



Crop Progress and Condition

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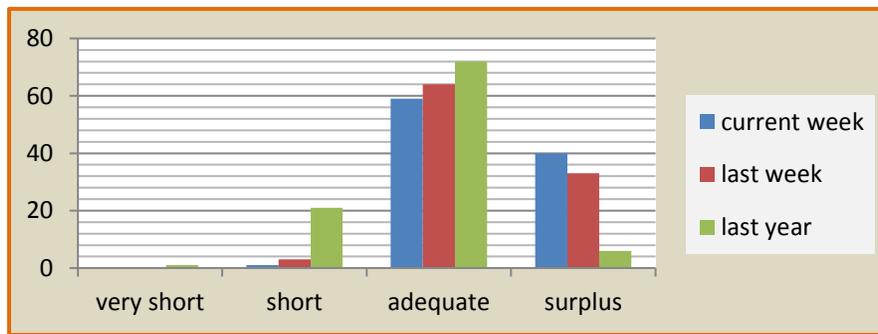
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 3.3. Fieldwork continues to be limited. Wet weather conditions have caused mold to grow on some corn and soybeans; precipitation amounts were up from the previous week. Farming activities this week included making hay, harvesting apples and planting wheat.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 10/28/18

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	-	1	59	40
Subsoil	-	3	69	28

-Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 10/28/18



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 10/28/18

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Corn	2	4	29	53	12
Soybeans	-	10	16	73	1
Pasture	1	12	27	54	6
Cattle & Calves	-	5	24	64	7
Sheep & Lambs	-	2	15	76	7

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 10/28/18

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	92	89	94	90
Corn dented	95	91	99	99
Corn mature	87	75	90	91
Corn harvested for grain	35	26	42	55
Hay third cut	68	63	93	92
Soybeans dropping leaves	72	68	81	87
Soybeans harvested	15	10	36	41
Winter Wheat planted	35	22	49	50
Winter Wheat emerged	15	3	17	26

- Represents data not available or zero.

Weather Summary- For the week ending October 28, 2018

The week began with high pressure and clear conditions across the State. These clear conditions, especially at night, allowed much of the day's heat to escape and enabled many locations to drop to below freezing. Fog formation allowed other locations to remain just above freezing for one or more nights during this time. Late in the week, temperatures returned somewhat closer to normal as cloud cover and moisture associated with a low pressure system prevented overnight temperatures from dropping. Overall, every station reported below normal temperatures and dropped to below freezing during the week. The State was dry the first half of the week; precipitation occurred later as low pressure moved over the area Friday and Saturday. Mostly light rain showers occurred, with occasional thunder. Some snow showers fell across the highest elevations. Overall, five stations reported over an inch of precipitation and nearly all stations were above average for the week.

Temperatures: Martinsburg had the highest recorded temperature of 68 degrees. White Sulphur Springs and Beckley had the lowest recorded temperature of 24 degrees. The state average temperature was 45 degrees.

Precipitation: Terra Alta had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 1.54 inches. Williamson had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.46 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 0.87 of an inch.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 10/28/18

Station	Temperature				Precipitation					
	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Week's Norm	Since April 1st 2018	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal	
--NORTHWEST										
WHEELING	59	28	43	-7	0.98	0.57	40.42	30.21	24.21	
PARKERSBURG	63	30	45	-8	1.39	0.66	32.64	32.32	25.27	
CRESTON	63	27	46		0.95		39.06	25.49		
--NORTHCENTRAL										
MORGANTOWN	60	29	44	-8	1.17	0.63	34.54	33.40	26.12	
CLARKSBURG	63	30	46	-5	0.93	0.75	35.40	35.27	28.25	
BELINGTON	62	28	44		0.92		45.08	34.28		
WESTON	64	30	46		0.78		49.45	35.84		
--SOUTHWEST										
WILLIAMSON	66	31	49		0.46		29.50	39.73		
HUNTINGTON	66	30	49	-5	0.79	0.67	36.37	30.26	25.83	
CHARLESTON	66	29	47	-7	0.48	0.64	37.84	29.90	26.85	
RIPLEY	63	27	46		0.95		36.89	27.32		
--CENTRAL										
TERRA ALTA	55	25	39		1.54		48.75	40.90		
ELKINS	60	27	44	-4	1.20	0.67	47.24	29.25	28.97	
MARLINTON	61	25	43		0.60		36.33	32.39		
--SOUTHERN										
BECKLEY	60	24	42	-9	0.50	0.61	32.84	31.66	26.05	
PINEVILLE	64	30	47		0.63		30.67	36.30		
BLUEFIELD	61	26	44	-10	0.63	0.56	32.01	33.90	24.83	
WHITE SUL SP	61	24	44		0.48		36.80	27.35		
BLUESTONE DAM	62	30	45		0.66		32.17	28.36		
--NORTHEASTERN										
MARTINSBURG	68	29	47	-4	0.98	0.69	45.21	29.77	24.50	
KEYSER	65	26	44		1.28		44.20	30.46		
MOOREFIELD	67	27	46		0.90		31.50	26.35		
State Average Temperature	45									
State Average Precipitation	0.87									

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

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