



# Crop Progress and Condition

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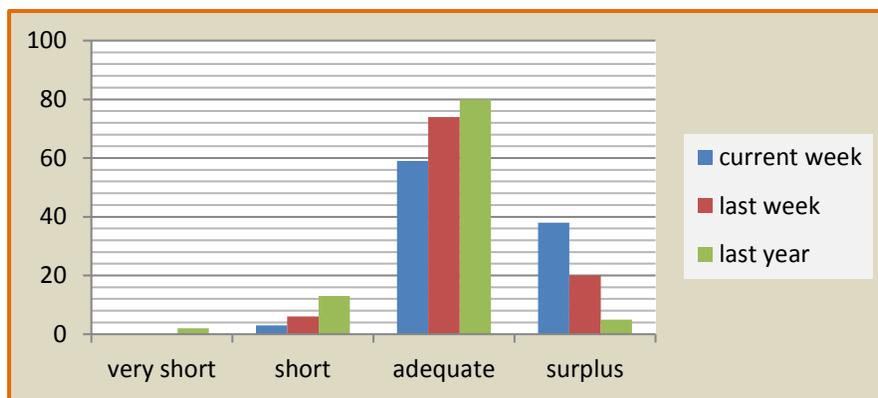
**Agricultural News:** Days suitable for fieldwork were 2.2. Abnormal weather swings continue, and mud is causing some issues; farmers are taking action to prevent food rot. Fruit trees are breaking bud and some are 50 percent in flower in parts of the State. Farming activities this week included calving and lambing.

## SOIL MOISTURE and SUPPLIES for week ending 04/08/18

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	-	3	59	38
Subsoil	-	1	69	30
Hay & Roughage	-	19	76	5
Feed grain	-	13	85	2

-Represents zero.

## TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 04/08/18



## CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 04/08/18

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	1	23	67	9
Peaches	-	1	30	68	1
Hay	3	3	30	63	1
Winter Wheat	-	1	32	56	11
Pasture	3	11	31	54	1
Cattle & Calves	-	1	18	76	5
Sheep & Lambs	-	1	20	74	5

- Represents zero.

## LIVESTOCK PROGRESS for week ending 04/08/18

Livestock Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Calved	70	63	73	77
Lambled	73	68	76	67

- Represents data not available.

**Weather Summary-** For the week ending April 08, 2018

Temperatures were far below average statewide this week. All stations were at least five degrees below normal, with Charleston (-12) being the farthest from average. Although temperatures were below normal, most stations did reach the 60s and 70s, but due to a strong cold front, low temperatures dropped into the 20s and teens. West Virginia also had two rounds of late season snow. Precipitation amounts varied throughout the State. This was due to showers and storms early in the workweek, and the majority of the precipitation for the week fell in just one day. The rest of the week received a little more precipitation in the form of snow. Overall, nearly all stations exceeded the weekly rainfall average. The Northeast / Eastern Panhandle received the least amount of precipitation.

Temperatures: Williamson had the highest recorded temperature of 79 degrees. Beckley and White Sulphur Springs had the lowest recorded temperature of 18 degrees. The state average temperature was 41 degrees.

Precipitation: Terra Alta had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 2.30 inches. Martinsburg had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.31 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 1.12 inches.

**Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 04/08/18**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Norm	Since April 1st 2018	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
<b>--NORTHWEST</b>									
WHEELING	59	26	40		1.63		1.87	1.36	
PARKERSBURG	64	25	42	-9	1.77	0.76	2.28	1.57	1.10
CRESTON	66	19	41		1.59		2.13	1.72	
<b>--NORTHCENTRAL</b>									
MORGANTOWN	67	24	41		1.43		2.03	2.08	
CLARKSBURG	66	23	43	-6	1.58	0.83	2.10	2.00	1.20
BELINGTON	68	23	41		1.09		1.70	1.52	
WESTON	68	21	41		1.42		2.03	2.08	
<b>--SOUTHWEST</b>									
WILLIAMSON	79	25	45		1.08		1.53	1.01	
HUNTINGTON	77	24	44	-9	0.84	0.78	1.45	0.96	1.12
CHARLESTON	77	22	41	-12	1.42	0.72	2.32	1.21	1.04
RIPLEY	66	19	41		1.39		1.93	1.72	
<b>--CENTRAL</b>									
TERRA ALTA	59	19	35		2.30		3.06	3.48	
ELKINS	65	20	42	-5	0.49	0.88	1.17	2.40	1.27
MARLINTON	64	21	41		0.80		1.04	2.49	
<b>--SOUTHERN</b>									
BECKLEY	70	18	39	-10	0.89	0.75	1.26	1.71	1.07
PINEVILLE	73	23	44		0.92		1.40	2.06	
BLUEFIELD	68	20	41	-11	0.77	0.73	0.79	1.19	1.04
WHITE SUL SP	66	18	41		0.63		0.82	1.96	
BLUESTONE DAM	67	21	40		0.44		0.61	1.94	
<b>--NORTHEASTERN</b>									
MARTINSBURG	70	25	43	-6	0.31	0.78	0.77	1.91	1.13
KEYSER	68	20	40		0.80		1.57	1.36	
MOOREFIELD	68	20	44		1.02		1.62	0.99	
State Average Temperature	41								
State Average Precipitation					1.12				

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

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