



WEATHER & CROPS



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CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 6, 2003

The beginning of the week brought on warm and sunny conditions for most of Virginia. However, the latter part of the week saw more rain and wet field conditions. Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.3. Corn fields showed signs of nitrogen deficiency. Producers in several parts of the state expected to cut more silage this year due to the excessive amounts of rain. A few farmers were able to make a second cutting of alfalfa hay, but it was poor in quality due to the rain. Pastures were in great shape and livestock water supplies were adequate or better. Small grain harvesting continued to run behind schedule. Some farmers had to replant soybeans after excess moisture caused rot. Tobacco was yellowing due to leaching of nitrogen and some areas reported premature flowering. Other farming activities included planting vegetables, harvesting sweet corn cucumbers, tomatoes, and squash, spraying herbicides on soybeans, cotton and peanuts, weeding and spraying pumpkins, and cultivating cotton and tobacco.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT

Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
July 6	0	4	47	49
June 29	0	4	37	59
June 22	0	0	31	69
June 15	0	0	35	65
June 8	0	0	34	66

CROP CONDITION PERCENT

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pastures	0	3	20	49	28
Livestock	0	1	13	63	23
Other Hay	3	14	35	34	14
Alfalfa Hay	2	14	34	38	12
Corn for Grain	4	11	27	40	18
Soybeans	0	4	24	61	11
Winter Wheat	11	22	42	23	2
Flue Tobacco	11	19	40	22	8
Burley Tobacco	5	11	24	55	5
Fire Tobacco	17	28	38	14	3
Sun Tobacco	0	7	87	6	0
Peanuts	0	7	42	51	0
Cotton	7	17	36	37	3
Summer Potatoes	0	0	5	30	65
Apples	0	0	48	43	9
Peaches	8	1	31	37	23

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average
Corn for Grain Emerged	97	93	100	99
Corn for Grain Silked	19	7	41	25
Soybeans Planted	69	59	94	85
Soybeans Emerged	56	46	85	76
Winter Wheat Harvested	69	38	92	78
Barley Harvested	92	78	99	96
Fire Tobacco Planted	95	88	100	100
Peanuts Pegged	20	0	37	40
Cotton Squaring	11	6	79	75
Summer Potatoes Harvested	17	5	58	32
Summer Apples	10	NA	NA	NA

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 6, 2003

WEATHER STATION	TEMPERATURE (degrees Fahrenheit)				PRECIPITATION (inches)		
	HI	LO	Average	Departure From Normal	TOTAL	Departure From Normal	Days
Blacksburg	87	59	70	1	3.85	2.97	3
Bremo Bluff	97	59	74	-2	2.23	1.43	2
Burkes Garden	82	53	66	0	2.40	1.38	3
Camp Pickett	91	60	73	-3	2.10	1.21	4
Chatham	90	60	73	-2	2.30	1.37	6
Dale Enterprise	91	59	73	1	2.41	1.66	5
Danville AG	94	63	75	-3	2.16	1.21	3
Floyd	85	56	68	-2	2.05	1.21	4
Free Union	95	60	75	-2	2.30	1.34	5
Glasgow	93	62	75	1	2.07	1.27	5
Hillsville	87	58	71	1	3.85	2.88	5
Lake Of The Woods	93	65	75	0	2.21	1.31	6
Lynchburg	91	62	74	-2	5.43	4.54	4
Mount Weather	87	62	72	2	1.46	0.55	2
Norfolk	95	71	81	4	0.60	-0.44	2
Piedmont Rsrch. Stat.	92	64	74	-1	2.10	1.20	4
Pulaski	85	59	70	-1	3.51	2.66	4
Richlands	85	59	70	5	1.23	0.21	4
Richmond	94	66	78	2	1.01	-0.01	3
Roanoke	91	65	75	0	2.39	1.59	4
Saltville	87	60	71	1	2.18	1.16	4
Somerset	96	69	79	5	2.29	1.39	3
Staunton	89	61	72	0	1.68	0.99	5
Stuart	90	61	73	-1	2.59	1.45	3
The Plains	92	62	73	-1	1.30	0.46	3
Washington Dulles	93	65	76	2	0.67	-0.15	3
Waynesboro	91	61	72	0	2.89	2.20	3
Winchester	92	61	74	2	0.85	-0.06	3
Woodstock	92	62	74	1	1.43	0.60	3
Wytheville	85	57	68	-2	3.33	2.46	5

Departure from Normal based on 1961-90 Normals.

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