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WEATHER & CROPS



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CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 18, 2004

The week started off cold and wet as a large rainstorm crossed Virginia. Precipitation persisted until Wednesday. Most areas experienced up to 2 inches of accumulative rain, while some regions exceeded 4 inches of accumulative rain. The temperature varied greatly. With the rainstorm cooling the State off in the first part of the week, some counties experienced nighttime lows below freezing. However, later in the week, most of the State experienced daytime highs above 80 degrees. Because of the excessive rain, days suitable for fieldwork were 2.5. The weekend was warm, sunny, and breezy. This caused significant drying that allowed for good progress to be made on no till planting. Pasture conditions have improved this week, the much needed rain followed by warm temperatures brought rapid growth. Some livestock farmers have stopped supplemental feeding. Vegetable producers have been busy tending to their greenhouse. The cabbage crop looked extremely good, with most of the crop beginning to set heads. Other farming activities included farmers scouting wheat crops for insect and mildew pressure, tilling ground for soybeans, reconditioning soybean planters, and turkey hunting.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT

Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
April 18, 2004	1	8	72	19
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	7	38	45	9
Livestock	1	5	28	58	8
Other Hay	2	4	39	46	9
Alfalfa Hay	2	4	43	44	7
Winter Wheat	1	5	25	56	13
Barley	1	5	29	55	10
Tobacco Greenhouse	0	0	22	61	17
Tobacco Plantbeds	0	0	30	34	36
Summer Potatoes	10	7	50	24	9
All Apples	0	0	80	11	9
Peaches	0	0	66	26	8

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average
Corn Planted	24	11	14	24
Winter Wheat - Headed	3	1	3	NA
Summer Potatoes - Planted	85	65	81	95

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WEATHER STATION	TEMPERATURE (degrees Fahrenheit)				PRECIPITATION (inches)		
	HI	LO	Average	Departure From Normal	TOTAL	Departure From Normal	Days
NORTHERN							
Woodstock	82	30	47	-8	1.49	0.86	3
The Plains	82	28	47	-7	2.36	1.59	4
Winchester 7 SE	83	28	48	-5	2.15	1.45	3
Dale Enterprise	78	31	46	-7	2.26	1.70	4
WESTERN							
Glasgow	84	34	51	-5	4.11	3.48	4
Roanoke AP	82	40	54	-2	2.53	1.77	4
Waynesboro	80	31	47	-6	3.34	2.71	4
Staunton AG	81	32	49	-3	2.65	2.02	4
CENTRAL							
Somerset	83	30	50	-6	2.51	1.81	4
Piedmont Res ST	83	38	51	-5	2.48	1.78	4
Bremo Bluff	85	28	49	-7	2.22	1.55	4
Richmond AP	84	38	54	-4	2.22	1.56	4
EASTERN							
Eastville	80	38	54	-3	1.54	0.92	4
Wallops Island	67	35	51	-5	2.56	2.06	4
Williamsburg	87	38	59	2	1.89	1.25	4
Keysville	82	34	52	-4	2.04	1.34	4
SOUTHWESTERN							
Blacksburg AG	76	31	47	-4	2.36	1.52	4
Wytheville	75	31	47	-3	2.12	1.42	3
Saltville	77	32	51	-3	3.14	2.30	4
Richlands	75	28	50	4	2.45	1.61	4
SOUTHERN							
Stuart	82	36	52	-3	3.23	2.25	4
Danville AG	84	38	53	-5	2.17	1.46	4
Chatham	83	30	50	-5	2.31	1.54	4
Martinsville	81	29	51	-4	3.12	2.29	4
SOUTHEASTERN							
Norfolk VA	84	43	59	3	1.56	0.86	4
Oceana	80	36	57	0	1.60	0.97	4
Emporia	84	35	54	-3	2.57	1.88	4
Newport News	82	35	56	-2	1.38	0.68	4

Departure from Normal based on 1961-90 Normals.

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