



Crop Progress and Condition

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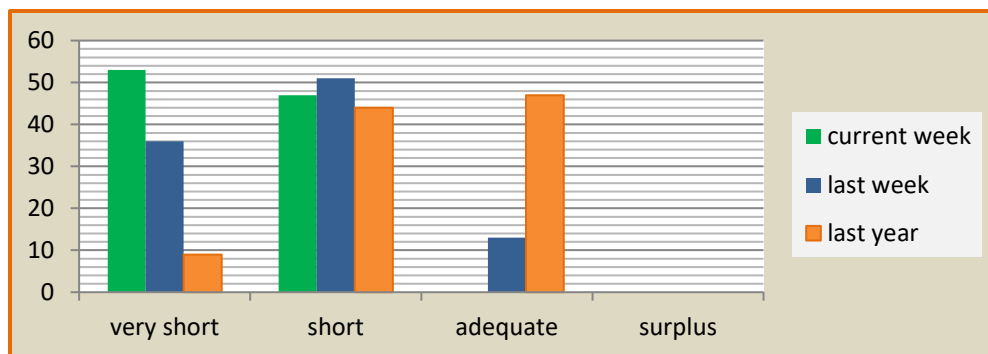
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.7. Weather conditions were very dry and cool, but temperatures warmed up later in the week. Most locations had zero precipitation. Many pastures are brown. Farming activities this week included feeding hay and hauling water. On August 23rd, West Virginia Governor Justice extended the State of Emergency for an additional 30 days for all 55 counties due to drought conditions.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 8/25/24

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	53	47	-	-
Subsoil	62	38	-	-

- Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 8/25/24



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 8/25/24

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	15	24	61	-	-
Peaches	14	20	66	-	-
Corn	31	31	38	-	-
Hay	30	37	33	-	-
Pasture	54	38	8	-	-
Soybeans	28	30	42	-	-
Cattle & Calves	6	10	46	38	-
Sheep & Lambs	3	9	43	45	-

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 8/25/24

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	33	21	24	20
Peaches harvested	93	83	71	68
Corn silking	96	86	85	84
Corn dough	53	41	48	45
Corn dented	33	23	24	18
Hay second cutting	59	48	66	60
Soybeans blooming	71	58	76	77
Soybeans setting pods	45	37	47	41

- Represents zero or data not available.

Weather Summary- For the week ending August 25, 2024

The weather across West Virginia this week began as a cold front crossed over the state, producing scattered showers mostly across the eastern mountains and southern coalfields on Monday. As well as a few showers, unseasonably cool and dry air flowed in from the north. Most stations only reached the 60s and 70s during the day. High pressure took hold heading into Tuesday, and the morning began cool in the 40s and 50s with patches of fog. During the afternoon, temperatures only reached the 60s and 70s under mostly sunny conditions. The coolest air arrived on Wednesday. Again, the lows were in the 40s and 50s, and the highs were in the 60s and 70s. The temperatures on Thursday began to warm, even though they were still below average. A few stations reached the 80s in the afternoon. At this time, several stations had broken record low daily temperatures over the first four days. Friday began cool, but warmed into the 80s and 90s for most areas, as more dry air filtered into the region. The warming trend and dry air continued through the weekend. Highs were in the 80s and 90s, with lows in the 50s and 60s. Few clouds and no rainfall were reported the last half of the week. At the end of the week, the Mountain State was four to eight degrees cooler than usual and very dry.

Temperatures: Parkersburg and Huntington had the highest recorded temperature of 96 degrees. White Sulphur Springs had the lowest recorded temperature of 41 degrees. The state average temperature was 66 degrees.

Precipitation: Beckley had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.32 inches. Several stations had zero recorded precipitation. The state average precipitation was 0.06 inches.

Drought Conditions: All of West Virginia is in moderate drought (D1). Severe drought (D2) stretches across central West Virginia, into the eastern and northern panhandles, and northern mountains. Extreme drought (D3) is over the West Central counties from the Ohio River into western Randolph County.

<https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/CurrentMap/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?WV>

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 8/25/24

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	92	48	67	-4	0.00	0.71	11.83	17.14	18.61	
PARKERSBURG	96	45	68	-5	0.00	0.73	11.54	21.68	19.45	
CRESTON	94	44	66		0.00		14.68	18.35		
--NORTHCENTRAL										
MORGANTOWN	89	46	66	-7	0.02	0.77	19.51	16.98	20.21	
CLARKSBURG	90	45	66	-7	0.00	0.78	18.69	18.36	21.04	
BELINGTON	92	46	66		0.00		15.58	21.75		
WESTON	89	44	64		0.00		18.17	24.09		
--SOUTHWEST										
WILLIAMSON	92	52	69		0.10		17.30	20.47		
HUNTINGTON	96	51	71	-5	0.01	0.84	15.10	17.01	20.94	
CHARLESTON	93	47	67	-7	0.01	0.76	18.10	16.44	22.63	
RIPLEY	95	44	68		0.00		12.29	17.73		
--CENTRAL										
TERRA ALTA	86	45	63		0.08		17.25	19.65		
ELKINS	86	43	62	-8	0.05	0.79	16.56	19.93	22.96	
MARLINTON	86	43	63		0.25		15.31	16.27		
--SOUTHERN										
BECKLEY	87	44	64	-6	0.32	0.74	13.23	18.67	20.68	
PINEVILLE	88	48	65		0.10		16.30	16.67		
BLUEFIELD	82	45	63	-6	0.29	0.62	17.41	23.94	19.35	
WHITE SUL SP	87	41	63		0.00		13.81	16.68		
BLUESTONE DAM	88	44	65		0.14		15.61	15.69		
--NORTHEASTERN										
MARTINSBURG	87	46	66	-7	0.00	0.64	19.34	12.25	17.46	
KEYSER	93	45	66		0.00		19.21	14.31		
MOOREFIELD	90	46	66		0.00		10.29	11.99		
CHARLES TOWN	88	49	68		0.00		18.49	N/A		
State Average Temperature	66									
State Average Precipitation	0.06									

Source: Weather comments and data - Dept. of Commerce, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration National Weather Service, Charleston, WV. N/A-Not available.