



Crop Progress and Condition



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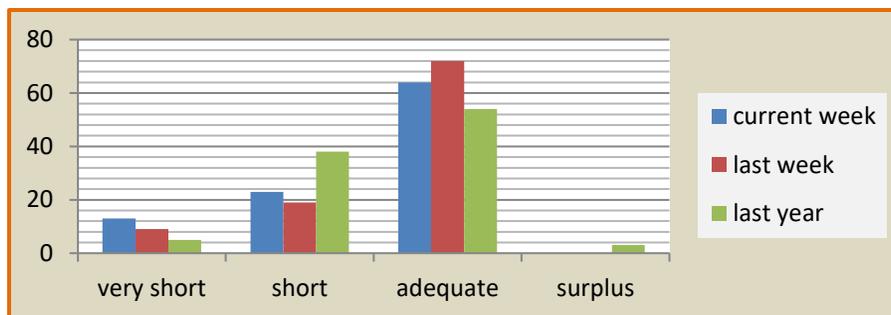
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Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.7. Weather conditions cooled later in the week with scattered rain. Drought conditions have lowered some hay yields for the second cutting of hay. Farming activities this week included harvesting peaches and making hay.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 08/16/20

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	13	23	64	-
Subsoil	11	23	66	-

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 08/16/20



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 08/16/20

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	19	33	47	1
Peaches	-	18	28	53	1
Corn	6	15	26	50	3
Hay	4	15	33	43	5
Soybeans	1	7	30	56	6
Pasture	2	7	28	59	4
Cattle & Calves	-	1	28	68	3
Sheep & Lambs	-	2	21	76	1

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 08/16/20

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	5	-	15	9
Peaches harvested	43	35	63	60
Corn silking	79	65	59	71
Corn dough	35	24	33	41
Corn dented	10	5	8	9
Hay second cutting	41	27	40	45
Soybeans blooming	50	40	68	64
Soybeans setting pods	25	18	29	33
Winter Wheat harvested for grain	92	75	92	96

- Represents data not available.

Weather Summary- For the week ending August 16, 2020

This week West Virginia began warm and dry under high pressure. Mid-week, a weak cold front moved across the State bringing some precipitation, but not effecting the temperatures very much. The State continued to record above average temperatures until another strong cold front passed over late in the week. The last couple of days of the week, West Virginia was much cooler than usual, recording highs only in the 70s and low 80s. These cooler temperatures were enough to bring the weekly average temperatures closer to normal, but most stations were still above average. Beckley (0) and Bluefield (-2) were the only stations that did not exceed normal for the week. Showery precipitation associated with the two cold fronts that passed over West Virginia and some scattered showers that formed because of some upper level instability were the precipitation highlights for the week. Again, due to the showery nature of the precipitation, stations reported anywhere from less than one quarter inch to over four inches. The wettest spots in the State were along the Eastern mountains. Dry conditions still persist in the Northern part of the State.

Temperatures: Keyser had the highest recorded temperature of 98 degrees. Beckley, Bluefield, and Terra Alta had the lowest recorded temperature of 56 degrees. The state average temperature was 74 degrees.

Precipitation: Marlinton had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 4.48 inches. Wheeling had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.14 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 1.47 inches.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 08/16/20

Station	Temperature				Precipitation					
	High	Low	Weekly Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Week's Norm	Since April 1st 2020	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal	
--NORTHWEST										
WHEELING	94	59	75	3	0.14	0.69	12.40	15.88	17.86	
PARKERSBURG	93	63	76	2	1.56	0.82	22.51	19.60	17.98	
CRESTON	91	63	75		1.11		23.63	21.74		
--NORTHCENTRAL										
MORGANTOWN	91	62	76	3	0.57	0.81	14.99	19.49	18.89	
CLARKSBURG	92	61	76	4	0.95	0.77	22.27	19.03	20.42	
BELINGTON	91	58	74		1.57		23.12	15.97		
WESTON	91	62	75		1.27		28.44	20.46		
--SOUTHWEST										
WILLIAMSON	91	66	77		1.78		23.72	19.63		
HUNTINGTON	90	65	77	2	0.46	0.85	17.98	17.83	18.87	
CHARLESTON	91	62	76	1	1.24	0.86	26.79	20.78	19.44	
RIPLEY	91	64	76		0.85		22.49	20.26		
--CENTRAL										
TERRA ALTA	85	56	69		0.78		21.95	26.13		
ELKINS	88	58	72	2	1.15	0.87	26.08	22.96	20.89	
MARLINTON	87	58	71		4.48		28.24	19.22		
--SOUTHERN										
BECKLEY	83	56	70	0	2.09	0.78	26.17	18.86	19.22	
PINEVILLE	90	63	76		1.23		26.13	17.17		
BLUEFIELD	85	56	71	-2	1.95	0.74	28.57	16.02	17.88	
WHITE SUL SP	86	58	71		3.17		24.74	18.06		
BLUESTONE DAM	87	59	72		2.08		25.13	16.61		
--NORTHEASTERN										
MARTINSBURG	93	59	77	3	0.39	0.68	14.06	17.91	16.77	
KEYSER	98	60	77		1.20		17.08	18.76		
MOOREFIELD	95	60	75		2.26		16.95	21.10		
State Average Temperature	74									
State Average Precipitation	1.47									

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