



National Agricultural  
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# WEATHER & CROPS



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## CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 27, 2003

Most of Virginia experienced cooler weather this week. Some areas experienced sporadic rain showers throughout the week which delayed planting. However, most farmers were able to get into the drying fields. Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.7. Due to the cold and wet weather in the last several weeks, farmers throughout Virginia were one to three weeks behind normal with spring fieldwork. Application of herbicides, fertilizer, and lime continued as farmers prepared their cropland. Other farming activities included vegetable farmers laying mulch, producers tending strawberry patches, and soybean planting beginning.

### TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT

Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
April 27	0	1	67	32
April 20	0	1	57	42
April 13	0	0	55	45
April 6	0	4	68	28

### CROP CONDITION PERCENT

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pastures	1	6	27	56	10
Livestock	1	4	21	66	8
Other Hay	0	3	25	65	7
Alfalfa Hay	0	3	22	63	12
Winter Wheat	8	14	36	37	5
Barley	3	11	31	47	8
Tobacco Greenhouse	0	0	13	55	32
Tobacco Plantbeds	0	10	30	55	5
Summer Potatoes	10	15	35	35	5
Apples	0	0	48	47	5
Peaches	10	0	26	59	5

### CROP PROGRESS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average
Corn Planted	35	17	60	41
Corn Emerged	10	1	38	10
Winter Wheat Headed	13	4	47	9
Flue Tobacco Planted	1	0	11	3
Cotton Planted	15	0	27	15
Summer Potatoes Planted	100	85	100	100

**WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING April 28, 2003**

WEATHER STATION	TEMPERATURE (degrees Fahrenheit)				PRECIPITATION (inches)		
	HI	LO	Average	Departure From Normal	TOTAL	Departure From Normal	Days
Blacksburg	68	31	52	-2	0.24	-0.60	4
Bremo Bluff	75	35	56	-2	0.27	-0.45	2
Burkes Garden	72	26	50	1	0.32	-0.56	3
Camp Pickett	72	33	57	-2	0.58	-0.14	2
Chatham	71	31	55	-2	0.34	-0.50	2
Dale Enterprise	69	31	52	-4	0.32	-0.31	3
Danville AG	73	37	58	-3	0.27	-0.50	3
Floyd	67	34	53	-1	0.19	-0.65	3
Free Union	71	33	55	-5	0.31	-0.54	2
Glasgow	74	34	56	-2	0.35	-0.35	3
Hillsville	69	30	53	-2	0.04	-0.79	4
Lake Of The Woods	68	36	55	-3	0.49	-0.28	3
Lynchburg	71	35	57	-2	0.62	-0.13	3
Mount Weather	67	35	51	-2	0.47	-0.39	3
Norfolk	72	45	60	2	1.13	0.42	3
Piedmont Rsrch. Stat.	70	38	56	-2	0.20	-0.57	2
Pulaski	69	31	52	-2	0.23	-0.47	3
Richlands	76	31	54	5	0.52	-0.36	4
Richmond	73	40	59	-1	0.43	-0.27	2
Roanoke	70	40	56	-2	0.50	-0.29	3
Saltville	77	31	55	1	0.38	-0.52	3
Somerset	69	42	55	-2	0.25	-0.52	1
Staunton	71	37	53	-2	0.36	-0.34	3
Stuart	72	35	56	-3	0.69	-0.29	4
The Plains	69	35	54	-3	0.64	-0.15	3
Washington Dulles	70	37	56	1	0.35	-0.42	3
Waynesboro	70	32	53	-2	0.48	-0.22	2
Winchester	71	33	53	-2	0.51	-0.24	3
Woodstock	72	36	54	-4	0.25	-0.39	2
Wytheville	71	30	52	0	0.44	-0.34	3

Departure from Normal based on 1961-90 Normals.

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