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# WEATHER & CROPS



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## CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 11, 2004

This week had favorable weather conditions for Virginia's farmers. Light scattered showers dotted the State. Eastern Virginia experienced up to 2 inches of accumulative rain, while Central Virginia saw less than 1/16th of an inch of accumulative rainfall. Because rain showers have been light, farm work progressed at a good speed. There has been some concern that without significant rainfall, Virginia is on a path for a drought. Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.6. Most of Virginia experienced below normal temperatures this week. Corn planting is in full swing in the warmer areas. The alfalfa crop conditions declined and in some places alfalfa is being planted over with other forage crops. On the whole, the tobacco crop looks good. However, some disease is beginning to appear in a few tobacco plantbeds. Other farming activities included calving and lambing, fertilizing fields, and vegetable producers tending to their greenhouses.

### TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT

Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
April 11, 2004	8	18	65	9
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	1	14	45	35	5
Livestock	2	6	29	54	9
Other Hay	2	5	46	36	11
Alfalfa Hay	2	5	50	34	9
Winter Wheat	1	5	33	47	14
Barley	0	6	39	45	10
Tobacco Greenhouse	0	2	17	59	22
Tobacco Plantbeds	0	0	20	35	45
Summer Potatoes	15	2	52	28	0
All Apples	0	0	83	9	8
Peaches	1	4	66	28	1

### CROP PROGRESS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average
Corn Planted	11	5	8	14
Winter Wheat - Headed	1	NA	1	1
Summer Potatoes - Planted	65	50	67	90

WEATHER STATION	TEMPERATURE (degrees Fahrenheit)				PRECIPITATION (inches)		
	HI	LO	Average	Departure From Normal	TOTAL	Departure From Normal	Days
<b>NORTHERN</b>							
Woodstock	72	25	47	-6	0.10	-0.50	2
The Plains	74	28	46	-6	0.07	-0.64	3
Winchester 7 SE	74	27	46	-4	0.18	-0.52	2
Dale Enterprise	70	24	46	-5	0.09	-0.47	3
<b>WESTERN</b>							
Glasgow	75	27	51	-3	0.03	-0.60	2
Roanoke AP	75	34	53	-1	0.01	-0.69	1
Waynesboro	70	26	47	-3	0.08	-0.55	3
Staunton AG	73	26	48	-2	0.12	-0.51	2
<b>CENTRAL</b>							
Somerset	74	34	50	-3	0.04	-0.65	2
Piedmont Res ST	74	31	50	-3	0.04	-0.65	2
Bremo Bluff	80	23	50	-4	0.00	-0.68	0
Richmond AP	78	30	53	-3	0.01	-0.66	1
<b>EASTERN</b>							
Eastville	71	37	50	-5	2.30	1.66	1
Wallops Island	73	33	49	-5	1.17	0.60	1
Williamsburg	76	29	52	-4	2.39	1.72	2
Keysville	80	30	55	2	0.00	-0.71	0
<b>SOUTHWESTERN</b>							
Blacksburg AG	70	29	48	-2	0.03	-0.81	2
Wytheville	71	24	48	0	0.00	-0.69	0
Saltville	74	24	48	-4	0.00	-0.83	0
Richlands	72	23	47	2	0.00	-0.82	0
<b>SOUTHERN</b>							
Stuart	79	26	52	-2	0.00	-0.96	0
Danville AG	80	32	55	-1	0.00	-0.77	0
Chatham	78	24	50	-3	0.00	-0.77	0
Martinsville	77	31	50	-3	0.00	-0.83	0
<b>SOUTHEASTERN</b>							
Norfolk VA	78	42	55	-1	0.02	-0.68	1
Oceana	76	38	52	-4	0.09	-0.54	1
Emporia	77	32	54	-1	0.02	-0.68	1
Newport News	76	33	51	-5	0.29	-0.41	1

Departure from Normal based on 1961-90 Normals.

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