

WEATHER & CROPS

CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 26, 2005

Hot and dry weather patterns continued this week in the Commonwealth. Some areas, mainly the southeastern tidewater region, saw some much needed rain on Sunday, but scattered storms in the rest of the state provided little help to break the dry conditions that have lasted since spring. Days suitable for field work were 6.7. Corn, pasture land, and non-irrigated crops are beginning to show signs of stress. Dry soil conditions also slowed soybean germination and stopped further planting of double crop soybeans. In addition, farmers reported mite and thrip damage, as well as the presence of aphids in soybean fields. The wheat harvest has benefited from the warm weather with yield and test weights looking very promising. Hay, tobacco, and barley continue to look good as well. Other farming activities for the week included completing the first cutting of hay, beginning the second cutting, weaning calves in preparation for marketing in August, spraying full season soybeans for weeds, finishing up corn sidedressing, vegetable irrigation, topping tobacco, and harvesting string beans, squash, sweet corn, and tomatoes.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT

Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
May 29, 2005	2	17	73	8
June 5, 2005	1	13	75	11
June 12, 2005	2	16	75	7
June 19, 2005	7	26	65	2
June 26, 2005	10	35	55	0

CROP CONDITION PERCENT

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pastures	3	20	36	36	5
Livestock	0	2	26	61	11
Hay, (other)	1	19	35	40	5
Hay, (alfalfa)	2	7	38	45	8
Corn	2	13	35	44	6
Soybeans	0	9	38	47	6
Winter Wheat	2	9	27	50	12
Barley	3	7	30	47	13
Tobacco, Flue-Cured	0	7	17	54	22
Tobacco, Burley	0	0	2	82	16
Tobacco, Dark Fire-Cured	0	0	29	68	3
Peanuts	0	0	26	72	2
Cotton	0	4	32	61	3
Summer Potatoes	0	3	17	50	30
Apples, (all)	0	0	22	78	0
Peaches	0	2	36	60	2
Grapes	0	0	15	75	10

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year
Corn Silked	6	0	29	11
Soybeans Planted	75	67	80	72
Soybeans Emerged	66	57	69	63
Winter Wheat Harvested	41	21	50	44
Barley Harvested	83	45	91	82
Peanuts Pegged	13	1	24	10
Cotton Squaring	17	1	80	42
Cotton Setting Bolls	2	0	5	1
Summer Potatoes	2	0	0	8

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WEATHER STATION	TEMPERATURE (degrees Fahrenheit)				PRECIPITATION (inches)		
	HI	LO	Average	Departure From Normal	TOTAL	Departure From Normal	Days
NORTHERN							
Woodstock	90	53	70	-4	0.11	-0.66	1
The Plains	90	49	69	-4	0.01	-0.83	1
Winchester 7 SE	92	48	69	-3	0.23	-0.68	2
Dale Enterprise	89	52	69	-3	0.08	-0.62	1
WESTERN							
Glasgow	88	55	71	-3	0.53	-0.21	3
Roanoke AP	88	57	71	-3	0.08	-0.64	2
Waynesboro	86	53	68	-3	0.75	0.12	3
Staunton AG	86	55	69	-2	0.19	-0.44	1
CENTRAL							
Somerset	89	53	70	-4	0.31	-0.46	3
Piedmont Res ST	89	55	72	-2	0.00	-0.77	0
Bremo Bluff	94	51	73	-2	0.16	-0.63	3
Richmond AP	89	55	74	-2	0.00	-0.87	0
EASTERN							
Eastville	85	55	71	-5	0.00	-0.77	0
Wallops Island	85	53	70	-6	0.00	-0.63	0
Williamsburg	87	54	72	-3	0.07	-0.87	2
Keysville	92	53	73	-1	0.22	-0.62	2
SOUTHWESTERN							
Blacksburg AG	84	51	67	-2	0.16	-0.62	1
Wytheville	84	50	67	-2	0.26	-0.45	2
Saltville	86	48	69	0	0.88	-0.04	2
Richlands	86	50	67	4	0.25	-0.67	2
SOUTHERN							
Stuart	88	54	71	-2	0.26	-0.74	2
Danville AG	90	55	72	-5	0.08	-0.77	2
Chatham	85	50	68	-5	0.86	0.05	2
Martinsville	86	50	69	-5	0.09	-0.83	1
SOUTHEASTERN							
Norfolk VA	87	62	74	-3	0.00	-0.93	0
Oceana	89	56	72	-5	0.01	-0.83	1
Emporia	89	53	72	-2	0.00	-0.91	0
Newport News	92	56	75	0	0.00	-0.93	0

Departure from Normal based on 1961-90 Normals.

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