.00	0.57	31.23	31.40	31.99	
KEYSER	47	13	29		0.15		32.11	32.39		
MOOREFIELD	47	15	34		0.04		29.05	34.47		
State Average Temperature	30									
State Average Precipitation	0.15									

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