



Crop Progress and Condition

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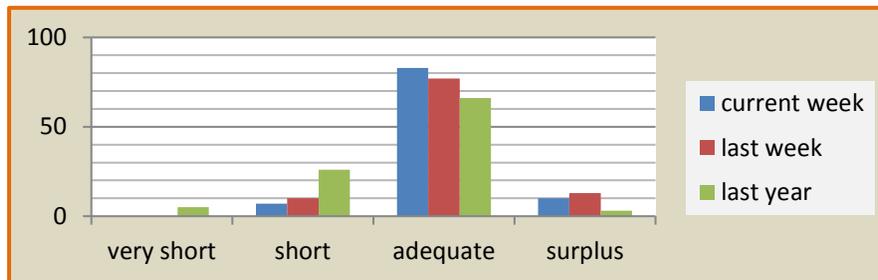
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.3. Rainy weather conditions continue to limit fieldwork, making some second cutting of hay difficult. Farming activities this week included harvesting peaches and apples.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 08/26/18

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	-	7	83	10
Subsoil	-	12	76	12

-Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 08/26/18



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 08/26/18

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	2	19	70	9
Corn	1	11	25	52	11
Hay	-	8	31	56	5
Soybeans	-	-	7	89	4
Pasture	-	9	28	60	3
Cattle & Calves	-	1	19	73	7
Sheep & Lambs	-	2	7	83	8

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 08/26/18

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	23	15	23	14
Peaches harvested	74	68	81	74
Corn silking	80	69	91	89
Corn dough	42	34	72	66
Corn dented	11	2	12	20
Hay second cut	58	41	68	60
Soybeans blooming	72	55	79	87
Soybeans setting pods	23	13	57	68

- Represents data not available or zero.

Weather Summary- For the week ending August 26, 2018

Temperatures were primarily above normal to start the week across the lowlands of West Virginia with highs in the mid to upper 80s in most locations; temperatures were slightly below normal in the Eastern Panhandle region. By Wednesday, cooler air started to filter in across the State in response to a strong cold front that pushed through late on Tuesday. Southerly winds brought a return of warmer and more humid air later with temperatures returning to average and above average on Sunday. Showers and thunderstorms occurred in the beginning of the week along and ahead of the cold front. After the passage of the cold front, much drier air moved in Wednesday through Friday with most locations remaining dry during this period. Humidity levels began to increase once again by the end of the week with showers and thunderstorms impacting portions of the State.

Temperatures: Williamson, Weston, Belington, and Huntington had the highest recorded temperature of 89 degrees. Beckley had the lowest recorded temperature of 46 degrees. The state average temperature was 69 degrees.

Precipitation: Martinsburg had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 2.22 inches. Bluefield had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.31 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 0.83 of an inch.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 08/26/18

Station	Temperature				Precipitation					
	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Norm	Since April 1st 2018	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal	
--NORTHWEST										
WHEELING	84	53	69	-2	0.38	0.89	26.14	25.73	19.00	
PARKERSBURG	86	52	71	-2	0.34	0.77	19.26	27.19	19.07	
CRESTON	87	50	69		1.21		23.70	18.80		
--NORTHCENTRAL										
MORGANTOWN	83	54	70	-2	0.32	0.78	21.56	27.19	19.87	
CLARKSBURG	87	53	71	0	0.54	0.77	21.58	29.48	21.44	
BELINGTON	89	51	70		1.07		29.84	26.05		
WESTON	89	53	70		0.87		32.78	27.90		
--SOUTHWEST										
WILLIAMSON	89	53	73		0.60		17.51	32.47		
HUNTINGTON	89	53	72	-3	1.49	0.81	22.87	20.93	19.99	
CHARLESTON	88	52	72	-2	0.48	0.78	24.41	23.70	20.67	
RIPLEY	87	50	69		1.21		25.25	20.63		
--CENTRAL										
TERRA ALTA	78	49	64		1.36		32.03	33.57		
ELKINS	83	49	68	-1	0.75	0.82	31.42	22.82	22.22	
MARLINTON	81	49	66		0.44		25.73	23.72		
--SOUTHERN										
BECKLEY	80	46	66	-3	0.56	0.69	19.40	24.34	20.31	
PINEVILLE	83	53	70		0.41		19.20	29.87		
BLUEFIELD	81	48	67	-5	0.31	0.69	19.22	26.56	18.96	
WHITE SUL SP	83	48	67		1.46		24.04	19.45		
BLUESTONE DAM	81	51	68		0.55		20.47	21.68		
--NORTHEASTERN										
MARTINSBURG	88	55	71	-1	2.22	0.67	33.41	22.25	17.69	
KEYSER	87	49	69		0.86		28.77	24.04		
MOOREFIELD	84	51	69		0.79		22.03	19.24		
State Average Temperature	69									
State Average Precipitation	0.83									

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

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