



Crop Progress and Condition

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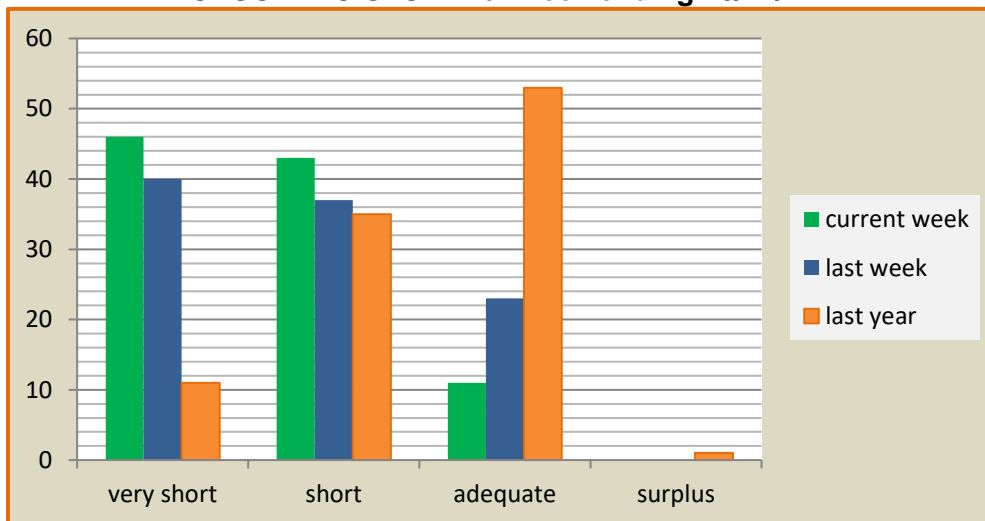
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.8. Weather conditions were warm and very dry. Freezing overnight temperatures caused some frosts. There are abnormally dry to exceptional drought conditions in the State. Farming activities this week included harvesting soybeans and corn for grain.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 10/27/24

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	46	43	11	-
Subsoil	52	48	-	-

- Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 10/27/24



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 10/27/24

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Corn	24	63	13	-	-
Hay	32	66	2	-	-
Pasture	51	45	4	-	-
Soybeans	27	65	8	-	-
Cattle & Calves	9	20	55	16	-
Sheep & Lambs	7	18	57	18	-

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 10/27/24

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Corn mature	89	79	79	78
Corn harvested for grain	38	25	31	39
Soybeans dropping leaves	62	53	96	85
Soybeans harvested	26	11	36	30
Winter Wheat planted	77	66	76	72
Winter Wheat emerged	33	28	38	41

- Represents zero or data not available.

Weather Summary- For the week ending October 27, 2024

High pressure was in control as the week began. Clear skies, cool evenings, and warm afternoons dominated the weather pattern from Monday into Wednesday. Most stations were 6 to 10 degrees above average during this time, and no precipitation was reported. A moisture starved cold front arrived to the west Wednesday evening, and quickly moved to the east overnight. A few light showers were reported in the northernmost counties. Thursday began with some clouds remaining from the cold front, but quickly cleared to become mostly sunny and dry. Temperatures were the coldest of the week, reaching near normal during the afternoon, and then cooling off again overnight. Friday was sunny and warm for most of the day. Clouds along with a cold front approached during the afternoon/evening hours. Showers developed overnight and moved from west to east across West Virginia. A few clouds remained Saturday morning, but cleared to become mostly sunny with near normal temperatures. Sunday was dry with seasonal temperatures. Overall, the Mountain State was mostly warmer than normal and drier than usual. Beckley (-1) was the only station to end the week with below average temperatures.

Temperatures: Morgantown, Keyser, and Williamson had the highest recorded temperature of 84 degrees. Moorefield had the lowest recorded temperature of 26 degrees. The state average temperature was 54 degrees.

Precipitation: Parkersburg had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.20 inches. Several locations had zero recorded precipitation. The state average precipitation was 0.04 inches.

Drought Conditions: All of West Virginia is 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 10/27/24

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	82	32	55	4	0.00	0.61	15.49	20.85	25.34	
PARKERSBURG	80	30	54	2	0.20	0.68	19.89	26.53	25.83	
CRESTON	83	30	56		0.04		18.88	22.85		
--NORTHCENTRAL										
MORGANTOWN	84	34	55	3	0.05	0.69	23.58	21.32	26.96	
CLARKSBURG	82	31	54	3	0.01	0.65	22.40	25.01	27.87	
BELINGTON	82	32	54		0.11		20.29	27.71		
WESTON	82	34	54		0.02		23.87	30.95		
--SOUTHWEST										
WILLIAMSON	84	39	59		0.08		23.58	25.09		
HUNTINGTON	81	36	58	4	0.00	0.67	21.35	20.23	27.45	
CHARLESTON	83	34	55	1	0.03	0.70	22.14	19.69	29.46	
RIPLEY	83	32	57		0.06		18.00	21.79		
--CENTRAL										
TERRA ALTA	75	30	52		0.05		22.68	26.78		
ELKINS	82	28	51	1	0.06	0.67	23.60	27.31	29.79	
MARLINTON	76	35	54		0.03		23.64	21.31		
--SOUTHERN										
BECKLEY	75	28	51	-1	0.04	0.63	19.62	27.53	26.81	
PINEVILLE	82	33	55		0.02		22.83	21.13		
BLUEFIELD	74	35	53	2	0.04	0.60	27.51	27.10	25.56	
WHITE SUL SP	76	30	51		0.00		21.97	20.41		
BLUESTONE DAM	76	38	56		0.00		23.39	19.12		
--NORTHEASTERN										
MARTINSBURG	80	30	54	2	0.00	0.62	22.69	17.47	24.73	
KEYSER	84	29	54		0.02		25.10	20.36		
MOOREFIELD	82	26	52		0.00		16.00	16.93		
CHARLES TOWN	80	32	55		0.00		21.94	N/A		
State Average Temperature	54									
State Average Precipitation	0.04									

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