

WEATHER & CROPS

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CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 24, 2003

Most of Virginia got some relief from the rain this week with drier conditions and higher than normal temperatures. Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.0. Pastures and livestock remained in good condition. Many farmers were able to get their second or third hay cutting in during the week due to the nice days. Some peaches had signs of brown rot from all of the recent wet weather. Apples were damaged by bears in a few orchards. Other farming activities included bushhogging field borders, applying herbicides to soybeans, getting corn harvesting equipment ready, cutting silage, harvesting tobacco, scouting soybeans and cotton for insects, scouting peanuts for diseases, spraying cotton and peanuts for insects, and attending field days.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT

Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
August 24	0	5	73	22
August 17	0	1	67	32
August 10	0	1	55	44
August 3	0	2	63	35
July 27	0	5	70	25

CROP CONDITION PERCENT

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pastures	0	1	12	60	27
Livestock	0	1	17	62	20
Other Hay	0	10	32	43	15
Alfalfa Hay	2	10	26	47	15
Corn for Grain	15	5	22	35	23
Soybeans	1	5	22	52	20
Flue Tobacco	19	19	27	29	6
Burley Tobacco	5	15	40	30	10
Fire Tobacco	7	9	39	37	8
Sun Tobacco	0	0	61	39	0
Peanuts	0	7	13	60	20
Cotton	0	7	24	43	26
Apples	0	18	36	46	0
Grapes	0	4	25	71	0

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average
Corn for Grain Silked	95	92	100	99
Corn for Grain Dough	74	66	89	77
Corn for Grain Dent	46	35	74	55
Corn for Grain Mature	14	1	48	30
Corn for Grain Harvested	1	NA	9	4
Corn for Silage Harvested	15	8	27	17
Soybeans Blooming	83	70	90	84
Soybeans Setting Pods	55	41	68	60
Flue Tobacco Harvested	31	21	21	31
Burley Tobacco Harvested	7	2	9	13
Fire Tobacco Harvested	32	15	39	42
Sun Tobacco Harvested	32	5	27	32
Peanuts Pegged	98	85	100	100
Cotton Setting Bolls	93	85	100	100
Summer Apples Harvested	95	86	98	93
Fall Apples Harvested	7	NA	21	4
Peaches Harvested	90	83	90	80

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WEATHER STATION	TEMPERATURE (degrees Fahrenheit)				PRECIPITATION (inches)		
	HI	LO	Average	Departure From Normal	TOTAL	Departure From Normal	Days
Blacksburg	86	57	72	4	0.07	-0.77	1
Bremo Bluff	96	60	77	3	0.00	-0.95	0
Burkes Garden	82	50	67	2	0.05	-0.79	1
Camp Pickett	91	61	76	3	0.50	-0.37	1
Chatham	89	64	75	2	0.95	0.11	4
Dale Enterprise	90	56	73	3	0.51	-0.26	2
Danville AG	93	68	79	3	1.06	0.22	3
Floyd	87	56	70	2	0.05	-0.72	1
Free Union	90	60	74	0	0.11	-0.94	1
Glasgow	92	60	77	4	0.30	-0.40	1
Hillsville	86	59	73	5	0.90	0.24	2
Lake Of The Woods	92	58	76	2	0.32	-0.61	3
Lynchburg	90	62	75	2	0.58	-0.19	1
Mount Weather	89	56	74	4	0.00	-0.84	0
Norfolk	93	72	79	3	0.02	-1.03	1
Piedmont Rsrch. Stat.	92	61	76	3	0.55	-0.38	2
Pulaski	85	58	72	3	0.00	-0.70	0
Richlands	86	55	72	7	0.71	-0.13	3
Richmond	92	63	78	2	0.38	-0.57	1
Roanoke	91	62	77	4	0.05	-0.86	1
Saltville	87	57	73	4	0.24	-0.60	1
Somerset	92	58	75	2	0.31	-0.62	3
Staunton	90	56	75	5	0.36	-0.48	3
Stuart	91	64	76	4	1.37	0.35	3
The Plains	91	52	73	0	0.05	-0.79	1
Washington Dulles	92	56	76	4	0.27	-0.64	1
Waynesboro	90	56	74	4	0.16	-0.68	2
Winchester	92	51	74	3	0.06	-0.71	1
Woodstock	92	54	74	2	0.18	-0.52	1
Wytheville	85	56	72	3	0.28	-0.46	1

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