



# Crop Progress and Condition



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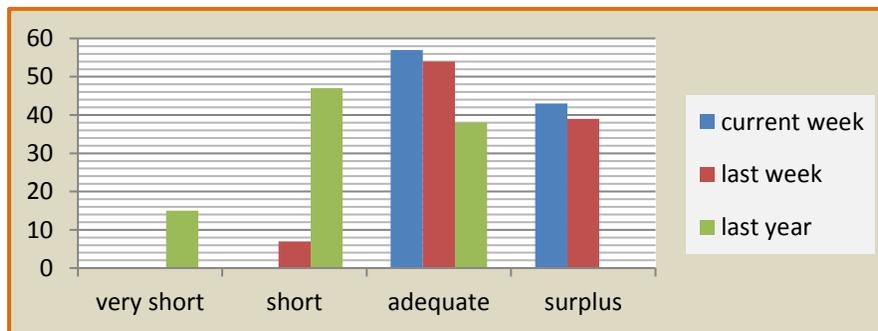
**Agricultural News:** Days suitable for fieldwork were 2.4. Fieldwork continues to be limited; precipitation amounts were up from the previous week, and many fields are extremely wet. Farming activities this week included harvesting apples and making hay as able due to the field and weather conditions.

### SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 09/30/18

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	-	-	57	43
Subsoil	-	1	67	32

-Represents zero.

### TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 09/30/18



### CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 09/30/18

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Corn	2	4	21	60	13
Hay	-	9	36	51	4
Soybeans	-	3	13	83	1
Pasture	1	10	24	62	3
Cattle & Calves	-	3	23	69	5
Sheep & Lambs	-	1	12	83	4

- Represents zero.

### CROP PROGRESS for week ending 09/30/18

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	64	56	65	53
Corn dough	96	85	97	98
Corn dented	70	60	75	84
Corn mature	24	18	46	46
Hay second cut	90	88	97	94
Hay third cut	19	15	67	57
Soybeans setting pods	83	81	97	95
Soybeans dropping leaves	35	15	44	52

- Represents data not available or zero.

**Weather Summary-** For the week ending September 30, 2018

West Virginia had above average temperatures again this week, but not quite as warm as the previous week. Most stations averaged from 1 to 5 degrees over normal, except for Elkins which was 8 degrees warmer. The first half of the week experienced unseasonably warm conditions, but a cold front that passed late in the work week brought the temperatures back to near normal. Most stations reached the upper 70s to low 80s, with some of the post cold front low temperatures dropping into the upper 40s. Well above average precipitation occurred this week due to a stationary front that lingered over the State in the middle of the week. In just one day, several stations received over two inches of precipitation and many more reached over one. Several areas across the Central lowlands experienced flooding. The last half of the week was relatively dry.

Temperatures: Williamson had the highest recorded temperature of 85 degrees. Terra Alta had the lowest recorded temperature of 45 degrees. The state average temperature was 64 degrees.

Precipitation: Weston had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 4.85 inches. Wheeling had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 1.42 inches. The state average precipitation was 2.53 inches.

**Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 09/30/18**

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	77	48	61	1	1.42	0.45	37.41	26.50	21.88
PARKERSBURG	80	50	66	4	2.02	0.69	29.06	28.48	22.71
CRESTON	79	49	64		3.09		35.63	20.75	
<b>--NORTHCENTRAL</b>									
MORGANTOWN	78	50	63	2	1.67	0.75	31.53	29.04	23.62
CLARKSBURG	80	51	65	5	2.92	0.76	32.21	30.96	25.39
BELINGTON	81	49	63		3.56		40.18	28.28	
WESTON	81	51	65		4.85		45.20	30.17	
<b>--SOUTHWEST</b>									
WILLIAMSON	85	56	69		2.84		25.22	35.33	
HUNTINGTON	79	52	66	3	1.59	0.61	33.76	25.47	23.32
CHARLESTON	83	53	67	4	3.19	0.72	34.68	26.21	24.47
RIPLEY	79	49	64		1.54		33.74	22.58	
<b>--CENTRAL</b>									
TERRA ALTA	74	45	58		3.49		42.99	34.56	
ELKINS	78	50	66	8	2.56	0.80	41.72	24.01	26.41
MARLINTON	74	50	63		2.54		33.03	25.75	
<b>--SOUTHERN</b>									
BECKLEY	78	47	62	3	2.41	0.66	29.60	26.94	23.75
PINEVILLE	81	55	67		1.94		26.27	31.34	
BLUEFIELD	78	54	65	3	2.04	0.75	28.79	27.64	22.57
WHITE SUL SP	77	49	64		2.10		33.52	20.41	
BLUESTONE DAM	78	54	66		2.79		27.89	22.89	
<b>--NORTHEASTERN</b>									
MARTINSBURG	84	52	66	5	2.45	0.83	43.07	24.21	21.74
KEYSER	79	50	64		2.85		40.70	25.26	
MOOREFIELD	78	51	65		1.90		29.65	20.51	
State Average Temperature	64								
State Average Precipitation	2.53								

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

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