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WEATHER & CROPS



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CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 4, 2004

The Commonwealth was cold and wet this week, with most areas experiencing up to one inch of rain. Although it did not rain hard, it did rain consistent. Despite the recent rain fall, most counties are still short on precipitation for this time of year. Temperatures were down this week, averaging about 5 degrees below the State's norm. Days suitable for fieldwork were 3.0. The cool temperatures and rain have limited forage growth in several places. Most pastures have begun greening up, however, a few pastures are behind. Farmers labored on preparing fields for corn, tobacco, cotton, peanuts, and soybeans. Good progress was made on fertilizer and lime applications. Other farming activities included farmers protecting their strawberries from cold, vegetable producers laboring in their greenhouses, cattlemen marketing cattle, and farmers preparing to cut alfalfa.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT

Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
April 4, 2004	0	13	70	17
March 28, 2004	0	2	76	22

CROP CONDITION PERCENT

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pastures	3	13	45	34	5
Livestock	2	7	29	56	6
Other Hay	3	3	43	39	12
Alfalfa Hay	1	4	40	44	11
Winter Wheat	2	6	34	47	11
Barley	1	7	38	45	9
Tobacco Greenhouse	1	1	9	58	31
Tobacco Plantbeds	0	0	10	40	50
Summer Potatoes	10	10	42	38	0
All Apples	0	0	73	17	10
Peaches	0	0	54	36	10

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average
Corn Planted	5	1	5	6
Tobacco:				
Greenhouse Seeded	96	72	96	98
Plantbed Seeded	98	64	94	98
Summer Potatoes	50	45	56	83

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 4, 2004

WEATHER STATION	TEMPERATURE (degrees Fahrenheit)				PRECIPITATION (inches)		
	HI	LO	Average	Departure From Normal	TOTAL	Departure From Normal	Days
Blacksburg	68	33	44	-4	0.84	0.00	3
Bremo Bluff	70	34	49	-4	0.77	0.05	4
Burkes Garden	70	28	42	-2	1.32	0.48	5
Camp Pickett	63	37	47	-6	0.73	0.00	3
Chatham	64	32	47	-4	0.41	-0.43	3
Dale Enterprise	68	36	45	-4	0.53	-0.02	4
Danville AG	67	36	49	-5	0.32	-0.46	2
Floyd	70	36	46	-2	0.83	-0.01	4
Free Union	71	38	49	-4	0.64	-0.11	5
Glasgow	67	38	48	-4	0.46	-0.23	2
Hillsville	71	35	46	-4	0.9	0.13	4
Lake Of The Woods	65	37	46	-5	1.16	0.45	5
Lynchburg	65	37	48	-5	0.5	-0.20	3
Mount Weather	60	31	41	-4	2.28	1.56	4
Norfolk	60	41	49	-5	0.51	-0.23	4
Piedmont Rsrch. Stat.	64	38	47	-4	0.81	0.10	5
Pulaski	69	35	45	-3	0.79	0.16	4
Richlands	77	33	47	5	1.73	0.89	5
Richmond	63	41	49	-5	0.57	-0.14	5
Roanoke	66	40	48	-5	0.55	-0.20	2
Saltville	78	38	49	-2	1.2	0.43	4
Somerset	64	39	47	-4	0.68	-0.03	5
Staunton	63	36	45	-3	0.95	0.32	6
Stuart	69	37	49	-3	0.62	-0.36	2
The Plains	63	32	43	-7	1.91	1.21	5
Washington Dulles	66	35	47	-3	1.73	1.03	5
Waynesboro	63	36	45	-3	0.42	-0.21	4
Winchester	65	29	45	-4	1.23	0.53	5
Woodstock	65	35	45	-6	0.37	-0.24	4
Wytheville	72	33	46	-1	1.02	0.39	4

Departure from Normal based on 1961-90 Normals.

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