



Crop Progress and Condition

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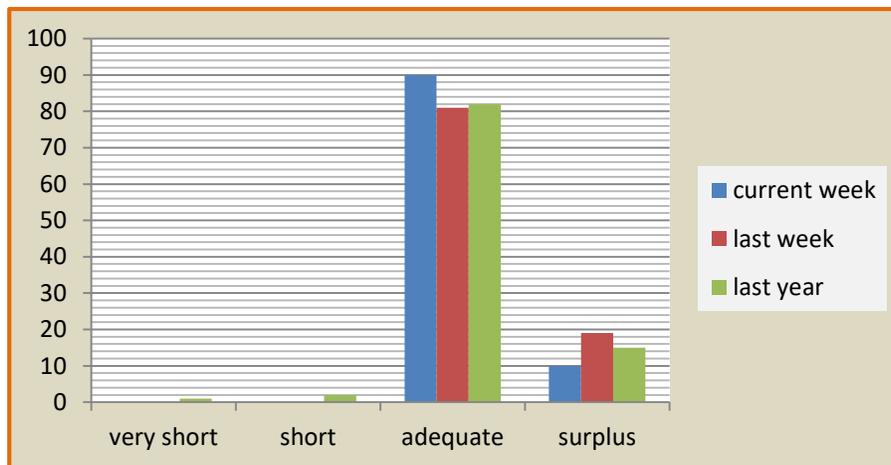
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.1. Weather conditions were drier as warmer temperatures moved in later in the week, and precipitation amounts decreased from the previous week. Farming activities this week included plowing, planting crops and making hay.

SOIL MOISTURE and SUPPLIES for week ending 05/17/20

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	-	-	90	10
Subsoil	-	-	91	9
Hay & Roughage	-	13	83	4
Feed grain	-	5	95	-

-Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 05/17/20



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 05/17/20

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	1	1	19	70	9
Peaches	-	-	20	80	-
Hay	1	17	13	67	2
Winter Wheat	-	-	19	72	9
Pasture	-	32	12	50	6
Cattle & Calves	-	1	10	84	5
Sheep & Lambs	-	1	11	85	3

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 05/17/20

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Corn planted	36	25	32	32
Corn emerged	10	7	19	16
Soybeans planted	22	15	24	19
Soybeans emerged	5	-	4	4
Winter Wheat headed	30	28	17	30

- Represents data not available.

Weather Summary- For the week ending May 17, 2020

Again, West Virginia began the week much cooler than normal in the wake of a strong cold front that moved through. During this time several stations dropped to below freezing, and some dropped into the 20s. A pattern change occurred mid-week and more summerlike temperatures arrived. By the end of the week, most stations were in the 80s during the day while dropping into the 50s and 60s at night. Overall, all stations were just below normal for the week. The State dried out some during the week. All stations recorded less than average precipitation and some stations recorded zero rain. The majority of the rain that fell during the week occurred as showers and some thunderstorms. There were no major rain events during the week.

Temperatures: Keyser had the highest recorded temperature of 90 degrees. Elkins had the lowest recorded temperature of 27 degrees. The state average temperature was 58 degrees.

Precipitation: Ripley had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.76 of an inch. Williamson and Bluestone Dam had the lowest with zero recorded precipitation. The state average precipitation was 0.23 of an inch.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 05/17/20

Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Norm	Since April 1st 2020	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST									
WHEELING	83	37	58	-1	0.32	0.92	6.04	4.01	5.51
PARKERSBURG	84	33	58	-4	0.18	0.97	6.41	5.26	5.80
CRESTON	86	31	58		0.14		8.14	6.65	
--NORTHCENTRAL									
MORGANTOWN	80	36	59	-2	0.33	1.06	7.69	6.05	6.22
CLARKSBURG	86	35	61	-1	0.09	0.95	8.38	5.68	6.12
BELINGTON	85	31	58		0.27		8.23	5.69	
WESTON	85	31	58		0.38		10.31	6.29	
--SOUTHWEST									
WILLIAMSON	88	38	60		0.00		9.53	5.85	
HUNTINGTON	85	37	61	-2	0.59	1.07	7.56	6.77	6.20
CHARLESTON	88	33	60	-3	0.50	1.10	11.04	6.69	6.02
RIPLEY	87	32	60		0.76		7.60	6.11	
--CENTRAL									
TERRA ALTA	80	31	56		0.11		8.16	8.00	
ELKINS	83	27	57	-1	0.29	1.19	8.87	6.64	6.83
MARLINTON	83	30	56		0.34		9.03	6.91	
--SOUTHERN									
BECKLEY	82	31	56	-3	0.11	1.06	9.29	6.99	6.08
PINEVILLE	86	34	59		0.03		10.52	6.38	
BLUEFIELD	82	31	56	-6	0.08	0.96	10.09	6.88	5.83
WHITE SUL SP	83	32	57		0.15		7.65	6.71	
BLUESTONE DAM	85	34	59		0.00		8.89	6.94	
--NORTHEASTERN									
MARTINSBURG	88	35	59	-2	0.13	0.95	6.40	7.91	5.85
KEYSER	90	30	58		0.13		6.92	7.40	
MOOREFIELD	86	32	62		0.06		5.71	6.98	
State Average Temperature	58								
State Average Precipitation	0.23								

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

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