



# Crop Progress and Condition

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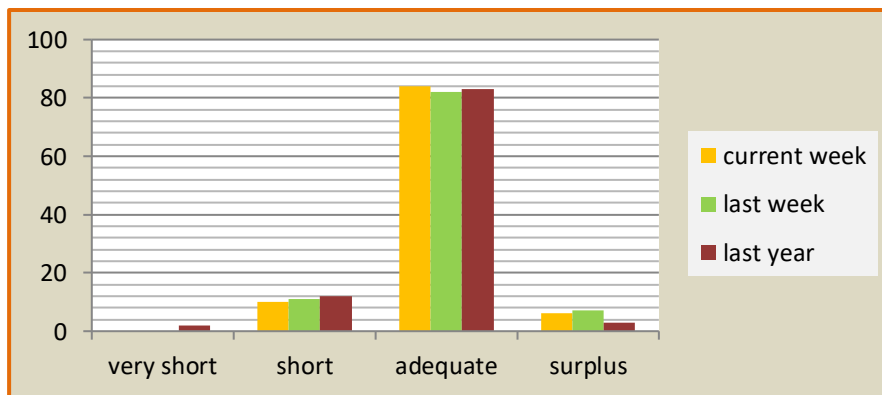
**Agricultural News:** Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.2. Weather conditions started out cold with some snow, but warmed up later in the week. Farming activities this week included spreading manure on fields and planting crops.

## SOIL MOISTURE and SUPPLIES for week ending 04/24/22

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	-	10	84	6
Subsoil	-	9	85	6
Hay & Roughage	-	14	84	2
Feed grain	-	11	88	1

-Represents zero.

## TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 04/24/22



## CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 04/24/22

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	-	42	58	-
Peaches	-	-	45	55	-
Hay	8	6	29	57	-
Winter Wheat	-	-	29	71	-
Pasture	1	5	26	63	5
Cattle & Calves	-	1	30	66	3
Sheep & Lambs	-	1	33	63	3

- Represents zero.

## CROP and LIVESTOCK PROGRESS for week ending 04/24/22

Crop/Livestock Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Corn planted	12	7	10	10
Soybeans planted	8	3	9	4
Winter Wheat headed	33	20	26	14
Cows calved	90	82	92	91
Ewes lambled	90	87	94	92

- Represents data not available.

**Weather Summary-** For the week ending April 24, 2022

The State began the week unseasonably cold as a strong Canadian front moved through West to East beginning early Monday. Many locations, especially in the mountains, received measurable snowfall and temperatures only topped out in the 40s and low 50s Monday afternoon. Overnight into Tuesday, temperatures dropped close to freezing for the lowlands and below freezing for the higher terrain. Frost and freeze advisories were issued for several counties. Tuesday was even colder with temperatures only reaching the 40s for most areas. The coldest air reached the State overnight Tuesday into Wednesday when temperatures dropped below freezing for most of the region and some locations fell into the 20s. For the first three days of the week, West Virginia was around 20 degrees below average for this time of the year. Also, during this time, ripples of instability traveling along with this large weather system produced waves of clouds and showers. Some clearing and warming happened on Wednesday as the State sat in between two frontal boundaries. Clouds began to move back in overnight and more organized showers passed from West to East again beginning early Thursday. The slow moving cold front kept temperatures somewhat cooler than the previous day, with light showers crossing over through the day. A warm system arrived late Thursday, producing some more showers across the area. High pressure took over Friday, clearing out any lingering clouds and rain, and jumping the temperatures into the 70s and 80s. High pressure continued through the weekend with above normal temperatures and dry conditions. Overall, the week was drier than average for this time of the year. The entire State reported below normal precipitation.

**Temperatures:** Keyser and Williamson had the highest recorded temperature of 91 degrees. Beckley had the lowest recorded temperature of 23 degrees. The state average temperature was 54 degrees.

**Precipitation:** Keyser had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.89 inches. Huntington had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.11 inches. The state average precipitation was 0.58 inches.

**WV drought conditions:** Abnormally dry conditions across the Eastern and Southern sections of the State.

**Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 04/24/22**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation					
	High	Low	Weekly Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Week's Norm	Since April 1st 2022	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal	
<b>--NORTHWEST</b>										
WHEELING	84	31	53	-1	0.68	0.84	2.68	1.23	3.28	
PARKERSBURG	86	28	54	-3	0.62	0.88	2.90	1.21	3.32	
CRESTON	86	29	54		0.34		2.75	1.56		
<b>--NORTHCENTRAL</b>										
MORGANTOWN	86	29	54	-2	0.83	0.92	2.92	2.11	3.55	
CLARKSBURG	87	28	52	-3	0.78	0.92	2.64	2.06	3.61	
BELINGTON	87	27	53		0.46		2.67	3.22		
WESTON	87	29	53		0.85		3.17	2.56		
<b>--SOUTHWEST</b>										
WILLIAMSON	91	31	60		0.57		2.29	1.61		
HUNTINGTON	87	31	57	-2	0.11	0.96	2.24	2.24	3.53	
CHARLESTON	89	27	56	-3	0.30	1.00	2.43	1.99	3.76	
RIPLEY	88	26	54		0.40		2.54	1.98		
<b>--CENTRAL</b>										
TERRA ALTA	86	24	50		0.50		2.42	2.96		
ELKINS	86	27	51	-2	0.66	1.00	2.64	2.81	3.74	
MARLINTON	85	24	50		0.87		3.72	3.79		
<b>--SOUTHERN</b>										
BECKLEY	84	23	51	-5	0.42	0.85	1.92	2.11	3.33	
PINEVILLE	90	30	58		0.44		2.44	1.60		
BLUEFIELD	86	25	53	-2	0.62	0.89	2.93	2.60	3.33	
WHITE SUL SP	85	25	53		0.56		2.45	2.88		
BLUESTONE DAM	88	29	57		0.47		2.05	2.61		
<b>--NORTHEASTERN</b>										
MARTINSBURG	85	32	52	-4	0.74	0.83	2.44	3.95	3.05	
KEYSER	91	27	52		0.89		3.20	2.70		
MOOREFIELD	89	28	53		0.58		1.70	3.56		
State Average Temperature	54									
State Average Precipitation	0.58									

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