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WEATHER & CROPS



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CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 4, 2003

Favorable weather across much of Virginia early in the week allowed producers to continue with their spring activities. By the end of the week, showers moved across the state, which slowed or stopped fieldwork progress. Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.2. Despite the good weather early in the week, land preparation and seeding were generally one to two weeks behind normal. Some producers have started cutting first crop hay. Planting of corn and cotton continued while planting of soybeans and peanuts was just starting. Other farming activities included scouting small grains for insects and disease, fence building and tending cattle and sheep.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT

Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
May 4	0	4	72	24
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	24	57	12
Livestock	0	4	20	64	12
Other Hay	0	2	24	65	9
Alfalfa Hay	0	2	18	66	14
Winter Wheat	5	11	34	44	6
Barley	2	11	32	46	9
Tobacco Greenhouse	0	1	10	65	24
Tobacco Plantbeds	0	0	34	65	1
Summer Potatoes	2	8	45	45	0
Apples	0	0	43	57	0
Peaches	11	1	16	69	3

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average
Corn Planted	49	35	71	55
Corn Emerged	23	10	57	15
Soybeans Planted	1	0	5	3
Winter Wheat Headed	27	13	66	13
Flue Tobacco Planted	11	1	20	16
Burley Tobacco Planted	5	0	2	2
Fire Tobacco Planted	5	0	4	6
Peanuts Planted	10	0	35	22
Cotton Planted	26	15	47	42

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 4, 2003

WEATHER STATION	TEMPERATURE (degrees Fahrenheit)				PRECIPITATION (inches)		
	HI	LO	Average	Departure From Normal	TOTAL	Departure From Normal	Days
Blacksburg	78	38	61	7	0.78	-0.12	2
Bremo Bluff	88	36	65	6	0.58	-0.22	2
Burkes Garden	74	33	58	7	0.35	-0.60	3
Camp Pickett	82	43	65	6	1.90	1.09	3
Chatham	84	41	64	6	0.56	-0.34	1
Dale Enterprise	79	36	60	4	0.62	-0.08	5
Danville AG	86	47	67	5	0.97	0.17	3
Floyd	79	36	60	6	1.94	1.07	3
Free Union	83	41	63	3	0.57	-0.41	2
Glasgow	85	43	65	6	1.45	0.69	2
Hillsville	79	40	63	7	0.62	-0.29	4
Lake Of The Woods	81	41	63	5	0.64	-0.25	4
Lynchburg	84	44	67	7	1.45	0.63	2
Mount Weather	81	46	62	8	0.43	-0.50	3
Norfolk	84	51	66	5	0.12	-0.66	2
Piedmont Rsrch. Stat.	81	46	65	7	0.41	-0.48	2
Pulaski	79	40	62	7	0.51	-0.27	3
Richlands	80	37	62	11	0.41	-0.54	3
Richmond	82	46	66	5	0.52	-0.26	3
Roanoke	82	45	66	7	1.68	0.81	2
Saltville	82	38	62	7	0.30	-0.67	3
Somerset	81	39	63	5	0.81	-0.08	2
Staunton	80	46	62	7	1.57	0.81	2
Stuart	85	46	66	7	1.98	0.95	2
The Plains	81	36	61	4	0.37	-0.48	3
Washington Dulles	80	37	63	6	0.12	-0.70	3
Waynesboro	80	40	61	6	0.81	0.05	2
Winchester	83	35	61	4	0.40	-0.37	4
Woodstock	83	38	62	4	0.81	0.09	4
Wytheville	77	37	60	6	0.85	-0.02	3

Departure from Normal based on 1961-90 Normals.

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