



Crop Progress and Condition

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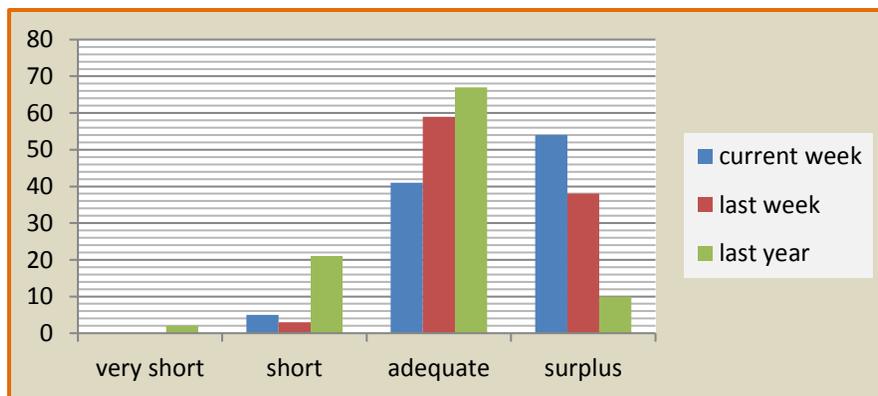
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 3.9. Pastures are struggling due to unstable weather conditions and farmers are waiting for fields to dry after the State received more precipitation over the weekend, causing flooding. Farming activities this week included calving and lambing.

SOIL MOISTURE and SUPPLIES for week ending 04/15/18

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	-	5	41	54
Subsoil	1	2	52	45
Hay & Roughage	-	16	78	6
Feed grain	-	8	89	3

-Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 04/15/18



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 04/15/18

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	1	22	68	9
Peaches	-	1	29	69	1
Hay	2	5	36	55	2
Winter Wheat	-	1	35	52	12
Pasture	6	6	45	41	2
Cattle & Calves	-	1	23	71	5
Sheep & Lambs	-	1	22	74	3

- Represents zero.

LIVESTOCK PROGRESS for week ending 04/15/18

Livestock Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Calved	78	70	77	82
Lambled	81	73	83	86

- Represents data not available.

Weather Summary- For the week ending April 15, 2018

Wild temperature swings across the State were the highlight this week. Although most stations were near normal for the week, during the first half of the week, the entire State was nearly 20 degrees below normal. Extremely warm temperatures during the last half of the week brought the temperatures back to near normal. Overall, the Northern half of the State was just above normal, while the Southeastern coalfields were just below average. West Virginia was very dry for the majority of the week, as wildfire warning (red flag) conditions were met. Most sites got zero or very little precipitation until the end of the week. In just one day, every station exceeded the weekly average precipitation due to a very strong/moist system moving across the State. During the rain event, nearly all stations received at least one inch of precipitation, with some stations getting nearly three inches. Several locations experienced flooding.

Temperatures: Charleston had the highest recorded temperature of 88 degrees. Beckley and Terra Alta had the lowest recorded temperature of 25 degrees. The state average temperature was 53 degrees.

Precipitation: Belington had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 2.99 inches. Huntington had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.89 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 1.95 inches.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 04/15/18

Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Norm	Since April 1st 2018	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST									
WHEELING	84	27	53		2.11		3.98	2.09	
PARKERSBURG	86	29	56	3	1.31	0.74	3.59	3.11	1.84
CRESTON	87	27	53		1.34		3.47	2.30	
--NORTHCENTRAL									
MORGANTOWN	85	28	55		2.32		4.35	3.70	
CLARKSBURG	87	31	56	4	2.67	0.84	4.77	3.25	2.04
BELINGTON	87	30	53		2.99		4.69	2.15	
WESTON	87	28	54		2.60		4.63	2.90	
--SOUTHWEST									
WILLIAMSON	86	33	56		1.52		3.05	2.19	
HUNTINGTON	85	32	56	1	0.89	0.78	2.34	1.46	1.90
CHARLESTON	88	30	55	0	1.34	0.73	3.66	1.95	1.77
RIPLEY	87	27	53		1.34		3.27	2.30	
--CENTRAL									
TERRA ALTA	81	25	50		1.55		4.61	4.36	
ELKINS	86	31	52	3	2.55	0.86	3.72	3.00	2.13
MARLINTON	82	28	49		2.84		3.88	2.67	
--SOUTHERN									
BECKLEY	84	25	50	-1	2.09	0.77	3.35	1.90	1.84
PINEVILLE	86	30	53		2.27		3.67	2.33	
BLUEFIELD	84	28	51	-3	2.20	0.77	2.99	1.49	1.81
WHITE SUL SP	82	28	50		2.46		3.28	2.10	
BLUESTONE DAM	84	31	53		1.50		2.11	2.17	
--NORTHEASTERN									
MARTINSBURG	87	30	53	2	2.29	0.77	3.06	1.92	1.90
KEYSER	87	30	52		1.17		2.74	1.67	
MOOREFIELD	87	29	53		1.52		3.14	1.07	
State Average Temperature	53								
State Average Precipitation	1.95								

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

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