



# Crop Progress and Condition

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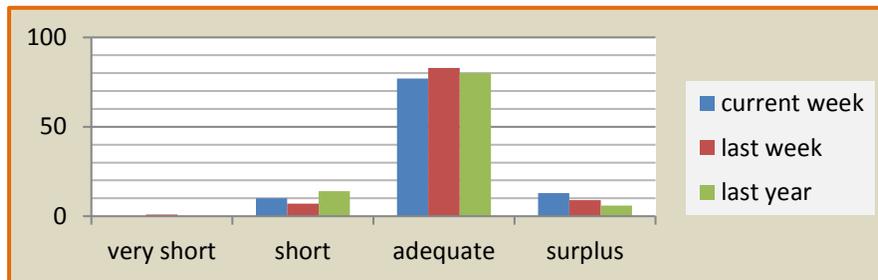
**Agricultural News:** Days suitable for fieldwork were 3.9. Weather conditions continue to limit fieldwork, but have improved some pastures. Farming activities this week included attending the State Fair, making hay and harvesting peaches and apples.

## SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 08/19/18

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	-	10	77	13
Subsoil	1	10	79	10

-Represents zero.

## TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 08/19/18



## CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 08/19/18

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	1	20	70	9
Corn	1	11	23	53	12
Hay	-	5	30	60	5
Soybeans	-	-	10	85	5
Pasture	-	7	34	54	5
Cattle & Calves	-	2	20	70	8
Sheep & Lambs	-	2	4	82	12

- Represents zero.

## CROP PROGRESS for week ending 08/19/18

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	15	8	14	6
Peaches harvested	68	53	70	61
Corn silking	69	59	85	84
Corn dough	34	21	59	50
Corn dented	2	-	4	11
Hay second cut	41	38	55	49
Soybeans blooming	55	32	71	82
Soybeans setting pods	13	8	44	56
Winter Wheat harvested	95	90	99	99

- Represents data not available or zero.

**Weather Summary-** For the week ending August 19, 2018

Again, there were no abnormal temperatures for the week, but as we head into the second half of summer we are beginning to see some of the low temperatures drop farther into the 50s. The average temperatures for the week were all within a few degrees of normal, with about half above and half below. Most of the high temperatures were in the 80s. A weak cold front late in the week kept high temperatures down over the weekend. Precipitation was heavy again during the week with several days experiencing tropical like downpours from moisture laden thunderstorms. There were several flood events across the State during the week and nearly every station reported above normal rain amounts; 14 of the 22 reporting stations received over an inch of precipitation. The only exception was the Eastern Panhandle which was the driest area in the State.

Temperatures: Keyser and Martinsburg had the highest recorded temperature of 90 degrees. Beckley had the lowest recorded temperature of 53 degrees. The state average temperature was 73 degrees.

Precipitation: Charleston had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 2.87 inches. Belington had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.20 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 1.19 inches.

**Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 08/19/18**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation					
	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Week's Norm	Since April 1st 2018	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal	
<b>--NORTHWEST</b>										
WHEELING	84	60	72	1	1.89	0.81	25.76	25.21	18.11	
PARKERSBURG	86	60	74	0	1.70	0.83	18.92	27.00	18.30	
CRESTON	85	60	73		0.86		22.49	18.65		
<b>--NORTHCENTRAL</b>										
MORGANTOWN	86	60	72	0	1.35	0.81	21.24	26.84	19.09	
CLARKSBURG	88	59	74	2	1.38	0.73	21.04	27.67	20.67	
BELINGTON	88	57	73		0.20		28.77	25.98		
WESTON	89	62	75		1.04		31.91	27.80		
<b>--SOUTHWEST</b>										
WILLIAMSON	89	62	76		0.74		16.91	32.37		
HUNTINGTON	86	62	75	-1	1.92	0.87	21.38	20.62	19.18	
CHARLESTON	88	58	74	-1	2.87	0.83	23.93	23.25	19.89	
RIPLEY	85	60	73		0.86		24.04	20.08		
<b>--CENTRAL</b>										
TERRA ALTA	81	55	68		1.01		30.67	31.67		
ELKINS	87	55	71	2	1.06	0.86	30.67	22.45	21.40	
MARLINTON	84	56	70		1.55		25.29	23.60		
<b>--SOUTHERN</b>										
BECKLEY	84	53	69	-1	1.23	0.74	18.84	24.16	19.62	
PINEVILLE	89	60	74		0.60		18.79	29.58		
BLUEFIELD	86	55	70	-3	1.40	0.71	18.91	26.22	18.27	
WHITE SUL SP	87	58	72		1.34		22.58	19.45		
BLUESTONE DAM	86	59	72		1.00		19.92	21.61		
<b>--NORTHEASTERN</b>										
MARTINSBURG	90	63	75	2	0.60	0.67	31.19	22.15	17.02	
KEYSER	90	60	74		0.89		27.91	23.44		
MOOREFIELD	89	60	73		0.65		21.24	18.74		
State Average Temperature	73									
State Average Precipitation	1.19									

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

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