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# WEATHER & CROPS



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## CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 25, 2004

It was a warm week for Virginia. Temperatures increased from last week's average of 55 degrees to this week's average of 70 degrees. Most areas experienced less than 2 days of rain throughout the week, with the average accumulative precipitation for the State under .5 of an inch. Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.8. Farmers have spent this week vigorously planting corn. Great progress has been made in no till planting. Virginia is 4% above the 5 year average for corn planted for this time of year, much of this is attributed to the no till planting. Although the dry conditions have allowed good progress to be made in fieldwork, most farmers desire some rainfall. The rain is needed to help with the spring hay crop, improve small grain conditions, and to assist in corn germination. Other farming activities for the week included farmers applying lime, planting vegetables, and preparing fields for soybeans, cotton, and peanuts.

### TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT

Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
April 25, 2004	0	12	78	10
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	0	4	30	55	11
Livestock	1	5	24	63	7
Other Hay	1	3	30	56	10
Alfalfa Hay	1	4	33	54	8
Winter Wheat	1	5	22	56	16
Barley	1	5	26	53	15
Tobacco Greenhouse	0	0	12	63	25
Tobacco Plantbeds	0	1	27	37	35
Summer Potatoes	5	10	41	34	10
All Apples	0	0	77	21	2
Peaches	0	2	56	36	6
Grapes	0	0	22	73	5

### CROP PROGRESS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average
Corn Planted	42	24	30	38
Corn Emerged	9	NA	7	7
Winter Wheat - Headed	9	3	10	10
Flue Cured Tobacco Transplanted	9	NA	1	2
Cotton Planted	18	NA	11	11
Summer Potatoes - Planted	95	85	96	99

## WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 25, 2004

WEATHER STATION	TEMPERATURE (degrees Fahrenheit)				PRECIPITATION (inches)		
	HI	LO	Average	Departure From Normal	TOTAL	Departure From Normal	Days
<b>NORTHERN</b>							
Woodstock	88	51	68	12	0.25	-0.38	2
The Plains	89	50	68	13	0.49	-0.29	2
Winchester 7 SE	90	48	67	14	0.34	-0.40	3
Dale Enterprise	85	45	65	11	0.25	-0.37	4
<b>WESTERN</b>							
Glasgow	89	48	69	12	0.37	-0.33	1
Roanoke AP	87	54	71	14	0.33	-0.45	2
Waynesboro	85	49	67	14	0.24	-0.45	1
Staunton AG	86	51	68	15	0.17	-0.52	3
<b>CENTRAL</b>							
Somerset	88	54	70	14	0.16	-0.59	2
Piedmont Res ST	88	55	71	15	0.08	-0.67	2
Bremo Bluff	90	45	69	12	0.10	-0.61	2
Richmond AP	90	53	74	15	0.20	-0.50	2
<b>EASTERN</b>							
Eastville	85	51	69	11	0.22	-0.40	1
Wallops Island	82	48	65	7	0.12	-0.41	1
Williamsburg	86	51	71	12	0.26	-0.45	2
Keysville	90	45	73	16	0.30	-0.45	1
<b>SOUTHWESTERN</b>							
Blacksburg AG	82	44	64	12	0.29	-0.55	2
Wytheville	83	48	63	12	0.18	-0.59	2
Saltville	84	44	63	10	0.43	-0.46	2
Richlands	82	44	62	13	0.38	-0.49	3
<b>SOUTHERN</b>							
Stuart	88	49	69	12	0.18	-0.80	1
Danville AG	88	50	71	12	0.07	-0.70	1
Chatham	86	46	67	12	0.70	-0.13	3
Martinsville	87	43	66	10	0.24	-0.60	1
<b>SOUTHEASTERN</b>							
Norfolk VA	88	52	73	14	0.20	-0.50	1
Oceana	86	50	71	13	0.30	-0.35	1
Emporia	87	53	72	15	0.27	-0.43	1
Newport News	86	49	71	13	0.35	-0.35	1

Departure from Normal based on 1961-90 Normals.

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