



WEATHER & CROPS



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CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 21, 2006

The Commonwealth of Virginia experienced windy and rather dry weather conditions during the week ending May 21, 2006. Cool nights were also the norm across the state. Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.5. Many producers are beginning to harvest their first cutting of hay. Producers expect that yields will be low due to the lack of rain. Soybean planting is in full swing across the state. Great progress was made in planting peanuts. Peanut growers planted 30 percent more peanuts during the week. Tobacco farmers are cultivating and sidedressing the tobacco with fertilizer. Other activities for the week includes harvesting strawberries, transplanting tomatoes, topdressing corn, fruit thinning, and attending field days.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT

Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
April 23, 2006	22	37	31	10
April 30, 2006	18	33	41	8
May 7, 2006	10	30	56	4
May 14, 2006	4	20	66	10
May 21, 2006	4	22	71	3

CROP CONDITION PERCENT

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pastures	4	13	36	40	7
Livestock	1	5	21	63	10
Other Hay	8	21	43	22	6
Alfalfa Hay	4	16	35	41	4
Corn	0	3	28	61	8
Winter Wheat	3	15	34	43	5
Barley	2	12	33	49	4
Tobacco, Flue-Cured	2	10	38	48	2
Peanuts	0	0	20	80	0
Cotton	0	17	51	32	0
All Apples	0	1	21	78	0
Peaches	0	10	50	39	1
Grapes	0	3	18	76	3

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average
Corn Planted	91	84	90	89
Corn Emerged	75	62	65	55
Soybeans Planted	27	19	30	25
Barley Harvested	2	N/A	2	4
Tobacco, Flue-Cured Transplanted	86	71	88	83
Tobacco, Burley Transplanted	11	2	10	24
Tobacco, Dark Fire-Cured Transplanted	42	15	56	64
Peanuts Planted	83	50	68	80
Cotton Planted	95	86	87	93

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 21, 2006

WEATHER STATION	TEMPERATURE (degrees Fahrenheit)				PRECIPITATION (inches)		
	HI	LO	Average	Departure From Normal	TOTAL	Departure From Normal	Days
NORTHERN							
Woodstock	72	41	55	-10	1.01	0.22	4
Warrenton	75	45	59	-5	0.76	-0.2	3
Winchester 7 SE	71	38	55	-9	1.3	0.46	4
Dale Enterprise	67	38	54	-10	0.7	-0.07	2
WESTERN							
Glasgow	78	42	57	-8	0.15	-0.69	1
Roanoke AP	79	42	58	-7	0.43	-0.48	1
Waynesboro	76	40	55	-7	0.63	-0.21	1
Staunton AG	73	42	56	-6	0.52	-0.32	1
CENTRAL							
Charlottesville	80	45	59	-8	0.66	-0.51	2
Piedmont Res ST	79	43	59	-6	0.3	-0.75	3
Bremo Bluff	84	41	61	-4	0.53	-0.45	4
Richmond AP	81	47	62	-5	0.47	-0.44	2
EASTERN							
Eastville	77	52	64	-2	0.33	-0.44	3
Wallops Island	77	47	63	-4	0.43	-0.34	3
Williamsburg	81	48	64	-3	0.53	-0.54	3
Keysville	83	45	62	-4	1.59	0.69	3
SOUTHWESTERN							
Blacksburg AG	71	37	52	-9	0.81	-0.1	3
Wytheville	71	37	51	-10	0.88	-0.03	4
Saltville	73	40	54	-9	1.4	0.35	5
Richlands	70	38	52	-6	0.97	-0.08	4
SOUTHERN							
Stuart	78	39	57	-8	0.51	-0.57	3
Danville AG	82	46	60	-7	0.84	-0.07	2
Chatham	79	39	56	-9	0.67	-0.31	4
Martinsville	79	38	57	-8	0.97	-0.01	6
SOUTHEASTERN							
Norfolk VA	79	51	62	-4	1.45	0.61	3
Oceana	77	48	61	-4	1.93	1.03	2
Emporia	82	46	60	-4	1.19	0.35	3
Newport News	80	50	62	-3	2.16	1.32	3

Departure from Normal based on 1961-90 Normals.

Precipitation Days=Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more.