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WEATHER & CROPS



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CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 2, 2004

Temperatures continued above normal. A cold front at the end of the week provided needed rain across much of the state. Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.3. Farmers continued planting corn, cotton, and tobacco. Soybean and peanut planting also started. The rainfall should improve pasture, hay, and small grain conditions. Insect pressure on the small grain crops is reported as relatively light at this time. Producers are also starting to harvest small grain silage. Other farming activities included farmers applying lime, planting vegetables, and preparing fields for soybeans, cotton, and peanuts.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT

Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
May 2, 2004	0	7	81	12
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

CROP CONDITION PERCENT

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pastures	1	3	21	57	18
Livestock	1	5	24	62	8
Other Hay	2	4	21	61	12
Alfalfa Hay	1	3	23	62	11
Winter Wheat	1	5	24	54	16
Barley	1	5	24	54	16
Tobacco Greenhouse	0	2	13	64	21
Tobacco Plantbeds	1	3	28	43	25
Summer Potatoes	5	10	31	44	10
All Apples	0	0	82	18	0
Peaches	1	3	46	46	4
Grapes	0	0	19	75	6

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year
Corn Planted	57	42	45	51
Corn Emerged	23	9	19	14
Soybeans Planted	3	NA	1	2
Winter Wheat - Headed	28	9	23	17
Flue Cured Tobacco Transplanted	18	9	8	11
Burley Tobacco Transplanted	5	NA	NA	NA
Dark Fire-Cured Tobacco Transplanted	4	NA	NA	NA
Peanuts Planted	7	NA	7	14
Cotton Planted	40	18	23	33

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 2, 2004

WEATHER STATION	TEMPERATURE (degrees Fahrenheit)				PRECIPITATION (inches)		
	HI	LO	Average	Departure From Normal	TOTAL	Departure From Normal	Days
NORTHERN							
Woodstock	80	37	57	-2	1.33	0.62	3
The Plains	78	35	60	3	1.31	0.47	3
Winchester 7 SE	80	35	58	2	1.39	0.62	3
Dale Enterprise	76	33	56	-1	1.06	0.38	4
WESTERN							
Glasgow	77	35	59	-1	1.13	0.38	3
Roanoke AP	77	39	61	2	1.10	0.24	3
Waynesboro	75	33	56	1	0.97	0.22	3
Staunton AG	76	35	58	3	0.85	0.10	4
CENTRAL							
Somerset	77	38	60	2	1.51	0.64	4
Piedmont Res ST	77	35	60	2	1.78	0.91	3
Bremo Bluff	79	27	60	0	0.50	-0.29	2
Richmond AP	79	37	65	5	0.56	-0.20	2
EASTERN							
Eastville	79	46	62	3	0.89	0.25	2
Wallops Island	73	42	60	0	0.81	0.21	2
Williamsburg	83	37	65	5	1.11	0.27	4
Keysville	80	34	62	3	0.60	-0.17	2
SOUTHWESTERN							
Blacksburg AG	75	35	57	3	0.83	-0.06	3
Wytheville	77	30	54	-1	1.29	0.43	3
Saltville	80	30	56	1	1.91	0.95	3
Richlands	76	28	55	5	1.52	0.58	3
SOUTHERN							
Stuart	80	33	60	1	1.19	0.17	3
Danville AG	82	35	62	-1	0.73	-0.06	2
Chatham	78	30	58	-1	0.76	-0.13	3
Martinsville	77	30	59	0	0.91	0.02	4
SOUTHEASTERN							
Norfolk VA	83	45	65	4	0.87	0.10	2
Oceana	83	40	64	4	1.00	0.25	3
Emporia	81	38	61	3	0.85	0.12	2
Newport News	83	38	65	4	0.91	0.14	3

Departure from Normal based on 1961-90 Normals.
Precipitation Days=Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more.