



Crop Progress and Condition

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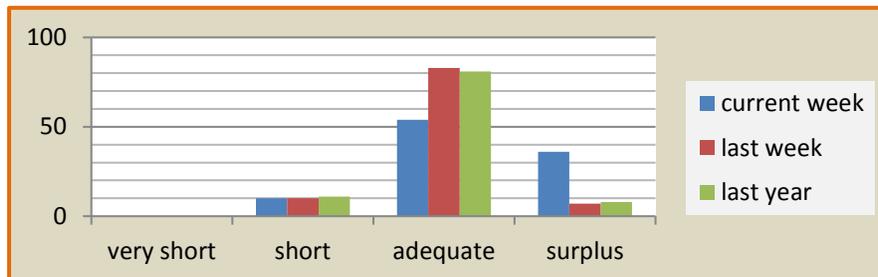
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 3.6. Rainy weather conditions continue to limit fieldwork, low lying areas are saturated and mud is becoming an issue. Flooding has caused some hay loss and damage. Farming activities this week included harvesting peaches and apples.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 09/09/18

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	-	10	54	36
Subsoil	-	9	71	20

-Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 09/09/18



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 09/09/18

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	1	20	70	9
Corn	-	4	17	66	13
Hay	-	6	24	63	7
Soybeans	-	-	5	91	4
Pasture	1	15	28	52	4
Cattle & Calves	-	3	13	74	10
Sheep & Lambs	-	1	13	78	8

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 09/09/18

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	43	37	42	30
Peaches harvested	91	88	93	91
Corn silking	92	87	99	98
Corn dough	68	58	88	84
Corn dented	33	24	32	52
Corn mature	2	-	3	9
Hay second cut	79	73	79	77
Hay third cut	5	-	7	5
Soybeans blooming	87	84	89	95
Soybeans setting pods	52	40	71	82

- Represents data not available or zero.

Weather Summary- For the week ending September 9, 2018

This week in West Virginia, temperatures statewide were from 3 to 7 degrees above normal during the week. Nearly all high temperatures recorded during the week reached the 90s. These higher than average temperatures were due to Southerly flow moving up from the Southeast. The remnants of Tropical Storm Gordon caused massive amounts of precipitation to fall not only across the State, but across the region. All stations were well above average. Every station statewide received at least one inch of precipitation. Flooding was recorded in several places, especially in the Western parts of the State. The South and Southeastern parts of the State received the least amount.

Temperatures: Keyser had the highest recorded temperature of 97 degrees. Terra Alta had the lowest recorded temperature of 48 degrees. The state average temperature was 74 degrees.

Precipitation: Wheeling had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 6.98 inches. Pineville had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 1.15 inches. The state average precipitation was 3.54 inches.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 09/09/18

Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Norm	Since April 1st 2018	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST									
WHEELING	93	53	72	4	6.98	0.62	33.33	26.35	20.40
PARKERSBURG	94	57	75	5	4.61	0.74	24.61	28.09	20.59
CRESTON	94	59	75		3.52		28.51	20.22	
--NORTHCENTRAL									
MORGANTOWN	91	54	73	4	4.43	0.73	26.61	28.64	21.36
CLARKSBURG	93	56	75	7	4.31	0.84	26.81	30.79	22.98
BELINGTON	94	60	76		3.20		33.41	28.07	
WESTON	93	60	75		3.74		36.92	29.35	
--SOUTHWEST									
WILLIAMSON	95	67	80		1.76		19.68	34.90	
HUNTINGTON	93	63	77	6	5.28	0.70	29.00	24.79	21.44
CHARLESTON	93	63	78	7	2.35	0.78	27.73	25.81	22.22
RIPLEY	94	59	75		3.52		29.52	22.05	
--CENTRAL									
TERRA ALTA	86	48	68		4.62		36.86	34.31	
ELKINS	90	60	73	7	3.65	0.84	35.11	23.83	23.87
MARLINTON	87	58	71		2.15		28.43	25.44	
--SOUTHERN									
BECKLEY	86	59	71	4	2.86	0.69	23.08	26.22	21.63
PINEVILLE	91	64	77		1.15		20.73	31.08	
BLUEFIELD	84	60	72	3	1.51	0.69	21.50	27.08	20.31
WHITE SUL SP	87	63	75		3.33		27.70	20.34	
BLUESTONE DAM	90	59	75		1.30		21.88	22.68	
--NORTHEASTERN									
MARTINSBURG	94	55	74	5	4.10	0.80	38.17	24.08	19.20
KEYSER	97	52	73		6.24		35.46	25.18	
MOOREFIELD	91	53	72		3.20		25.69	20.45	
State Average Temperature	74								
State Average Precipitation	3.54								

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

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