



# Crop Progress and Condition

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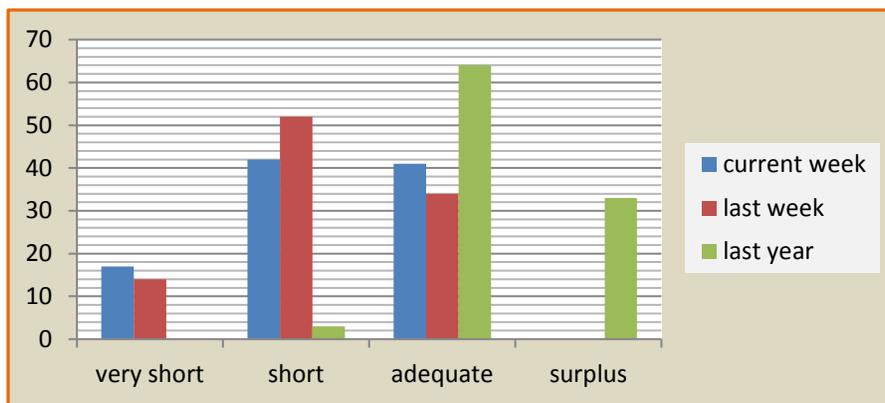
**Agricultural News:** Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.9. Drought conditions continue with scattered rain from two weather events during the week. Farming activities this week included selling feeder calves and repairing fences.

### SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 10/20/19

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	17	42	41	-
Subsoil	12	44	44	-

-Represents zero.

### TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 10/20/19



### CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 10/20/19

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Corn	1	13	35	43	8
Soybeans	-	6	12	70	12
Pasture	15	33	31	20	1
Cattle & Calves	-	3	38	54	5
Sheep & Lambs	-	2	36	59	3

- Represents zero.

### CROP PROGRESS for week ending 10/20/19

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	96	90	89	83
Corn dented	96	90	90	96
Corn mature	70	60	73	78
Corn harvested for grain	45	42	25	40
Hay third cut	80	74	62	82
Soybeans dropping leaves	78	62	66	75
Soybeans harvested	17	8	10	25
Winter Wheat planted	47	33	20	34
Winter Wheat emerged	20	5	3	13

- Represents data not available.

**Weather Summary-** For the week ending October 20, 2019

Fall weather finally arrived in the Mountain State. All stations reported below normal temperatures for the week. The temperature changes were due to a strong cold front crossing over the State and bringing in arctic air mid-week. With the exception of some rain showers associated with a tropical system at the end of the week, the rest was fairly quiet under high pressure. Nearly all high temperatures this week were in the 70s, with low temperatures dropping into the mid-30s to upper 20s; frost occurred through most of the State. Precipitation was up. The strong cold front brought widespread showers, and later in the week, the tropical system that moved just South of the State brought showers and thunderstorms. The stations that received the most precipitation were generally in the Southern half of the State, or the mountains. Nearly the entire State is under D0 (abnormally dry) conditions, with D1 (moderate drought) and some areas of D2 (severe drought) still present. Precipitation last week helped alleviate some drought conditions.

Temperatures: Charleston and Pineville had the highest recorded temperature of 79 degrees. Keyser, Marlinton and Terra Alta had the lowest recorded temperature of 27 degrees. The state average temperature was 51 degrees.

Precipitation: Bluefield had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 2.66 inches. Huntington had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.59 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 1.26 inches.

**Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 10/20/19**

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	69	35	51	-2	0.73	0.59	22.48	39.44	23.56
PARKERSBURG	74	35	53	-3	0.74	0.62	24.88	31.25	24.30
CRESTON	75	33	51		1.30		29.73	38.11	
<b>--NORTHCENTRAL</b>									
MORGANTOWN	73	33	52	-2	0.68	0.58	25.21	33.37	25.41
CLARKSBURG	76	33	53	-1	0.77	0.67	23.65	34.47	27.16
BELINGTON	76	31	51		0.90		22.10	44.16	
WESTON	76	32	52		1.12		26.34	48.67	
<b>--SOUTHWEST</b>									
WILLIAMSON	77	36	54		1.47		25.35	29.04	
HUNTINGTON	76	35	53	-3	0.59	0.61	26.61	35.58	24.84
CHARLESTON	79	32	52	-4	1.15	0.55	26.94	37.36	25.92
RIPLEY	75	31	51		1.26		27.23	35.94	
<b>--CENTRAL</b>									
TERRA ALTA	70	27	45		1.02		33.18	47.21	
ELKINS	76	31	50	-1	1.05	0.59	30.29	46.04	27.95
MARLINTON	68	27	47		1.29		26.34	35.73	
<b>--SOUTHERN</b>									
BECKLEY	72	30	47	-6	2.28	0.55	24.44	32.34	25.14
PINEVILLE	79	34	52		2.07		22.16	30.04	
BLUEFIELD	72	31	48	-8	2.66	0.53	20.97	31.38	23.98
WHITE SUL SP	73	31	49		2.65		23.17	36.32	
BLUESTONE DAM	73	36	50		1.59		22.10	31.51	
<b>--NORTHEASTERN</b>									
MARTINSBURG	75	31	51	-2	0.90	0.66	22.35	44.23	23.49
KEYSER	73	27	49		0.66		23.45	42.92	
MOOREFIELD	74	29	51		0.77		26.55	30.60	
State Average Temperature	51								
State Average Precipitation	1.26								

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

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