



Crop Progress and Condition

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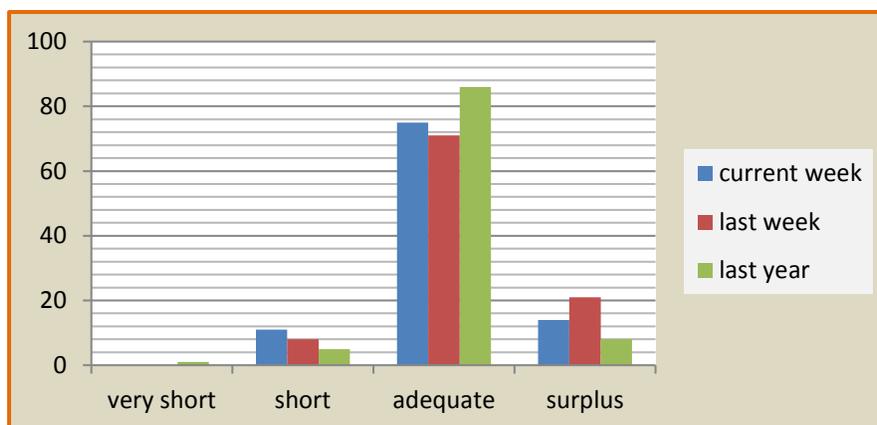
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.6. Weather conditions continue to slow crop progress; weather swings are causing stress to forage. Farming activities this week included calving and lambing.

SOIL MOISTURE and SUPPLIES for week ending 04/29/18

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	-	11	75	14
Subsoil	2	12	75	11
Hay & Roughage	5	26	66	3
Feed grain	1	12	86	1

-Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 04/29/18



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 04/29/18

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	1	23	67	9
Peaches	-	1	29	69	1
Hay	-	12	41	44	3
Winter Wheat	-	2	30	59	9
Pasture	-	22	45	29	4
Cattle & Calves	-	-	29	67	4
Sheep & Lambs	-	-	25	73	2

- Represents zero.

CROP and LIVESTOCK PROGRESS for week ending 04/29/18

Crop/Livestock Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Corn planted	9	4	14	12
Soybeans planted	2	-	6	3
Winter Wheat headed	12	7	29	13
Calved	89	85	92	92
Lambled	93	89	94	94

- Represents data not available or zero.

Weather Summary- For the week ending April 29, 2018

Temperatures were below normal again this week, but not as far as the week before. All stations were at least one degree below average and Bluefield and Charleston were the farthest from normal. Temperatures nearly statewide dropped to below freezing over the weekend and there were zero stations that reached the 80s. Precipitation lingered around for the first half of the week, with the State drying out towards the weekend. Parkersburg and Martinsburg were the only two stations that met or exceeded average precipitation for the week. All other stations recorded below average amounts, but were fairly close to average. Six stations reported over one inch of precipitation for the week.

Temperatures: Martinsburg had the highest recorded temperature of 74 degrees. Elkins had the lowest recorded temperature of 25 degrees. The state average temperature was 51 degrees.

Precipitation: Keyser had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 1.27 inches. Pineville had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.38 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 0.85 of an inch.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 04/29/18

Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Norm	Since April 1st 2018	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST									
WHEELING	71	31	50		0.99		5.39	3.80	
PARKERSBURG	71	31	52	-5	1.14	0.78	5.04	5.74	3.38
CRESTON	73	28	51		1.15		4.71	4.29	
--NORTHCENTRAL									
MORGANTOWN	70	31	51		0.64		5.65	6.14	
CLARKSBURG	71	32	52	-4	0.70	0.84	5.81	6.11	3.72
BELINGTON	71	29	52		0.73		5.82	3.98	
WESTON	71	30	51		0.99		6.12	5.13	
--SOUTHWEST									
WILLIAMSON	73	36	56		0.71		3.96	5.86	
HUNTINGTON	71	33	53	-6	0.47	0.86	2.97	2.10	3.55
CHARLESTON	72	30	52	-7	0.65	0.83	4.40	3.48	3.34
RIPLEY	73	28	51		1.15		4.51	4.34	
--CENTRAL									
TERRA ALTA	63	27	46		1.16		6.78	7.01	
ELKINS	67	25	49	-4	0.64	0.91	4.88	5.26	3.93
MARLINTON	67	28	49		0.87		4.84	4.01	
--SOUTHERN									
BECKLEY	68	27	50	-5	0.51	0.83	4.01	3.59	3.46
PINEVILLE	70	32	54		0.38		4.45	5.80	
BLUEFIELD	71	29	50	-8	0.54	0.82	3.71	5.88	3.43
WHITE SUL SP	69	33	50		1.26		4.65	4.01	
BLUESTONE DAM	68	34	51		0.79		2.97	5.70	
--NORTHEASTERN									
MARTINSBURG	74	39	55	-1	0.91	0.80	4.04	4.72	3.46
KEYSER	71	35	52		1.27		4.91	3.83	
MOOREFIELD	72	37	53		0.99		4.35	2.89	
State Average Temperature	51								
State Average Precipitation	0.85								

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

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