



Crop Progress and Condition

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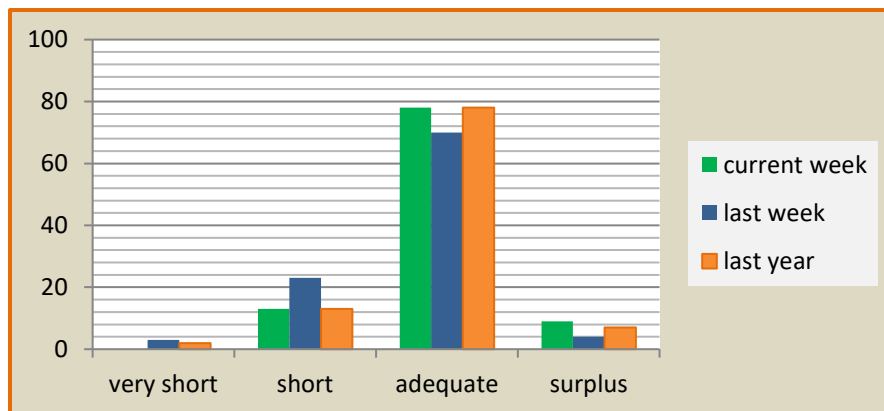
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.1. Weather conditions were mixed with warm and cool temperatures, and showery precipitation. The wet and damp conditions have led to some reports of recently planted corn and soybeans being eaten by slugs. Farming activities this week included planting corn and soybeans.

SOIL MOISTURE and SUPPLIES for week ending 5/19/24

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	-	13	78	9
Subsoil	-	18	70	12
Hay & Roughage	17	32	48	3
Feed grain	-	7	92	1

-Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 5/19/24



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 5/19/24

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	1	4	95	-
Peaches	-	1	4	94	1
Hay	1	2	18	69	10
Pasture	-	4	11	76	9
Winter Wheat	-	1	31	67	1
Cattle & Calves	-	3	12	78	7
Sheep & Lambs	-	2	8	87	3

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 5/19/24

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Corn planted	52	37	39	40
Corn emerged	30	20	17	16
Hay first cutting	4	-	3	3
Soybeans planted	18	9	42	31
Winter Wheat headed	70	59	65	47

- Represents zero or data not available.

Weather Summary- For the week ending May 19, 2024

The week began mostly clear under high pressure with a warming trend continuing from the weekend. Lows Monday morning were mostly in the 40s and 50s, while the highs were in the 70s and 80s. Cloud cover began arriving in the afternoon, and a few showers developed overnight. Wet weather persisted Tuesday and Wednesday as an area of instability arrived over West Virginia. With the clouds and showers, temperatures dropped from Monday's sunny warmth. The Mountain State only reached the 60s and 70s for the middle of the week. The showers and thunderstorms produced between one tenth and one inch with some locations receiving more, and some missing rain altogether. Dense fog developed Thursday morning before becoming mostly clear. A few showers quickly popped up during the afternoon. Friday began with warm, humid conditions and with upper-level instability, showers and thunderstorms developed in the afternoon. With little wind to move the precipitation along, some areas received over two inches of rain. Warming temperatures arrived over the weekend, and mostly late afternoon showers developed. West Virginia had nearly normal temperatures until the weekend, when most average temperatures warmed to just above normal. Martinsburg was the only location to be below average. Because of the showery nature of the precipitation during the week, final totals ranged from just over one quarter of an inch to over three inches.

Temperatures: Ripley had the highest recorded temperature of 88 degrees. White Sulphur Springs had the lowest recorded temperature of 36 degrees. The state average temperature was 65 degrees.

Precipitation: Bluefield had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 3.05 inches. Parkersburg and Morgantown had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.38 inches. The state average precipitation was 1.21 inches.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 5/19/24

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	54	67	6	1.38	0.94	7.44	4.46	6.05
PARKERSBURG	87	53	68	5	0.38	0.91	5.15	5.31	6.12
CRESTON	84	44	65		1.10		8.87	5.32	
--NORTHCENTRAL									
MORGANTOWN	84	53	67	4	0.38	0.99	7.60	4.86	6.58
CLARKSBURG	84	50	66	4	0.62	0.94	7.08	5.44	6.43
BELINGTON	84	52	65		1.30		5.42	7.37	
WESTON	84	43	65		1.09		6.72	6.72	
--SOUTHWEST									
WILLIAMSON	87	47	69		1.90		6.21	6.62	
HUNTINGTON	87	54	69		0.88	1.00	7.02	7.28	6.78
CHARLESTON	84	48	66	1	1.70	1.19	7.86	5.44	7.35
RIPLEY	88	55	69		0.76		8.22	5.76	
--CENTRAL									
TERRA ALTA	82	51	64		0.67		5.70	8.81	
ELKINS	81	44	63	3	1.19	1.20	6.44	6.71	7.33
MARLINTON	80	52	62		1.78		5.32	5.88	
--SOUTHERN									
BECKLEY	79	53	64	3	0.83	1.08	4.26	6.29	6.47
PINEVILLE	81	43	66		1.18		6.41	5.87	
BLUEFIELD	75	53	61	1	3.05	1.04	8.55	8.20	6.45
WHITE SUL SP	78	36	62		1.95		5.50	6.61	
BLUESTONE DAM	76	51	63		1.38		6.32	5.83	
--NORTHEASTERN									
MARTINSBURG	77	47	62	-2	0.39	0.91	5.21	2.92	5.90
KEYSER	83	39	63		2.25		10.35	5.19	
MOOREFIELD	79	43	63		0.40		4.43	5.12	
State Average Temperature	65								
State Average Precipitation	1.21								

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