



# Crop Progress and Condition

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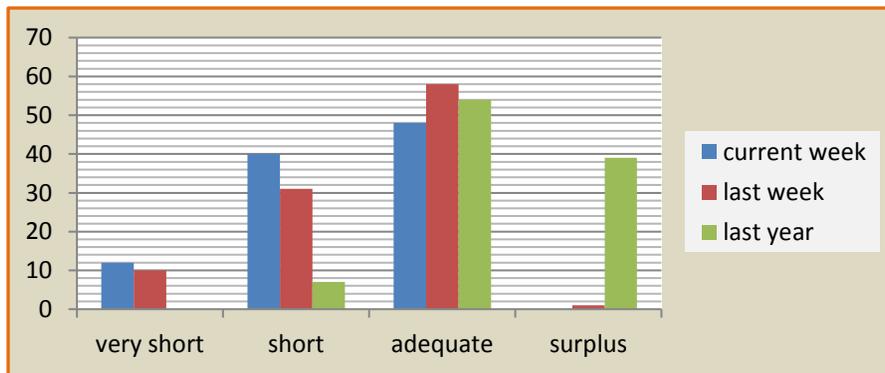
**Agricultural News:** Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.8. Weather conditions continue to get drier; moderate drought conditions are being reported. Farming activities this week included repairing fences, hauling water, making hay, and harvesting apples.

## SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 09/22/19

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	12	40	48	-
Subsoil	15	48	37	-

-Represents zero.

## TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 09/22/19



## CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 09/22/19

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Corn	-	9	32	51	8
Hay	1	26	33	34	6
Soybeans	-	1	9	74	16
Pasture	2	36	22	37	3
Cattle & Calves	1	3	19	68	9
Sheep & Lambs	-	2	17	75	6

- Represents zero.

## CROP PROGRESS for week ending 09/22/19

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	69	59	55	46
Corn dough	83	74	84	91
Corn dented	56	44	58	72
Corn mature	27	15	16	31
Hay second cut	88	82	88	91
Hay third cut	25	15	15	36
Soybeans settings pods	84	78	78	87
Soybeans dropping leaves	14	5	13	23

- Represents data not available.

**Weather Summary-** For the week ending September 22, 2019

Strong high pressure with mostly sunny skies dominated the weather for West Virginia. With these conditions, all stations reported above average temperatures for the week. All stations averaged from +2 (Bluefield) to +9 (Huntington) degrees. Although all stations were warm, there were no extreme temperatures. Most high temperatures were in the 80s to low 90s, with the lows dropping into the 40s and 50s. Dry weather continues. With high pressure dominating the majority of the week, nearly all stations received zero precipitation. The only precipitation amounts reported were light showers around Charleston, and a pop up thunderstorm over Martinsburg. Several counties across West Virginia continue to report D0 (abnormally dry) conditions. D1 (moderate drought) conditions are being reported in the extreme South of the State.

Temperatures: Keyser had the highest recorded temperature of 96 degrees. Terra Alta had the lowest recorded temperature of 39 degrees. The state average temperature was 70 degrees.

Precipitation: Martinsburg had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.58 of an inch. Several stations had zero recorded precipitation. The state average precipitation was 0.03 of an inch.

**Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 09/22/19**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Norm	Since April 1st 2019	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
<b>--NORTHWEST</b>									
WHEELING	89	53	71	8	0.00	0.48	18.44	35.99	21.37
PARKERSBURG	91	54	72	7	0.00	0.70	21.51	27.04	21.70
CRESTON	90	50	70		0.00		25.56	32.54	
<b>--NORTHCENTRAL</b>									
MORGANTOWN	89	53	71	7	0.00	0.77	22.62	29.86	22.76
CLARKSBURG	92	51	71	8	0.00	0.81	21.54	29.29	24.29
BELINGTON	89	48	70		0.00		18.55	36.62	
WESTON	91	50	71		0.00		23.35	40.35	
<b>--SOUTHWEST</b>									
WILLIAMSON	90	60	76		0.00		22.10	22.38	
HUNTINGTON	90	59	75	9	0.00	0.61	23.23	32.17	22.40
CHARLESTON	93	55	74	8	0.02	0.76	23.05	31.49	23.44
RIPLEY	90	50	70		0.00		23.10	32.20	
<b>--CENTRAL</b>									
TERRA ALTA	82	39	62		0.00		29.26	39.50	
ELKINS	88	44	68	7	0.00	0.88	26.79	39.16	25.23
MARLINTON	85	44	65		0.00		23.13	30.49	
<b>--SOUTHERN</b>									
BECKLEY	86	47	67	5	0.00	0.73	20.95	27.19	22.77
PINEVILLE	91	51	72		0.00		18.53	24.33	
BLUEFIELD	88	50	67	2	0.00	0.76	17.40	26.75	21.51
WHITE SUL SP	89	42	66		0.00		19.07	31.42	
BLUESTONE DAM	89	51	69		0.00		18.39	25.10	
<b>--NORTHEASTERN</b>									
MARTINSBURG	90	43	68	4	0.58	0.88	19.91	40.62	20.57
KEYSER	96	42	69		0.00		21.08	37.85	
MOOREFIELD	92	41	68		0.00		24.06	27.75	
State Average Temperature	70								
State Average Precipitation	0.03								

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

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