



Crop Progress and Condition

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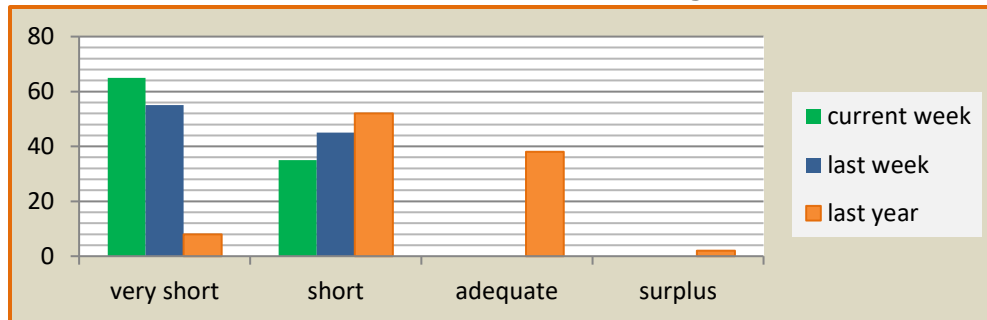
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 7.0. Weather conditions were mostly warm and very dry, with no rain. There are abnormally dry to exceptional drought conditions in the State. Fields are brown and pasture growth has stopped. Creeks are mostly dry now. Farming activities this week included harvesting apples, making hay, and planting winter wheat.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 9/15/24

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	65	35	-	-
Subsoil	72	28	-	-

- Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 9/15/24



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 9/15/24

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	21	31	48	-	-
Corn	32	55	13	-	-
Hay	42	50	8	-	-
Pasture	60	38	2	-	-
Soybeans	39	49	12	-	-
Cattle & Calves	12	25	50	13	-
Sheep & Lambs	8	20	47	25	-

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 9/15/24

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	63	54	50	48
Corn dough	96	79	78	78
Corn dented	68	55	57	50
Corn mature	26	15	10	11
Hay second cutting	89	74	88	86
Soybeans blooming	97	92	98	97
Soybeans setting pods	69	58	73	70
Soybeans dropping leaves	16	9	34	17
Winter Wheat planted	22	15	11	10

- Represents zero or data not available.

Weather Summary- For the week ending September 15, 2024

Cool and dry weather under high pressure continued from the previous week. On Monday, low temperatures began in the 30s and 40s, and high temperatures were mostly in the 70s and low 80s, with very few clouds. The temperatures began to climb on Tuesday, with lows from the upper 30s to low 50s, and the afternoon reached the 80s for most locations. Wednesday was even warmer under the continuing high pressure. Thursday remained dry, but cooled somewhat from the previous day. On Friday, clouds began to move over the top of West Virginia from the south, and kept temperatures close to normal for this time of year. More clouds arrived on Saturday, thanks to the remnants of Hurricane Francine, but any precipitation in the system broke up before reaching the state. Sunday was warm and dry. At the end of the week, West Virginia reported near normal temperatures, both above and below average. No recordable precipitation was reported during the week.

Temperatures: Huntington had the highest recorded temperature of 92 degrees. Elkins had the lowest recorded temperature of 36 degrees. The state average temperature was 67 degrees.

Precipitation: There was zero recorded precipitation. The state average precipitation was 0.00 inches.

Drought Conditions: All of West Virginia is in moderate drought (D1). Severe drought (D2) covers most of the state. Extreme drought (D3) is over Western West Virginia along the Ohio River and the lowlands. Exceptional drought (D4) covers parts of counties along the Ohio River extending into the central lowlands centering on Jackson County, WV.

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

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 9/15/24

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	86	49	71	5	0.00	0.82	13.61	17.46	21.01	
PARKERSBURG	87	44	68	0	0.00	0.77	17.90	22.35	21.68	
CRESTON	90	39	69		0.00		16.70	19.67		
--NORTHCENTRAL										
MORGANTOWN	86	47	71	3	0.00	0.79	20.99	18.10	22.52	
CLARKSBURG	88	43	68	1	0.00	0.81	19.40	21.83	23.43	
BELINGTON	91	40	70		0.00		16.75	25.18		
WESTON	87	42	67		0.00		19.78	27.39		
--SOUTHWEST										
WILLIAMSON	91	47	70		0.00		18.07	23.83		
HUNTINGTON	92	45	72	2	0.00	0.77	16.60	18.26	23.32	
CHARLESTON	89	42	68	-2	0.00	0.81	19.75	18.28	24.96	
RIPLEY	90	46	70		0.00		14.83	18.90		
--CENTRAL										
TERRA ALTA	84	43	65		0.00		18.59	21.83		
ELKINS	85	36	63	-2	0.00	0.81	18.55	24.14	25.30	
MARLINTON	81	45	65		0.00		15.67	19.49		
--SOUTHERN										
BECKLEY	82	42	67	1	0.00	0.78	13.43	25.61	22.86	
PINEVILLE	88	42	67		0.00		16.53	19.33		
BLUEFIELD	77	43	64	-1	0.00	0.78	18.96	24.93	21.45	
WHITE SUL SP	81	37	62		0.00		15.88	19.32		
BLUESTONE DAM	83	46	67		0.00		16.82	18.12		
--NORTHEASTERN										
MARTINSBURG	83	45	65	-3	0.00	0.96	20.46	14.38	20.02	
KEYSER	88	43	66		0.00		20.31	16.76		
MOOREFIELD	85	41	65		0.00		12.01	14.11		
CHARLES TOWN	83	50	68		0.00		19.90	N/A		
State Average Temperature	67									
State Average Precipitation	0.00									

Source:

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