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# WEATHER & CROPS



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## CROP AND FARM ACTIVITIES

Virginia's crops and livestock experienced near normal weather during the month of December. Due to the varying precipitation, soil conditions became saturated. Plentiful rain showers are putting some small grains on flood plains in danger of being flooded out. Supplemental feeding of livestock increased as pasture conditions declined due to the cool and freezing temperatures. Water levels across the state are beginning to return to normal levels. Many producers are applying nitrogen to wheat and barley fields. There are still a few soybean fields left to be harvested in the state. Other farming activities for the month include performing routine maintenance of roads, repairing fences, reconditioning machinery, preparing end of year paperwork, hunting, and attending meetings.

## WEATHER

The Commonwealth experienced a cooler than normal temperatures throughout the month of December. Many parts of the state experienced precipitation ranging from rain to ice, sleet, and snow. Toward the end of the month temperatures began to increase and the state got a break from freezing precipitation but had to deal with several rain showers.

### CROP CONDITION PERCENT

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pastures	19	20	43	16	2
Livestock	2	5	34	53	6
Small Grain & Winter Grazing Crops	0	6	31	57	6

### CROP PROGRESS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	This	Last	Last Year	5 Year
Beef Cattle Forage, % Obtained from Pastures	19	NA	NA	NA
Milk Cow Forage, % Obtained from Pastures	8	NA	NA	NA
Sheep Forage, % Obtained from Pastures	21	NA	NA	NA