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Crop Progress and Condition



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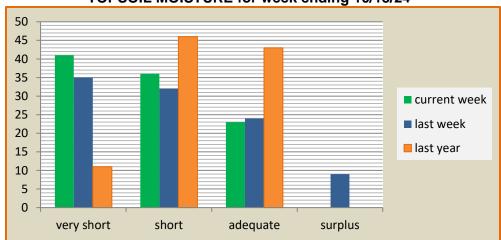
<u>Agricultural News</u>: Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.8. Weather conditions were mostly cool and very dry. Pastures are depleted. There are abnormally dry to exceptional drought conditions in the State. Farming activities this week included selling cows, and harvesting apples and corn for grain.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 10/13/24

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
	%	%	%	%	
Topsoil	41	36	23	-	
Subsoil	46	45	9	-	

⁻ Represents zero.





CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 10/13/24

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor Fair		Good	Excellent	
	%	%	%	%	%	
Apples	10	35	55	-	-	
Corn	21	61	18	-	-	
Hay	27	64	9	-	-	
Pasture	46	47	7	-	-	
Soybeans	22	61	17	-	-	
Cattle & Calves	3	22	50	25	-	
Sheep & Lambs	2	22	48	28	-	

⁻ Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 10/13/24

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	r 5-Yr Avg	
	%	%	%	%	
Apples harvested	93	87	73	81	
Corn mature	70	60	50	56	
Corn harvested for grain	15	6	15	21	
Soybeans dropping leaves	46	39	79	62	
Soybeans harvested	5	-	22	13	
Winter Wheat planted	57	51	53	46	
Winter Wheat emerged	20	12	24	22	

⁻ Represents zero or data not available.

Weather Summary- For the week ending October 13, 2024

Monday began cool and foggy in the wake of a cold front that passed the previous night. The weather quickly cleared out to become mostly sunny under high pressure. Most stations reported below normal temperatures to start the week. Tuesday was similar to Monday, beginning with fog early and then clearing. Temperatures were again below normal with the highest elevations getting patchy frost. Wednesday and Thursday were also dominated by high pressure. Both days began with cool morning temperatures with valley fog clearing by midday, and had clear/sunny afternoons. Freeze warnings for the highest elevations and frost advisories for the rest of West Virginia were issued each morning. Friday also remained under high pressure with cooler than normal temperatures. Again, fog formed in the morning and freeze and frost advisories were issued for most areas. Saturday morning was not as cool as the previous mornings because of the southerly wind flow as the high pressure moved off to the southeast. West Virginia remained sunny through the day with afternoon highs above normal. Sunday's temperatures were the warmest of the week, due to southerly air flow that was ahead of a cold front that moved over the state during the evening hours. A few showers popped up as the front passed. Overall, the week was cool and very dry.

<u>Temperatures</u>: Williamson had the highest recorded temperature of 86 degrees. Elkins and White Sulphur Springs had the lowest recorded temperature of 30 degrees. The state average temperature was 56 degrees.

<u>Precipitation:</u> Morgantown had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.11 inches. Most locations had zero recorded precipitation. The state average precipitation was 0.01 inches.

<u>Drought Conditions</u>: A very small section of McDowell County is drought free with a small strip of the southernmost counties abnormally dry (D0). The rest of WV is in moderate drought (D1). Severe drought (D2) covers most of the lowlands north of the coal fields. Extreme drought (D3) covers the northern and northwestern lowlands. A small area of exceptional drought (D4) covers the central and west central counties from Jackson County to Braxton County.

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

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 10/13/24

Temperature

	remperature			Precipitation					
			We	eekly	We	ek's	Since April 1st	Same Week	Season
Station	High	Low	Average	Departure	Total	Norm	2024	Last Year	Normal
NORTHWEST									
WHEELING	78	35	55	-2	0.00	0.69	15.22	19.03	24.07
PARKERSBURG	80	34	55	-3	0.00	0.67	19.42	24.50	24.47
CRESTON	82	37	57		0.00		18.54	21.41	
NORTHCENTRAL									
MORGANTOWN	82	35	57	0	0.11	0.71	23.10	19.41	25.59
CLARKSBURG	81	33	55	-1	0.00	0.72	22.07	23.61	26.55
BELINGTON	81	34	55		0.00		20.00	26.35	
WESTON	80	36	55		0.00		23.26	29.15	
SOUTHWEST									
WILLIAMSON	86	42	61		0.00		23.27	24.37	
HUNTINGTON	83	39	59	-1	0.00	0.67	21.27	18.99	26.09
CHARLESTON	85	36	57	-2	0.00	0.70	22.04	18.91	28.05
RIPLEY	82	38	59		0.00		17.64	20.45	
CENTRAL									
TERRA ALTA	77	32	53		0.04		22.31	24.75	
ELKINS	81	30	52	-3	0.00	0.73	22.91	26.42	28.45
MARLINTON	75	35	54		0.10		23.56	20.78	
SOUTHERN									
BECKLEY	76	33	53	-3	0.00	0.59	19.53	26.36	25.56
PINEVILLE	81	37	58	_	0.00		22.54	19.83	
BLUEFIELD	74	37	55	-2	0.00	0.64	27.22	26.41	24.33
WHITE SUL SP	78	30	53		0.00		21.95	19.99	
BLUESTONE DAM	77	33	56		0.00		23.29	18.87	
NORTHEASTERN						·			
MARTINSBURG	80	36	57	0	0.00	0.71	22.69	17.22	23.46
KEYSER	85	34	57		0.04		25.01	19.86	
MOOREFIELD	84	36	57		0.01		15.88	16.77	
CHARLES TOWN	80	39	58		0.00		21.94	N/A	

State Average Temperature 56 State Average Precipitation 0.01

Source:

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