

WEATHER & CROPS

CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 10, 2005

Unseasonably warm temperatures allowed some of the moisture to dry at the beginning of the week, but the precipitation returned by the week's end. The return of the rain made fields-- that were beginning to dry-- saturated once again. Because of the good weather early in the week, many farmers were able to get into their fields for spring work. Days suitable for field work were 4.0. The weather allowed producers to top dress forage and winter wheat fields. Cattle were able to begin grazing, reducing the need for supplemental hay. In some areas of the state, small grains progress continued to lag due to the wet weather. Fruit trees and grapes appeared to be doing well. Some producers planted corn on sandier soils. Cabbage and tobacco seedlings in greenhouses were in good condition across the state. Other farming activities included roof work, building repairs, herbicide applications, and continuing to spread fertilizer.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT

Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
April 3, 2005	0	1	51	48
April 10, 2005	0	1	61	38

CROP CONDITION PERCENT

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pastures	3	12	35	40	10
Livestock	0	3	27	63	7
Hay, (other)	0	4	50	37	9
Hay, (alfalfa)	1	4	45	43	7
Winter Wheat	3	10	23	52	12
Barley	2	7	25	53	13
Tobacco Greenhouse	0	1	15	77	7
Tobacco Plantbeds	0	0	25	72	3
Summer Potatoes	5	15	50	30	0
Apples, (all)	0	0	12	88	0
Peaches	1	1	39	54	5
Grapes	0	0	52	44	4

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average
Corn for Grain	8	2	10	12
Tobacco Plantbeds	99	98	100	99
Summer Potatoes	70	NA	63	84

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WEATHER STATION	TEMPERATURE (degrees Fahrenheit)				PRECIPITATION (inches)		
	HI	LO	Average	Departure From Normal	TOTAL	Departure From Normal	Days
NORTHERN							
Woodstock	83	31	55	4	0.10	-0.49	1
The Plains	85	29	54	4	0.24	-0.46	1
Winchester 7 SE	84	30	54	6	0.23	-0.47	1
Dale Enterprise	80	34	54	5	0.31	-0.25	1
WESTERN							
Glasgow	84	37	58	6	0.32	-0.32	2
Roanoke AP	82	40	61	8	0.08	-0.62	1
Waynesboro	81	35	55	7	0.27	-0.36	1
Staunton AG	82	37	56	8	0.35	-0.28	1
CENTRAL							
Somerset	83	36	56	5	0.46	-0.23	3
Piedmont Res ST	84	40	58	7	0.18	-0.51	1
Bremo Bluff	86	30	58	5	0.39	-0.31	2
Richmond AP	86	40	61	6	0.38	-0.31	2
EASTERN							
Eastville	80	39	57	4	0.82	0.16	2
Wallops Island	75	37	54	2	0.34	-0.25	1
Williamsburg	85	38	61	7	0.92	0.23	2
Keysville	84	39	60	7	0.18	-0.55	1
SOUTHWESTERN							
Blacksburg AG	77	34	53	6	0.10	-0.74	1
Wytheville	77	35	55	8	0.10	-0.57	1
Saltville	78	34	56	7	0.58	-0.23	1
Richlands	79	30	56	12	0.34	-0.48	2
SOUTHERN							
Stuart	82	37	60	8	0.64	-0.32	2
Danville AG	83	41	61	7	0.73	-0.04	2
Chatham	83	34	58	7	0.47	-0.32	1
Martinsville	80	35	59	8	0.26	-0.58	2
SOUTHEASTERN							
Norfolk VA	83	39	60	6	0.49	-0.21	2
Oceana	83	40	59	5	0.75	0.11	2
Emporia	83	40	59	7	0.86	0.16	2
Newport News	86	40	62	8	0.77	0.07	2

Departure from Normal based on 1961-90 Normals.

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