



# Crop Progress and Condition

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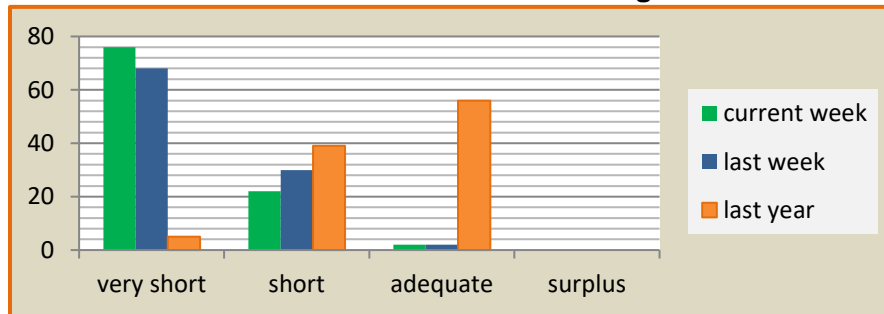
**Agricultural News:** Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.7. Weather conditions were mostly hot with showery precipitation and scattered storms. Farmers continue to haul water and feed hay to livestock as drought conditions persist. Pastures are dry and are not grazable. Farming activities this week included selling livestock and harvesting peaches.

### SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 7/21/24

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	76	22	2	-
Subsoil	78	17	5	-

- Represents zero.

### TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 7/21/24



### CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 7/21/24

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	6	72	22	-
Peaches	-	18	76	6	-
Corn	7	34	52	7	-
Hay	5	40	47	8	-
Pasture	14	38	40	5	3
Soybeans	5	23	40	30	2
Cattle & Calves	-	13	31	52	4
Sheep & Lambs	-	9	22	65	4

- Represents zero.

### CROP PROGRESS for week ending 7/21/24

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Peaches harvested	45	31	19	13
Corn silking	43	22	25	27
Corn dough	8	-	-	3
Hay second cutting	12	6	15	10
Soybeans blooming	21	16	28	15
Soybeans setting pods	8	-	9	3
Winter Wheat harvested for grain	79	71	53	57

- Represents zero or data not available.

**Weather Summary-** For the week ending July 21, 2024

The dry conditions and heat continued into this week. Monday was dry statewide with high temperatures in the 90s, and even the 100s in the Eastern Panhandle. Tuesday also began dry and warm with high temperatures again in the 90s and 100s. Afternoon showers and thunderstorms developed as waves of instability moved over the state. The showers produced anywhere from just a couple hundredths to nearly one inch of precipitation. More rain fell as showers and thunderstorms ahead of and along with a cold front crossing over the state late in the afternoon on Wednesday. Some stations saw locally heavy rainfall. A few lingering showers in the southeast of the state remained until Thursday morning, but were replaced by cooler and drier air. The highs only made it into the 70s and 80s. Friday's temperatures warmed back up into the 80s and 90s under high pressure. The weekend was dominated by high pressure, with some waves of instability creating a few pop-up afternoon showers, especially over the eastern mountains. As the week ended, all stations averaged one to three degrees above normal. Reported precipitation amounts ranged greatly because of the showery type of precipitation. Most precipitation was reported in the north central and southeast sections of the state.

**Temperatures:** Martinsburg and Keyser had the highest recorded temperature of 102 degrees. Terra Alta had the lowest recorded temperature of 55 degrees. The state average temperature was 76 degrees.

**Precipitation:** Beckley had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 2.08 inches. Moorefield had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.10 inches. The state average precipitation was 0.76 inches.

**Drought Conditions:** All of West Virginia is abnormally dry (D0). D1, or moderate drought, is occurring over most of the lowlands with severe drought (D2) spreading through central West Virginia, the southern coalfields, and the northern panhandle. D3, or extreme drought, is currently in the Eastern Panhandle.

**Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 7/21/24**

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	
<b>--NORTHWEST</b>										
WHEELING	94	56	76	3	0.23	0.96	10.29	11.91	14.80	
PARKERSBURG	96	59	78	3	1.19	1.05	10.40	12.38	15.32	
CRESTON	94	60	76		0.47		12.33	11.86		
<b>--NORTHCENTRAL</b>										
MORGANTOWN	97	57	77	3	1.18	1.16	15.00	11.69	15.67	
CLARKSBURG	98	59	77	3	0.43	1.32	15.62	11.97	16.54	
BELINGTON	97	57	77		1.03		12.42	17.46		
WESTON	96	59	77		0.71		12.52	16.99		
<b>--SOUTHWEST</b>										
WILLIAMSON	101	62	79		0.54		11.63	15.61		
HUNTINGTON	99	64	80	3	0.11	1.22	12.06	13.14	15.99	
CHARLESTON	98	61	78	2	0.63	1.43	14.92	12.31	17.70	
RIPLEY	98	61	77		0.34		11.57	13.01		
<b>--CENTRAL</b>										
TERRA ALTA	92	55	74		0.45		12.56	15.17		
ELKINS	96	59	75	3	0.32	1.43	11.04	14.97	17.81	
MARLINTON	91	59	73		0.95		11.43	13.99		
<b>--SOUTHERN</b>										
BECKLEY	92	59	74	2	2.08	1.18	11.07	15.78	15.88	
PINEVILLE	98	66	79		2.01		12.92	13.87		
BLUEFIELD	90	58	72	1	2.01	1.02	13.70	20.12	15.34	
WHITE SUL SP	94	60	74		0.68		10.10	14.32		
BLUESTONE DAM	93	60	74		0.81		12.62	13.18		
<b>--NORTHEASTERN</b>										
MARTINSBURG	102	63	79	3	0.24	0.89	7.87	8.81	13.76	
KEYSER	102	58	79		0.16		15.32	12.06		
MOOREFIELD	101	57	78		0.10		7.64	10.90		
State Average Temperature	76									
State Average Precipitation	0.76									

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