



Crop Progress and Condition

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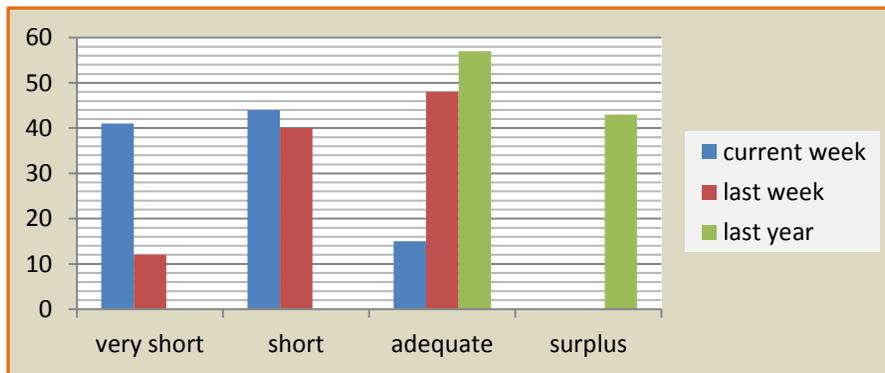
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.7. Moderate drought conditions are now being reported in the Southern third of the State; soils are cracked and springs are dry, there will be major hay shortages. Farming activities this week included hauling water and harvesting corn.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 09/29/19

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	41	44	15	-
Subsoil	37	32	31	-

-Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 09/29/19



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 09/29/19

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Corn	-	11	29	53	7
Hay	16	21	28	33	2
Soybeans	-	5	12	71	12
Pasture	28	35	27	9	1
Cattle & Calves	1	4	26	65	4
Sheep & Lambs	-	2	26	68	4

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 09/29/19

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	80	69	63	52
Corn dough	95	83	94	97
Corn dented	70	56	69	81
Corn mature	39	27	23	43
Corn harvested for grain	8	-	-	10
Hay second cut	92	88	90	94
Hay third cut	45	25	18	51
Soybeans settings pods	93	84	83	91
Soybeans dropping leaves	24	14	32	42
Winter Wheat planted	6	-	-	2

- Represents data not available.

Weather Summary- For the week ending September 29, 2019

More dry and hot conditions continue for the State. High pressure dominated the entire week, with the exception of a weak cold front early in the week and a warm front near the end. All stations exceeded average weekly temperatures by six to nine degrees. Only one station (Wheeling) met or exceeded precipitation averages for the week. All other stations continued the dry spell, with several stations not receiving a tenth of an inch. The only precipitation received was scattered showers and thunderstorms associated with a weak frontal passage early and late in the week. Nearly the entire State is now under D0 (abnormally dry) conditions. D1 (moderate drought) conditions are now being reported in the Southern third of the State.

Temperatures: Williamson had the highest recorded temperature of 94 degrees. Terra Alta had the lowest recorded temperature of 39 degrees. The state average temperature was 68 degrees.

Precipitation: Terra Alta had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 1.05 inches. Beckley and Huntington had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.01 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 0.25 of an inch.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 09/29/19

Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Weekly Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Week's Norm	Since April 1st 2019	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST									
WHEELING	85	50	67	6	0.93	0.44	19.37	37.41	21.81
PARKERSBURG	89	47	68	6	0.23	0.69	21.74	29.06	22.39
CRESTON	89	44	66		0.24		25.80	35.63	
--NORTHCENTRAL									
MORGANTOWN	86	49	68	7	0.54	0.75	23.16	31.53	23.51
CLARKSBURG	90	48	69	9	0.29	0.75	21.83	32.21	25.04
BELINGTON	89	45	66		0.31		18.86	40.18	
WESTON	90	48	68		0.23		23.58	45.20	
--SOUTHWEST									
WILLIAMSON	94	50	71		0.07		22.17	25.22	
HUNTINGTON	93	50	71	7	0.01	0.60	23.24	33.76	23.00
CHARLESTON	93	45	69	6	0.22	0.72	23.27	34.68	24.16
RIPLEY	89	44	66		0.24		23.34	33.74	
--CENTRAL									
TERRA ALTA	82	39	60		1.05		30.31	42.99	
ELKINS	89	44	66	8	0.18	0.81	26.97	41.72	26.04
MARLINTON	87	43	65		0.04		23.17	33.03	
--SOUTHERN									
BECKLEY	86	41	65	6	0.01	0.66	20.96	29.60	23.43
PINEVILLE	92	43	70		0.13		18.66	26.27	
BLUEFIELD	87	46	69	7	0.09	0.74	17.49	28.79	22.25
WHITE SUL SP	90	42	68		0.03		19.10	33.52	
BLUESTONE DAM	89	51	71		0.50		18.89	27.89	
--NORTHEASTERN									
MARTINSBURG	91	47	68	7	0.05	0.81	19.96	43.07	21.38
KEYSER	93	44	69		0.05		21.13	40.70	
MOOREFIELD	90	43	68		0.13		24.19	29.65	
State Average Temperature	68								
State Average Precipitation	0.25								

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

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