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## CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 26, 2006

Most areas of the Commonwealth experienced another rainy week hindering field work. Days suitable for field work were 3.5. Temperatures were cooler than normal this week. The average high temperature was around 65 degrees, and average lows dipped down around 29 degrees. The state averaged about 1.3 inches of rainfall throughout the week, which slowed harvest efforts and small grain planting for another week. Some areas reported minor flooding and standing water in fields, including some small grain fields that may have to be replanted. In other areas, winter crops have benefited from the good moisture levels. Pastures are reported to be in good condition since adequate moisture levels have allowed for some pasture growth. Supplemental feeding has begun in some areas. Soybean harvest continued at a slow pace this week due to wet field conditions. Some tobacco producers are plowing land for next season since fields are too wet for small grain planting. Farmers will be turning their attention to pesticide re-certification that usually takes place in December. Other farm activities this week included preparing seed orders, planning for winter activities and next season's crops, repairing fences and equipment, and other farm maintenance.

### TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT

Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
October 29, 2006	0	1	77	22
November 5, 2006	0	1	84	15
November 12, 2006	0	1	74	25
November 19, 2006	0	0	64	36
November 26, 2006	0	2	54	44

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**WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 26, 2006**

WEATHER STATION	TEMPERATURE (degrees Fahrenheit)				PRECIPITATION (inches)		
	HI	LO	Average	Departure from Normal	TOTAL	Departure from Normal	Days
<b>NORTHERN</b>							
Woodstock	66	27	40	-5	0.89	0.26	2
Warrenton	63	30	41	-4	1.13	0.36	3
Winchester 7 SE	63	26	39	-3	1.56	0.86	2
Dale Enterprises	60	28	39	-4	0.81	0.18	4
<b>WESTERN</b>							
Glasgow	65	26	42	-3	1.07	0.37	2
Roanoke AP	67	28	46	1	0.68	-0.02	1
Waynesboro	62	24	39	-4	1.53	0.88	2
Staunton AG	64	27	42	0	1.31	0.66	3
<b>CENTRAL</b>							
Charlottesville	67	26	43	-4	1.44	0.63	2
Piedmont Res ST	65	32	44	-2	0.76	-0.05	2
Bremo Bluff	68	28	44	-3	1.52	0.77	3
Richmond AP	67	36	47	-1	1.68	0.98	3
<b>EASTERN</b>							
Eastville	60	40	49	-2	1.79	1.08	3
Wallops Island	63	36	48	-2	1.70	1.00	3
Williamsburg	64	33	47	-2	1.15	0.31	3
Keysville	69	32	45	-1	2.08	1.38	2
<b>SOUTHWESTERN</b>							
Blacksburg AG	67	21	41	0	0.93	0.30	1
Wytheville	67	20	40	-1	0.51	-0.12	3
Saltville	71	22	42	-2	0.00	-0.70	0
Richlands	72	25	42	5	0.04	-0.73	1
<b>SOUTHERN</b>							
Stuart	69	31	46	2	0.85	0.01	2
Danville AG	67	31	45	-3	2.58	1.88	2
Chatham	67	26	42	-3	2.28	1.51	2
Martinsville	68	25	43	-1	1.56	0.83	3
<b>SOUTHEASTERN</b>							
Norfolk VA	58	42	50	-1	1.74	1.04	3
Oceana	62	33	50	-3	1.88	1.18	3
Emporia	66	33	46	-1	1.43	0.66	3
Newport News	67	36	50	0	2.00	1.30	3

Departure from normal based on 1961-90 normals.

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

CROP CONDITION PERCENT					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	0	3	17	64	16
Other Hay	3	18	33	36	10
Alfalfa Hay	3	17	32	35	13
Winter Wheat	0	4	29	52	15
Barley	0	1	27	54	18

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT-WITH COMPARISONS				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
Soybeans	75	62	90	81
Winter Wheat Seeded	83	71	93	84
Winter Wheat Emerged	66	57	40	38
Peanuts Combined	100	98	100	99
Cotton Harvested	91	80	93	86

FORAGE PERCENT OBTAINED FROM PASTURES		
Crop	This Week	Last Week
Beef Cattle Forage % Obtained from Pastures	69	72
Milk Cow Forage % Obtained from Pastures	14	15
Sheep Forage % Obtained from Pastures	73	78

### REPORTER COMMENTS BY COUNTY

Comments are based on comments reported by Extension Agents, farmers, commodity specialists, and other knowledgeable individuals.

#### HIGHLAND COUNTY (Rodney Leech):

Un-seasonably warm temperatures for late November provide for late seeded rye to germinate and some grass growth for extending the grazing season. Most activities centered around Thanksgiving, families and hunting.

#### CAROLINE COUNTY (McGann Saphir):

Grain and soybean producers are waiting for fields to dry out in order to finish up soybean harvest and winter grain and cover crop planting. Moisture conditions are excellent to surplus. Winter crops are looking very good. Farmers are putting together seed orders, fixing fences, and hunting.

#### ESSEX COUNTY (Keith Balderson):

Another week and another big rain. Soil conditions remain saturated. Soybean harvest continued at a slow pace due to wet conditions. Producers took soil samples where field conditions allowed, while some producers performed some season ending equipment maintenance and clean-up. Producers continued to make input purchases for 2007 and forward pricing 2007 crops.

#### CULPEPER COUNTY (Carl Stafford):

Plenty of moisture delayed final harvest of beans and corn and last plantings of wheat. Moisture and higher-than-normal temps created some pasture growth.

## REPORTER COMMENTS BY COUNTY, cont.

### **RICHMOND COUNTY (Kelly J. Liddington):**

Most of the area saw over 2" of rain this week.

### **WYTHE COUNTY (Joseph W. Massey):**

Warmer-than-normal temperatures have prevailed this past week. Much of the farm work has consisted of feeding of animals, liming, and farm maintenance. Pastures are slowly declining. Corn harvest has been completed. Higher-than-normal moisture levels are beneficial in the recharge of ponds and streams.

### **BRUNSWICK COUNTY (Cynthia L. Gregg):**

Rain last week slowed harvest of soybeans, etc. It also slowed the planting of small grains. There was minor flooding as well as standing water. Several fields of small grains had water standing in them and may have to be replanted. Equipment is receiving maintenance. Many residents are deer hunting at this time as well.

### **NOTTOWAY (Ron Duvall):**

Some beans are still in the fields. Cattle are on pasture, but hay is beginning to be fed.

### **NEW KENT COUNTY (Paul Davis):**

Another 2 inches of rain last week brought soybean harvest and small grain planting to a halt again. A few acres of cover crops also need to be planted. Deer hunting and Thanksgiving took up any down time our farmers had this week.

### **WESTMORELAND COUNTY (Sam Johnson):**

Some harvest of soybeans continued as heavy rains on Wednesday and Thursday stopped any field work for most of week. It will be hard now to get to soybeans in the low, wet areas. Some small grain seeding continued where fields were dry enough. Some late harvest of broccoli and greens continued.

### **SURRY COUNTY (Glenn Slade):**

We still have wet fields with corn and peanut harvest mostly complete. Some cotton remains in the field with many acres of soybeans to be harvested and small grains to be seeded.

### **FAUQUIER COUNTY (Tim Mize):**

Constant precipitation has delayed a portion of the soybean harvest. Stockpiled pastures are in excellent condition. Some hay feeding has begun.



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