



# Crop Progress and Condition



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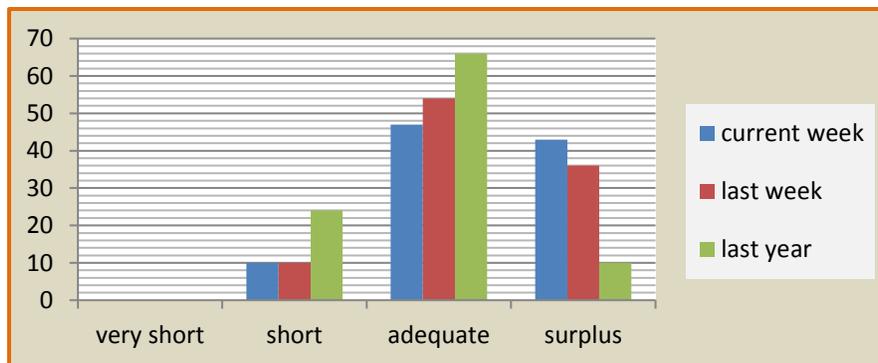
**Agricultural News:** Days suitable for fieldwork were 3.8. Rainy weather conditions continue to limit fieldwork; pastures continue to be muddy. Farming activities this week included harvesting peaches and apples.

## SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 09/16/18

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	-	10	47	43
Subsoil	-	9	60	31

-Represents zero.

## TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 09/16/18



## CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 09/16/18

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	1	20	70	9
Corn	1	2	21	63	13
Hay	-	6	33	58	3
Soybeans	-	-	11	85	4
Pasture	-	16	34	45	5
Cattle & Calves	-	5	19	68	8
Sheep & Lambs	-	1	10	80	9

- Represents zero.

## CROP PROGRESS for week ending 09/16/18

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	50	43	50	37
Peaches harvested	95	91	96	95
Corn silking	98	92	99	99
Corn dough	79	68	92	89
Corn dented	45	33	42	65
Corn mature	5	2	9	20
Hay second cut	86	79	88	85
Hay third cut	12	5	20	20
Soybeans blooming	89	87	94	97
Soybeans setting pods	62	52	81	87
Soybeans dropping leaves	4	-	9	21

- Represents data not available or zero.

**Weather Summary-** For the week ending September 16, 2018

The warm trend continues across the State. All stations recorded above average temperatures, anywhere from three to seven degrees over normal. Two stations reported highs in the 90s for the week and several other stations reached the mid to upper 80s. The low temperatures dropped into the low 60s to upper 50s for most locations. Above average precipitation was recorded again for most stations. Wheeling and Clarksburg were the only stations that did not exceed average for the week. The remnants of Tropical Storm Florence brought excess precipitation, mostly in the Southeastern part of the State, late in the week. Several stations recorded over one inch with a handful reporting over two. Overall, the Southeast had the most rain, while the Northwest had the least.

Temperatures: Belington had the highest recorded temperature of 91 degrees. Moorefield had the lowest recorded temperature of 54 degrees. The state average temperature was 71 degrees.

Precipitation: Bluefield had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 3.39 inches. Wheeling had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.16 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 1.36 inches.

**Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 09/16/18**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Norm	Since April 1st 2018	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
<b>--NORTHWEST</b>									
WHEELING	84	60	71	6	0.16	0.56	33.49	26.50	20.96
PARKERSBURG	89	62	74	7	0.85	0.73	25.46	28.44	21.32
CRESTON	89	60	72		2.53		31.04	20.60	
<b>--NORTHCENTRAL</b>									
MORGANTOWN	86	60	72	6	1.10	0.74	27.71	28.99	22.10
CLARKSBURG	87	61	73	7	0.78	0.86	27.59	30.94	23.84
BELINGTON	91	59	73		1.60		35.01	28.28	
WESTON	87	60	72		1.33		38.25	29.59	
<b>--SOUTHWEST</b>									
WILLIAMSON	89	61	74		0.87		20.55	35.33	
HUNTINGTON	89	62	74	5	1.22	0.67	30.22	25.47	22.11
CHARLESTON	90	61	73	4	1.80	0.77	29.53	26.21	22.99
RIPLEY	89	60	72		1.67		31.19	22.43	
<b>--CENTRAL</b>									
TERRA ALTA	78	56	67		0.58		37.44	34.53	
ELKINS	84	58	69	6	2.18	0.87	37.29	23.99	24.74
MARLINTON	82	59	70		0.68		29.11	25.50	
<b>--SOUTHERN</b>									
BECKLEY	80	58	68	4	2.67	0.75	25.75	26.45	22.38
PINEVILLE	87	60	72		0.76		21.49	31.34	
BLUEFIELD	79	61	70	3	3.39	0.76	24.89	27.62	21.07
WHITE SUL SP	88	65	73		1.75		29.45	20.39	
BLUESTONE DAM	85	63	71		1.95		23.83	22.89	
<b>--NORTHEASTERN</b>									
MARTINSBURG	82	59	71	4	1.08	0.85	39.25	24.21	20.05
KEYSER	83	55	69		0.58		36.04	25.25	
MOOREFIELD	81	54	69		0.49		26.18	20.51	
State Average Temperature	71								
State Average Precipitation	1.36								

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

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