



National Agricultural  
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# WEATHER & CROPS



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## CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 6, 2003

Virginia experienced varying degrees of weather this week. The middle of the week saw sunny days and warm temperatures. However, the beginning and the end of the week brought rain and cooler temperatures. Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.9. Some areas of the state reported little pasture growth, but others said that pastures greened up well this week. Many farmers were still feeding livestock. Many farmers were a little behind on spring field work. Small grain growth was running about a week behind. Corn planting got underway and potato planting continued. The fruit trees were in full bloom and there is some concern about freezing in the upcoming weeks. Other farm activities included fertilizing fields, fencing, calving and lambing, purchasing stockers for the grazing season, preparing fields for no-till corn planting, applying herbicides, sub-soiling, applying nitrogen to small grains, and budgeting for peanut planting.

### TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT

Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
April 6	0	4	68	28
March 30	0	4	58	38

### CROP CONDITION PERCENT

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pastures	1	8	35	48	8
Livestock	1	7	23	61	8
Other Hay	0	5	35	57	3
Alfalfa Hay	0	0	31	62	7
Winter Wheat	5	11	36	43	5
Barley	1	9	36	48	6
Tobacco Greenhouse	0	0	8	54	38
Tobacco Plantbeds	0	0	34	65	1
Apples	0	0	78	17	5
Peaches	6	7	48	29	10

### CROP PROGRSS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average
Corn Planted	7	1	11	9
Tobacco:				
Greenhouse Seeded	98	92	99	99
Plantbed Seeded	96	89	100	99
Summer Potatoes Planted	60	45	92	91

**WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING April 6, 2003**

WEATHER STATION	TEMPERATURE (degrees Fahrenheit)				PRECIPITATION (inches)		
	HI	LO	Average	Departure From Normal	TOTAL	Departure From Normal	Days
Blacksburg	78	21	49	3	0.47	-0.37	2
Bremo Bluff	87	25	55	4	1.12	0.41	1
Burkes Garden	72	19	46	3	0.52	-0.31	3
Camp Pickett	85	29	55	3	0.70	-0.02	1
Chatham	83	26	52	2	0.60	-0.23	2
Dale Enterprise	79	24	50	2	0.47	-0.08	3
Danville AG	86	31	55	2	0.06	-0.71	1
Floyd	78	19	49	2	0.15	-0.69	1
Free Union	86	29	55	3	0.76	0.02	2
Glasgow	85	30	55	4	0.56	-0.12	2
Hillsville	80	25	51	3	0.45	-0.32	2
Lake Of The Woods	83	28	52	3	0.52	-0.18	2
Lynchburg	84	29	55	4	0.59	-0.11	2
Mount Weather	78	20	47	3	0.45	-0.28	2
Norfolk	82	35	59	7	0.36	-0.37	2
Piedmont Rsrch. Stat.	83	28	54	4	0.22	-0.48	2
Pulaski	79	24	49	3	0.42	-0.21	2
Richlands	76	25	50	7	0.46	-0.37	2
Richmond	85	30	57	4	0.46	-0.24	3
Roanoke	83	28	57	6	0.49	-0.25	2
Saltville	77	26	49	-1	0.73	-0.04	3
Somerset	82	27	53	3	0.52	-0.18	2
Staunton	82	25	52	4	0.53	-0.10	3
Stuart	83	27	55	4	0.63	-0.35	2
The Plains	83	24	49	0	0.61	-0.09	2
Washington Dulles	81	27	50	2	0.56	-0.14	2
Waynesboro	82	23	51	4	0.43	-0.20	2
Winchester	83	23	50	3	0.49	-0.21	3
Woodstock	81	26	52	2	0.65	0.05	2
Wytheville	76	25	49	4	0.64	0.01	2

Departure from Normal based on 1961-90 Normals.

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