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Crop Progress and Condition



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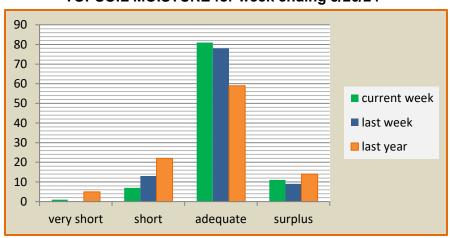
<u>Agricultural News</u>: Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.0. Weather conditions were mostly warm with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Some areas had hail and damaging winds. Farming activities this week included making hay and planting crops.

SOIL MOISTURE and SUPPLIES for week ending 5/26/24

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
	%	%	%	%	
Topsoil	1	7	81	11	
Subsoil	1	8	85	6	
Hay & Roughage	14	25	55	6	
Feed grain	-	6	93	1	

⁻ Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 5/26/24



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 5/26/24

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	1	3	95	1
Peaches	-	1	4	94	1
Hay	1	2	13	66	18
Pasture	-	3	10	62	25
Winter Wheat	-	1	21	77	1
Cattle & Calves	-	2	13	78	7
Sheep & Lambs	-	2	9	85	4

⁻ Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 5/26/24

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg	
	%	%	%	%	
Corn planted	70	52	48	50	
Corn emerged	54	30	25	22	
Hay first cutting	11	4	13	8	
Soybeans planted	45	18	51	40	
Soybeans emerged	23	-	16	14	
Winter Wheat headed	80	70	76	54	

⁻ Represents zero or data not available.

Weather Summary- For the week ending May 26, 2024

The first half of the work week was dominated by high pressure and clear conditions. Monday was mostly sunny and cool in the morning, becoming warm in the afternoon with light winds. Most stations began the day in the 50s and rose into the mid-80s. Clouds remained at bay overnight, and a light breeze kept fog from forming. Tuesday was unseasonably warm as southwesterly winds and a strong ridge provided West Virginia with warm air and plenty of sunshine. Wednesday began mostly sunny with increasing clouds through the day. Unseasonably warm temperatures reached the mid/upper 80s during the afternoon before a cold front approached from the west. Showers and thunderstorms associated with the front crossed the Ohio River in the early afternoon, and continued working eastward into the evening. Another wave of showers began over Kentucky and moved into West Virginia early on Thursday, but fizzled out soon after crossing the Ohio River. Afternoon showers and storms also developed on Thursday with the heating of the day. A semi stationary front, and the waves of instability associated with it hung out over the Mountain State on Friday. Temperatures remained warm and scattered showers bubbled up through the day. Saturday started sunny, but became cloudy in the afternoon. A strong cold front moved west to east across the region in the evening, producing strong thunderstorms with heavy precipitation, hail, and damaging winds. The showers and storms continued through Sunday morning as the front moved off to the east. At the close of the week, the Mountain State was warmer than usual, with precipitation amounts ranging from under one half inch to nearly four inches.

<u>Temperatures</u>: Williamson had the highest recorded temperature of 92 degrees. Beckley had the lowest recorded temperature of 48 degrees. The state average temperature was 71 degrees.

<u>Precipitation:</u> Clarksburg had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 3.96 inches. Martinsburg had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.39 inches. The state average precipitation was 1.14 inches.

<u>Drought Conditions</u>: Small sections of the highest terrain in Pocahontas and Pendleton Counties are abnormally dry (D0).

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 5/26/24

	Temperature			Precipitation					
		·		eekly		ek's	Since April 1st	Same Week	Season
Station	High	Low	Average	Departure	Total	Norm	2024	Last Year	Normal
NORTHWEST									
WHEELING	85	61	73	10	0.48	0.99	7.92	4.46	7.04
PARKERSBURG	88	58	73	8	0.47	0.98	5.62	5.31	7.10
CRESTON	90	60	73		0.44		9.31	5.32	
NORTHCENTRAL									
MORGANTOWN	88	59	73	9	1.87	0.98	9.47	4.86	7.56
CLARKSBURG	87	57	72	8	3.96	0.99	11.04	5.44	7.42
BELINGTON	88	52	72		0.59		6.01	7.37	
WESTON	87	53	71		1.19		7.91	6.72	
SOUTHWEST									
WILLIAMSON	92	58	75		1.23		7.44	8.08	
HUNTINGTON	88	61	74	7	0.71	0.96	7.73	8.13	7.74
CHARLESTON	87	58	72	6	2.66	1.14	10.52	6.36	8.49
RIPLEY	90	61	74		0.52		8.74	5.76	
CENTRAL									
TERRA ALTA	82	51	69		1.50		7.20	8.81	
ELKINS	84	52	70	8	1.19	1.15	7.63	6.80	8.48
MARLINTON	82	54	68		0.75		6.07	6.11	
SOUTHERN									
BECKLEY	81	48	67	4	1.40	1.05	5.66	7.09	7.52
PINEVILLE	88	56	72		1.87		8.28	7.64	
BLUEFIELD	83	56	67	5	0.58	1.04	9.13	10.44	7.49
WHITE SUL SP	86	52	68		1.07		6.57	6.94	
BLUESTONE DAM	86	57	69		0.64		6.96	6.40	
NORTHEASTERN									
MARTINSBURG	86	53	72	8	0.39	0.89	5.60	2.92	6.79
KEYSER	90	52	72		1.13		11.48	5.19	
MOOREFIELD	89	56	72		0.47		4.90	5.12	

State Average Temperature 71
State Average Precipitation 1.14

Source:

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