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WEATHER & CROPS



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CROP AND FARM ACTIVITIES

For the month of February, most of Virginia was snowy and cold. Icy conditions hampered farming activities. Throughout the State, there has been several reports of cattle deaths. These deaths are believed to be linked to feeding poor quality of hay and the harsh winter conditions. As fields dry, farmers have applied lime and fertilizer. In some areas herbicide has been applied, while other farmers wait for better spraying conditions. Tobacco growers and vegetable producers have begun planting seeds in greenhouses. Lambing and spring calving has begun for some of Virginia's farmers. Other farming activities included farmers pruning orchards and vineyards, preparing taxes, soil sampling, and preparing crop fields.

WEATHER

Virginia experienced a cold and wet February. Precipitation came in the form of rain and snow. Most areas experienced snow that persisted throughout the month. Warm weather at the end of month created ideal conditions. Farmers are hopeful that the snow melt will help the winter crops. Some areas have experienced excessive wind, causing wind erosion on some fields.

CROP CONDITION PERCENT

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pastures	5	21	47	25	2
Livestock	1	7	28	58	6
Small Grain & Winter Grazing Crops	5	18	39	33	5