



# Crop Progress and Condition



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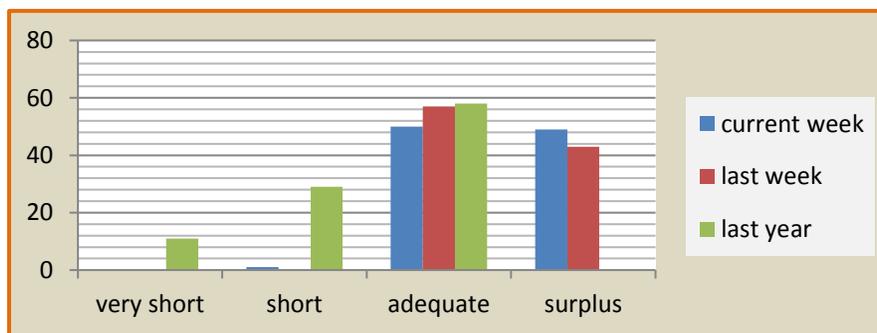
**Agricultural News:** Days suitable for fieldwork were 3.6. Fieldwork continues to be limited; precipitation amounts were down from the previous week, but fields remain saturated. Farming activities this week included harvesting apples and waiting on fields to dry.

## SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 10/07/18

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	-	1	50	49
Subsoil	-	2	66	32

-Represents zero.

## TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 10/07/18



## CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 10/07/18

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Corn	2	5	19	60	14
Hay	-	9	35	52	4
Soybeans	-	4	9	86	1
Pasture	1	8	24	63	4
Cattle & Calves	-	3	23	69	5
Sheep & Lambs	-	1	8	86	5

- Represents zero.

## CROP PROGRESS for week ending 10/07/18

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	81	64	73	61
Corn dented	83	70	85	90
Corn mature	40	24	58	56
Corn harvested for grain	11	-	11	20
Hay second cut	92	90	99	97
Hay third cut	45	19	76	66
Soybeans setting pods	85	83	99	96
Soybeans dropping leaves	50	35	55	64
Soybeans harvested	2	-	3	7
Winter Wheat planted	5	-	5	14

- Represents data not available or zero.

**Weather Summary-** For the week ending October 07, 2018

West Virginia experienced above average temperatures this week. Temperatures were generally in the low to mid 80s to start the week, but an increase in cloud cover, scattered showers, and thunderstorms allowed temperatures to briefly cool down to the mid to upper 70s early in the week. However, by the middle of the week a warm front lifted northward across the region, temperatures began to increase once again in response to a warm Southerly flow of air. As a result, most stations averaged from 10 to 15 degrees above normal for the week. The week started off dry for all reporting stations, but widespread showers and thunderstorms affected the region early in the week. By the middle of the week, a warm front began lifting northward through the State allowing for more scattered shower and thunderstorm activity to develop. By the end of the week, the entire region was under the influence of a strong ridge of high pressure which kept conditions primarily dry, but building heat and humidity did allow isolated shower and thunderstorm activity to develop and affect several locations.

Temperatures: Keyser had the highest recorded temperature of 92 degrees. Wheeling had the lowest recorded temperature of 52 degrees. The state average temperature was 71 degrees.

Precipitation: Wheeling had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 1.47 inches. Bluefield had the lowest with zero recorded precipitation. The state average precipitation was 0.51 of an inch.

**Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 10/07/18**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Weekly Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Week's Norm	Since April 1st 2018	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
<b>--NORTHWEST</b>									
WHEELING	84	52	69	11	1.47	0.59	38.88	28.09	22.47
PARKERSBURG	87	56	72	13	0.81	0.62	29.87	29.64	23.33
CRESTON	88	55	71		0.46		36.09	22.65	
<b>--NORTHCENTRAL</b>									
MORGANTOWN	85	57	71	13	0.40	0.66	31.93	29.76	24.28
CLARKSBURG	88	61	73	16	0.63	0.78	32.84	31.93	26.17
BELINGTON	87	57	71		0.72		40.90	30.05	
WESTON	88	60	72		0.62		45.82	32.00	
<b>--SOUTHWEST</b>									
WILLIAMSON	88	65	76		0.94		26.16	37.24	
HUNTINGTON	87	59	74	14	0.72	0.61	34.48	27.95	23.93
CHARLESTON	88	57	74	14	0.83	0.61	35.51	27.82	25.08
RIPLEY	88	55	71		0.46		34.20	24.48	
<b>--CENTRAL</b>									
TERRA ALTA	81	57	67		0.88		43.87	35.78	
ELKINS	84	55	70	15	1.15	0.65	42.87	25.69	27.06
MARLINTON	84	59	70		0.19		33.22	27.95	
<b>--SOUTHERN</b>									
BECKLEY	82	53	68	11	0.11	0.57	29.71	28.47	24.32
PINEVILLE	84	61	72		0.31		26.58	32.74	
BLUEFIELD	83	56	69	9	0.00	0.60	28.79	29.15	23.17
WHITE SUL SP	85	56	70		0.03		33.55	21.91	
BLUESTONE DAM	83	59	71		0.02		27.91	24.41	
<b>--NORTHEASTERN</b>									
MARTINSBURG	88	58	71	13	0.07	0.70	43.14	25.34	22.44
KEYSER	92	56	72		0.18		40.88	26.32	
MOOREFIELD	87	58	72		0.24		29.89	21.69	
State Average Temperature	71								
State Average Precipitation	0.51								

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

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