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**Agricultural News:** Weather conditions during the month of January have been mostly very cold with periods of rain and snow. Farming activities for the month included making farm maintenance repairs and monitoring livestock due to the freezing temperatures. There are abnormally dry to moderate drought conditions in the State.

**SOIL MOISTURE and SUPPLIES for week ending 2/2/25**

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	6	36	56	2
Subsoil	12	32	53	3
Hay & Roughage	19	41	39	1
Feed grain	5	43	52	-

-Represents zero.

**CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 2/2/25**

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Winter Wheat	-	20	80	-	-
Cattle & Calves	1	9	27	62	1
Sheep & Lambs	1	6	14	78	1

- Represents zero.

**January Summary of Weather and Agricultural Conditions  
January 6 - February 2, 2025**

**For the week ending January 12<sup>th</sup>,** the week began with ongoing heavy snow and freezing rain across most of West Virginia. The state received from one inch down south to over 14 inches in the northern mountains. Most of the state was under a winter weather warning. Tuesday began cloudy with snow showers, but cleared up later in the day. Temperatures were well below normal at this point. Wednesday was very cold again as air filtered in from the north, and Thursday was the coldest day yet with some temperatures dropping to below zero. The cold air stayed in place ahead of the next cold front which crossed over the Mountain State in the afternoon. More snow continued into early Saturday. Temperatures began to rise toward the end of the weekend as high pressure took over. Sunday was mostly sunny. At the end of the week, all stations were colder than normal by 8 to 15 degrees. Plenty of snow fell, but the water equivalent was less than average. **For the week ending January 19<sup>th</sup>,** the week began very cold under high pressure. On Monday, highs were just below normal, with lows dropping into the teens and single digits. Tuesday was colder under high pressure. The highs were in the 20s and 30s, with lows in the single digits. Wednesday and Thursday were very cold and dry under high pressure. Friday was cold with waves of snow showers passing over the state. Another snow storm arrived on Saturday and continued over the weekend. The week was colder than normal with below normal precipitation, but plenty of snow. **For the week ending January 26<sup>th</sup>,** the week began very cold in the wake of a cold front that produced lots of snow for West Virginia. Most stations only reached the teens, with lows below zero. Tuesday and Wednesday were both still very cold with plenty of sunshine. Another weak front crossed over on Thursday, producing snow showers across the state. Friday warmed somewhat, but temperatures were still below normal. The weekend warmed up greatly from earlier in the week, and remained mostly sunny. At the end of the week, all stations were 12 to 21 degrees colder than normal and dry. **For the week ending February 2<sup>nd</sup>,** temperatures began to rise on Monday. Most stations were within a few degrees of normal under high pressure. Tuesday and Wednesday were much the same, with further increasing temperatures each day under mostly sunny conditions. By Wednesday, all stations were reporting above average temperatures. Thursday began clear, but turned to rain in the afternoon as a cold front neared. The rain continued well into Friday and created some flooding problems. The weekend began cooler, but warmed up. Overall, this week was warm and wet.

**Week ending 1/12:** Williamson had the highest recorded temperature of 46 degrees. Elkins had the lowest recorded temperature of -3 degrees. The state average temperature was 21 degrees. Belington had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.54 inches. Keyser had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.05 inches. The state average precipitation was 0.29 inches.

**Week ending 1/19:** Williamson had the highest recorded temperature of 55 degrees. Elkins had the lowest recorded temperature of -5 degrees. The state average temperature was 26 degrees. Terra Alta had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 1.02 inches. Wheeling had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.03 inches. The state average precipitation was 0.32 inches.

**Week ending 1/26:** Williamson had the highest recorded temperature of 53 degrees. Elkins had the lowest recorded temperature of -14 degrees. The state average temperature was 17 degrees. Charles Town had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.10 inches. Several stations had zero recorded precipitation. The state average precipitation was 0.01 inches.

**Week ending 2/2:** Williamson had the highest recorded temperature of 65 degrees. Elkins had the lowest recorded temperature of 10 degrees. The state average temperature was 38 degrees. Pineville had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 2.29 inches. Martinsburg and Charles Town had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.16 inches. The state average precipitation was 1.21 inches.

**Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 2/02/25**

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	56	22	37	7	0.33	0.65	19.77	29.26	35.59	
PARKERSBURG	56	18	37	5	0.22	0.72	27.33	36.94	35.92	
CRESTON	55	17	40		0.76		26.87	31.48		
<b>--NORTHCENTRAL</b>										
MORGANTOWN	57	20	37	5	0.38	0.69	32.41	31.41	36.89	
CLARKSBURG	56	16	36	5	0.98	0.77	30.76	33.82	38.30	
BELINGTON	55	22	37		1.68		32.44	36.61		
WESTON	56	15	36		1.74		36.26	41.82		
<b>--SOUTHWEST</b>										
WILLIAMSON	65	26	44		2.03		35.75	33.70		
HUNTINGTON	63	26	41	6	1.42	0.73	32.76	28.61	37.78	
CHARLESTON	61	24	40	5	1.50	0.79	34.07	28.00	40.75	
RIPLEY	58	23	40		0.97		27.54	30.84		
<b>--CENTRAL</b>										
TERRA ALTA	53	22	35		1.05		33.99	38.83		
ELKINS	56	10	35	4	2.14	0.76	36.11	36.76	40.19	
MARLINTON	47	22	36		1.60		31.72	32.31		
<b>--SOUTHERN</b>										
BECKLEY	54	20	38	5	2.02	0.72	30.50	36.96	36.59	
PINEVILLE	62	25	42		2.29		34.83	31.00		
BLUEFIELD	57	28	40	8	1.54	0.67	35.89	38.06	34.70	
WHITE SUL SP	55	23	39		2.00		31.59	30.43		
BLUESTONE DAM	54	20	38		2.22		33.39	28.76		
<b>--NORTHEASTERN</b>										
MARTINSBURG	55	17	37	4	0.16	0.58	27.37	29.28	33.58	
KEYSER	57	17	37		0.49		31.40	30.14		
MOOREFIELD	58	18	38		0.18		20.04	26.39		
CHARLES TOWN	55	20	39		0.16		26.10	N/A		
State Average Temperature	38									
State Average Precipitation	1.21									

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