



Crop Progress and Condition

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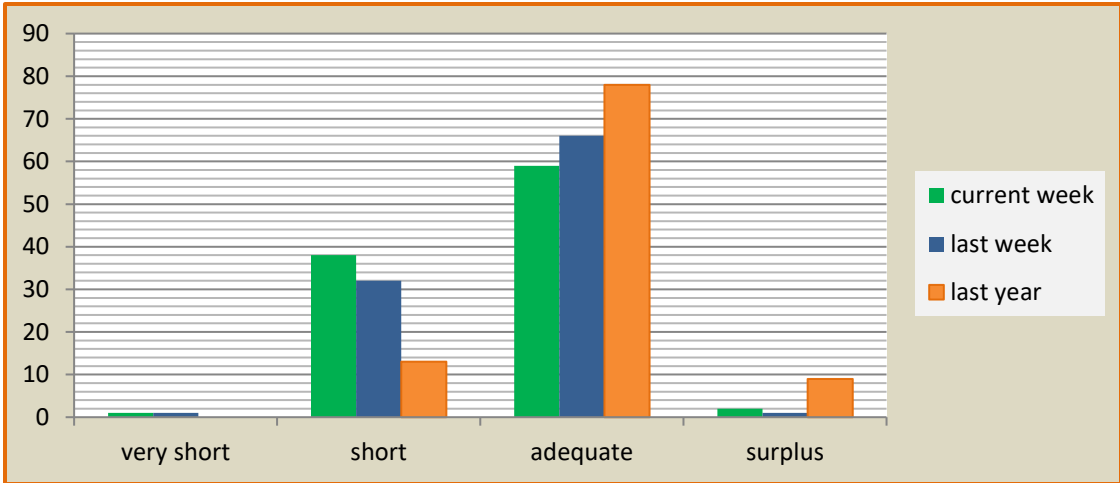
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.1. Weather conditions were a mix of cool and warm temperatures with thunderstorms and rain. Some areas had flooding. High temperatures were in the 80s. Farming activities this week included planting corn and soybeans. There are abnormally dry to severe drought conditions in the State.

SOIL MOISTURE and SUPPLIES for week ending 5/18/25

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	1	38	59	2
Subsoil	1	25	72	2
Hay & Roughage	11	58	29	2
Feed grain	1	34	65	-

- Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 5/18/25



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 5/18/25

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	2	23	75	-
Peaches	-	1	25	74	-
Hay	2	6	52	38	2
Pasture	1	9	40	47	3
Winter Wheat	-	6	74	19	1
Cattle & Calves	-	1	16	77	6
Sheep & Lambs	-	1	18	78	3

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 5/18/25

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Corn planted	33	26	50	41
Corn emerged	17	11	29	17
Soybeans planted	20	14	17	29
Soybeans emerged	13	8	11	9
Winter Wheat headed	42	29	68	56

- Represents data not available.

Weather Summary- For the week ending May 18, 2025

The week began unsettled as a warm front moved up from the south and then was followed by a quick cold front. Heavy precipitation associated with thunderstorms occurred both Monday and Tuesday with lingering showers lasting into Wednesday. Thursday was warm under high pressure. Another cold front moved through on Friday, producing more showers and thunderstorms. Saturday and Sunday were mostly sunny under high pressure.

Temperatures: Williamson had the highest recorded temperature of 89 degrees. Elkins and Wheeling had the lowest recorded temperature of 46 degrees. The state average temperature was 67 degrees.

Precipitation: Keyser had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 4.54 inches. Wheeling had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.29 inches. The state average precipitation was 2.24 inches.

Drought Conditions: Abnormally dry (D0) conditions over eastern mountains. Moderate drought (D1) over the Eastern Panhandle and a small area of severe drought (D2) in the extreme Eastern Panhandle.

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

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 5/18/25

Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Norm	Since April 1st 2025	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST-----									
WHEELING	83	46	66	5	0.29	0.94	7.48	6.06	6.04
PARKERSBURG	84	48	67	4	0.69	0.92	6.86	4.77	6.11
CRESTON	81	51	66		0.67		7.25	7.77	
--NORTHCENTRAL-----									
MORGANTOWN	86	51	70	8	0.81	0.99	8.53	7.22	6.56
CLARKSBURG	85	50	68	6	1.84	0.95	7.69	6.46	6.43
BELINGTON	84	52	68		2.15		10.00	4.12	
WESTON	85	49	66		3.09		10.32	5.63	
--SOUTHWEST-----									
WILLIAMSON	89	53	68		2.94		8.66	4.31	
HUNTINGTON	87	53	70	5	1.26	1.01	7.45	6.14	6.77
CHARLESTON	84	50	67	3	1.83	1.20	9.22	6.16	7.33
RIPLEY	87	52	69		0.65		7.03	7.46	
--CENTRAL-----									
TERRA ALTA	83	49	66		2.03		10.18	5.03	
ELKINS	82	46	64	4	1.40	1.20	8.49	5.25	7.29
MARLINTON	78	51	62		3.03		7.68	3.54	
--SOUTHERN-----									
BECKLEY	80	49	65	4	2.58	1.07	6.67	3.43	6.44
PINEVILLE	85	49	66		3.20		8.78	5.23	
BLUEFIELD	77	50	62	2	2.70	1.04	5.72	5.50	6.42
WHITE SUL SP	81	47	64		2.63		7.01	3.55	
BLUESTONE DAM	78	50	64		4.20		8.41	4.94	
--NORTHEASTERN-----									
MARTINSBURG	87	51	68	6	2.90	0.92	8.96	4.82	5.88
KEYSER	86	47	67		4.54		10.00	8.10	
MOOREFIELD	85	48	68		3.28		7.36	4.03	
CHARLES TOWN	87	52	69		2.75		8.14	N/A	
State Average Temperature	67								
State Average Precipitation	2.24								

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