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WEATHER & CROPS



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CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 13, 2003

Virginia experienced heavy rainfall throughout most of the week. Most areas reported 3 to 5 inches of rain. A few locations reported snow fall. Some areas reported flooding and water damage. Days suitable for fieldwork were 0.8. The cold and wet weather delayed spring activities. Some farmers spent this time for record keeping, taxes, and equipment maintenance. Some farmers discontinued feeding hay to livestock. Other farm activities included scouting for cereal leaf beetles, preparation for rye harvest and greenhouse seeding.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT

Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
April 13	0	0	55	45
April 6	0	4	68	28
March 30	0	4	58	38

CROP CONDITION PERCENT

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pastures	3	8	35	46	8
Livestock	1	6	25	61	7
Other Hay	1	10	27	58	4
Alfalfa Hay	0	2	23	66	9
Winter Wheat	5	15	37	38	5
Barley	2	11	37	45	5
Tobacco Greenhouse	2	2	15	51	30
Tobacco Plantbeds	4	4	37	55	0
Summer Potatoes	5	10	35	40	10
Apples	0	1	68	27	4
Peaches	3	7	46	39	5

CROP PROGRSS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average
Corn Planted	8	7	25	18
Winter Wheat Headed	1	0	5	1
Summer Potatoes Planted	70	60	99	97

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING April 13, 2003

WEATHER STATION	TEMPERATURE (degrees Fahrenheit)				PRECIPITATION (inches)		
	HI	LO	Average	Departure From Normal	TOTAL	Departure From Normal	Days
Blacksburg	66	34	42	-8	3.17	2.33	5
Bremo Bluff	78	34	45	-10	2.83	2.16	4
Burkes Garden	61	28	41	-6	2.96	2.13	6
Camp Pickett	74	37	45	-10	4.27	3.59	5
Chatham	73	35	45	-8	4.85	4.08	5
Dale Enterprise	69	32	42	-10	2.73	2.17	6
Danville AG	75	39	47	-10	4.16	3.40	5
Floyd	66	31	42	-8	3.25	2.43	5
Free Union	76	36	46	-10	2.97	2.27	5
Glasgow	75	37	47	-8	3.45	2.82	5
Hillsville	69	31	44	-8	2.51	1.74	6
Lake Of The Woods	71	35	44	-10	2.55	1.86	6
Lynchburg	73	37	46	-9	3.46	2.76	5
Mount Weather	64	29	40	-8	1.80	1.03	5
Norfolk	71	43	48	-8	4.90	4.20	6
Piedmont Rsrch. Stat.	72	34	44	-10	2.36	1.67	5
Pulaski	67	35	43	-7	2.38	1.75	5
Richlands	67	32	46	-1	2.69	1.86	6
Richmond	73	38	46	-10	3.71	3.05	5
Roanoke	72	38	47	-8	3.29	2.59	5
Saltville	72	33	48	-4	2.71	1.87	5
Somerset	72	34	43	-10	1.90	1.21	6
Staunton	69	32	41	-9	2.90	2.27	5
Stuart	75	38	47	-7	4.45	3.49	5
The Plains	69	32	42	-10	2.13	1.41	6
Washington Dulles	70	35	44	-7	1.57	0.87	6
Waynesboro	74	34	43	-7	3.09	2.46	5
Winchester	69	32	42	-9	2.52	1.82	6
Woodstock	69	33	41	-12	2.54	1.93	5
Wytheville	67	32	43	-6	2.08	1.38	4

Departure from Normal based on 1961-90 Normals.

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