



# Crop Progress and Condition

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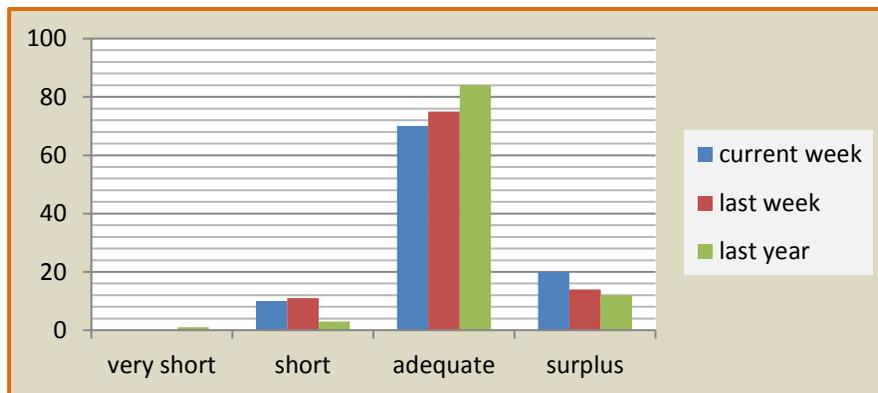
**Agricultural News:** Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.3. Weather conditions continue to slow crop progress with the abnormal weather patterns the State has been experiencing. Pasture growth is stunted; some producers are still buying hay. Farming activities this week included planting corn, calving and lambing.

## SOIL MOISTURE and SUPPLIES for week ending 05/06/18

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	-	10	70	20
Subsoil	-	15	67	18
Hay & Roughage	8	30	58	4
Feed grain	2	19	79	-

-Represents zero.

## TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 05/06/18



## CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 05/06/18

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	1	24	67	8
Peaches	-	1	32	67	-
Hay	4	6	34	52	4
Winter Wheat	-	2	29	59	10
Pasture	1	23	36	34	6
Cattle & Calves	-	3	25	66	6
Sheep & Lambs	-	3	25	68	4

- Represents zero.

## CROP and LIVESTOCK PROGRESS for week ending 05/06/18

Crop/Livestock Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Corn planted	12	9	19	17
Soybeans planted	5	2	13	7
Winter Wheat headed	15	12	39	18
Calved	93	89	95	95
Lambled	96	93	98	97

- Represents data not available or zero.

**Weather Summary-** For the week ending May 6, 2018

The week began very cool as chilly temperatures hung around from the previous week. After day one, most stations were around 10 degrees below average. Very warm air flooded in mid workweek, and the temperatures jumped as high as 10 degrees above normal. Temperatures near the end of the week were back down to just below normal. Overall, nearly all stations ended the week above normal. Most stations reached the 80s or 90s for the week, but nearly all stations dropped to below freezing. All stations reported above average precipitation for the week, but all of the precipitation fell over just two days from a saturated low pressure system. The rest of the week had high pressure and clear skies. Minor flooding was reported through the State during the heavy rain event. Several stations reported over two inches for the week, and two stations received over two inches in just a 24 hour period.

Temperatures: Keyser had the highest recorded temperature of 94 degrees. Beckley and Marlinton had the lowest recorded temperature of 27 degrees. The state average temperature was 62 degrees.

Precipitation: Bluestone Dam had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 2.74 inches. Wheeling had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.29 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 1.66 inches.

**Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 05/06/18**

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	84	35	63		0.29		5.68	5.89	
PARKERSBURG	85	31	63	4	1.07	0.87	6.11	7.18	4.25
CRESTON	88	28	62		1.29		6.00	5.77	
<b>--NORTHCENTRAL</b>									
MORGANTOWN	87	31	62		1.25		6.90	8.58	
CLARKSBURG	87	32	62	4	1.86	0.82	7.67	8.44	4.54
BELINGTON	87	30	61		1.50		7.32	6.79	
WESTON	87	29	62		2.00		8.12	8.54	
<b>--SOUTHWEST</b>									
WILLIAMSON	90	32	65		1.81		5.77	7.11	
HUNTINGTON	87	33	65	4	2.00	0.98	4.97	2.79	4.53
CHARLESTON	89	34	65	4	1.65	0.96	6.05	5.64	4.30
RIPLEY	88	28	62		1.29		5.80	5.82	
<b>--CENTRAL</b>									
TERRA ALTA	81	33	58		1.41		8.19	9.51	
ELKINS	86	28	60	5	2.40	1.03	7.28	6.73	4.96
MARLINTON	86	27	59		2.50		7.34	5.83	
<b>--SOUTHERN</b>									
BECKLEY	85	27	58	1	1.98	0.96	5.99	5.30	4.42
PINEVILLE	89	32	63		2.36		6.81	8.28	
BLUEFIELD	84	29	60	-1	1.57	0.90	5.28	7.34	4.33
WHITE SUL SP	87	30	60		2.13		6.78	5.45	
BLUESTONE DAM	86	40	65		2.74		5.71	7.76	
<b>--NORTHEASTERN</b>									
MARTINSBURG	91	38	63	5	0.96	0.89	5.00	7.52	4.35
KEYSER	94	34	62		0.98		5.89	5.65	
MOOREFIELD	88	33	62		1.57		5.92	4.35	
State Average Temperature	62								
State Average Precipitation	1.66								

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

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