



Crop Progress and Condition

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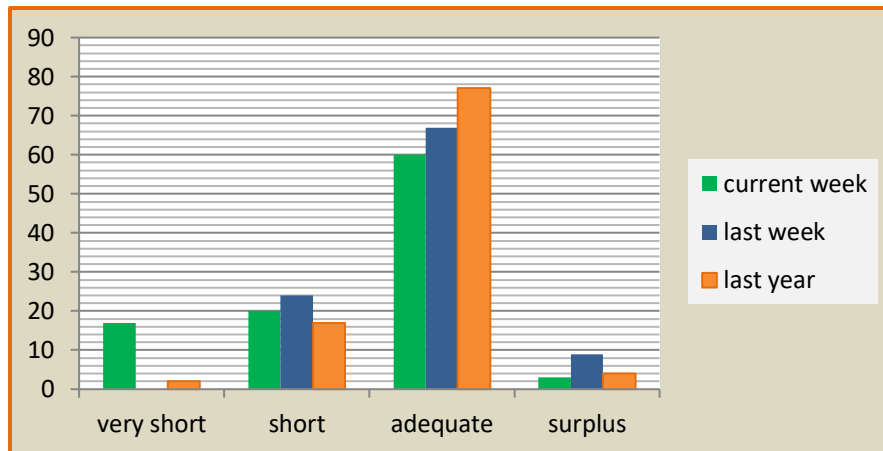
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.9. Weather conditions were warm with isolated showers and rain during the week. Farming activities this week included repairing fences and applying fertilizer and lime applications.

SOIL MOISTURE and SUPPLIES for week ending 5/5/24

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	17	20	60	3
Subsoil	7	25	65	3
Hay & Roughage	19	42	37	2
Feed grain	3	18	77	2

-Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 5/5/24



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 5/5/24

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	1	3	90	6
Peaches	-	1	13	86	-
Hay	4	4	14	61	17
Pasture	1	6	13	70	10
Winter Wheat	-	4	31	60	5
Cattle & Calves	-	4	12	79	5
Sheep & Lambs	-	3	9	81	7

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 5/5/24

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Corn planted	23	13	25	22
Corn emerged	9	1	7	6
Soybeans planted	4	-	28	17
Winter Wheat headed	47	33	45	31

- Represents zero or data not available.

Weather Summary- For the week ending May 5, 2024

This week began warm as Monday was mostly sunny and unseasonably warm because of winds arriving from the south ahead of a cold front. Temperatures reached the 80s for most locations, and a few sites broke 90 degrees. Showers ahead of the cold front arrived early on Tuesday morning for the westernmost counties, and slowly drifted east across West Virginia through the day. Most stations received around one tenth of an inch of precipitation with a few stations receiving more from thunderstorms. The frontal passage kept high temperatures in the 60s and 70s for most of the State, except for the Eastern Panhandle which remained in the 80s. Wednesday was mostly sunny under high pressure, with near normal temperatures. Thursday remained dry under high pressure, but temperatures increased, reaching the upper 80s and low 90s. Friday began mostly cloudy with light, isolated showers developing over the southwestern counties. Some clearing occurred in the early afternoon, but clouds and shower activity increased during the late afternoon and into the evening ahead of another front, which moved across the state overnight. Saturday was cooler than Friday, with plenty of clouds, showers, and thunderstorms due to an upper level disturbance following the front. During this time, most locations received less than one inch, with localized areas receiving more from thunderstorms. Sunday warmed again with a mix of sun and clouds, as well as isolated showers and thunderstorms. Overall, West Virginia was warmer than usual this week by 6 to 11 degrees, and half of the stations reported above normal rainfall, mostly in the northern third and along the Ohio River. Southeastern West Virginia was the driest.

Temperatures: Keyser and Williamson had the highest recorded temperature of 93 degrees. Elkins and White Sulphur Springs had the lowest recorded temperature of 46 degrees. The state average temperature was 68 degrees.

Precipitation: Clarksburg had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 3.12 inches. White Sulphur Springs had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.25 inches. The state average precipitation was 0.99 inches.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 5/5/24

Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Weekly Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Week's Norm	Since April 1st 2024	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST--									
WHEELING	84	50	68	10	1.02	0.89	5.38	3.42	4.16
PARKERSBURG	88	53	69	9	0.99	0.89	4.20	4.29	4.26
CRESTON	86	51	67		0.94		5.87	3.58	
--NORTHCENTRAL--									
MORGANTOWN	87	56	69	10	1.10	0.98	4.94	3.51	4.58
CLARKSBURG	86	52	69	11	3.12	0.89	5.74	3.52	4.53
BELINGTON	88	54	70		0.49		3.23	4.80	
WESTON	86	51	68		1.21		4.56	5.21	
--SOUTHWEST--									
WILLIAMSON	93	55	71		1.18		3.54	3.49	
HUNTINGTON	89	57	71	9	1.41	1.06	3.96	5.17	4.68
CHARLESTON	88	53	69	7	0.49	1.10	5.32	4.01	4.92
RIPLEY	90	54	70		1.93		5.73	4.74	
--CENTRAL--									
TERRA ALTA	87	51	66		0.61		4.42	6.89	
ELKINS	85	46	66	9	0.86	1.11	4.41	5.28	4.92
MARLINTON	85	48	66		0.47		3.09	5.38	
--SOUTHERN--									
BECKLEY	84	51	67	8	0.47	0.99	2.97	4.46	4.32
PINEVILLE	86	52	68		1.46		4.59	4.30	
BLUEFIELD	83	53	66	8	0.47	0.98	4.61	4.80	4.36
WHITE SUL SP	86	46	65		0.25		2.88	5.14	
BLUESTONE DAM	84	47	65		0.41		3.55	4.60	
--NORTHEASTERN--									
MARTINSBURG	88	50	65	6	0.56	0.96	3.72	2.26	4.06
KEYSER	93	50	66		1.52		6.47	4.29	
MOOREFIELD	89	51	66		0.79		2.86	3.30	
State Average Temperature	68								
State Average Precipitation	0.99								

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