



National Agricultural
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WEATHER & CROPS



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CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 11, 2003

Showers throughout the week and over the weekend slowed or stopped fieldwork temporarily in some areas. Despite the rain, farmers made good progress with planting of row crops. Planting progress still lags behind normal for this time of year. Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.3. Quality of hay is diminishing as it is too wet to cut in some areas. Other farming activities included apple thinning, treating wheat for diseases, planting vegetables and harvesting strawberries.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT

| Week Ending | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|-------------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| May 11 | 0 | 5 | 64 | 31 |
| May 4 | 0 | 4 | 72 | 24 |
| April 27 | 0 | 1 | 67 | 32 |
| April 20 | 0 | 1 | 57 | 42 |
| April 13 | 0 | 0 | 55 | 45 |

CROP CONDITION PERCENT

| Crop | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|--------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Pastures | 1 | 6 | 24 | 56 | 13 |
| Livestock | 0 | 3 | 18 | 67 | 12 |
| Other Hay | 0 | 2 | 29 | 57 | 12 |
| Alfalfa Hay | 0 | 2 | 24 | 58 | 16 |
| Winter Wheat | 6 | 13 | 34 | 38 | 9 |
| Barley | 2 | 13 | 31 | 46 | 8 |
| Tobacco Greenhouse | 0 | 1 | 8 | 68 | 23 |
| Tobacco Plantbeds | 0 | 0 | 24 | 74 | 2 |
| Summer Potatoes | 5 | 9 | 48 | 28 | 10 |
| Apples | 0 | 0 | 43 | 57 | 0 |
| Peaches | 10 | 0 | 23 | 63 | 4 |

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS

| Crop | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5 Year Average |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| Corn Planted | 64 | 49 | 81 | 69 |
| Corn Emerged | 37 | 23 | 65 | 19 |
| Soybeans Planted | 7 | 1 | 13 | 8 |
| Winter Wheat Headed | 53 | 27 | 84 | 17 |
| Flue Tobacco Planted | 36 | 11 | 43 | 41 |
| Burley Tobacco Planted | 5 | 5 | 5 | 7 |
| Fire Tobacco Planted | 9 | 5 | 31 | 23 |
| Peanuts Planted | 29 | 10 | 58 | 52 |
| Cotton Planted | 64 | 26 | 81 | 75 |

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 11, 2003

| WEATHER STATION | TEMPERATURE (degrees Fahrenheit) | | | | PRECIPITATION (inches) | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|----|---------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------|
| | HI | LO | Average | Departure From Normal | TOTAL | Departure From Normal | Days |
| Blacksburg | 82 | 46 | 62 | 6 | 0.56 | -0.36 | 4 |
| Bremo Bluff | 89 | 39 | 64 | 4 | 2.53 | 1.64 | 4 |
| Burkes Garden | 78 | 47 | 64 | 11 | 0.97 | -0.04 | 6 |
| Camp Pickett | 85 | 43 | 66 | 5 | 1.24 | 0.34 | 4 |
| Chatham | 87 | 47 | 64 | 4 | 0.78 | -0.17 | 5 |
| Dale Enterprise | 81 | 43 | 60 | 1 | 1.82 | 1.05 | 6 |
| Danville AG | 92 | 49 | 68 | 5 | 0.47 | -0.37 | 4 |
| Floyd | 82 | 45 | 61 | 5 | 0.96 | 0.05 | 4 |
| Free Union | 83 | 45 | 63 | -1 | 1.58 | 0.48 | 6 |
| Glasgow | 88 | 47 | 65 | 4 | 1.30 | 0.47 | 6 |
| Hillsville | 84 | 49 | 65 | 7 | 0.57 | -0.41 | 6 |
| Lake Of The Woods | 81 | 44 | 62 | 1 | 1.65 | 0.65 | 6 |
| Lynchburg | 88 | 47 | 65 | 3 | 0.90 | 0.03 | 6 |
| Mount Weather | 77 | 40 | 59 | 3 | 2.49 | 1.51 | 5 |
| Norfolk | 85 | 44 | 68 | 5 | 0.41 | -0.43 | 4 |
| Piedmont Rsrch. Stat. | 83 | 44 | 62 | 2 | 1.28 | 0.28 | 6 |
| Pulaski | 82 | 50 | 64 | 7 | 0.79 | -0.05 | 6 |
| Richlands | 82 | 51 | 66 | 13 | 1.09 | 0.08 | 5 |
| Richmond | 85 | 42 | 66 | 3 | 0.72 | -0.12 | 6 |
| Roanoke | 87 | 47 | 65 | 4 | 0.63 | -0.28 | 5 |
| Saltville | 84 | 51 | 67 | 10 | 0.90 | -0.13 | 6 |
| Somerset | 82 | 42 | 63 | 2 | 1.33 | 0.33 | 6 |
| Staunton | 81 | 43 | 61 | 3 | 1.45 | 0.61 | 5 |
| Stuart | 90 | 49 | 67 | 6 | 0.61 | -0.45 | 4 |
| The Plains | 80 | 41 | 59 | -2 | 2.52 | 1.61 | 6 |
| Washington Dulles | 80 | 41 | 61 | 2 | 2.08 | 1.21 | 6 |
| Waynesboro | 82 | 45 | 62 | 5 | 0.73 | -0.11 | 5 |
| Winchester | 81 | 42 | 60 | 1 | 2.24 | 1.42 | 6 |
| Woodstock | 81 | 45 | 60 | -2 | 2.29 | 1.52 | 6 |
| Wytheville | 81 | 50 | 65 | 8 | 0.79 | -0.12 | 6 |

Departure from Normal based on 1961-90 Normals.

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