



National Agricultural
Statistics Service

NASS

Virginia Agricultural
Statistics Service

P. O. Box 1659
Richmond, VA 23218-1659
Phone (804) 771-2493
<http://www.nass.usda.gov/va>

WEATHER & CROPS



Month: February 2002

Number: 2

Released: March 4, 2002

CROP AND FARM ACTIVITIES

The Commonwealth has experienced another month of above normal temperatures and extremely dry conditions. The dry conditions have caused a shortage in the water supply for livestock and reduced feed from pastures. Alternate water and feed supplies were needed for livestock. Topsoil moisture for the month was at critical levels. With little to no snow or rainfall, pastures continued to suffer. Many farmers were preparing for spring by topdressing small grains, seeding pastures and adding clover to some fields. Other farming activities included attending educational meetings, applying herbicides and lime, running deep tillage equipment, repairing machinery, seeding tobacco greenhouses, and making tax preparations.

WEATHER:

Temperatures for the month were unseasonably warm. There was little to no precipitation.

CROP CONDITION PERCENT

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pastures	42	26	23	9	0
Livestock	2	12	28	51	7
Small Grain and Winter Grazing Crops	10	18	44	23	5
Winter Wheat	8	18	43	27	4
Barley	14	11	47	26	2