



WEATHER & CROPS



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CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 29, 2004

Virginia farmers welcomed a dry week. The Commonwealth received less than a 10th of an inch of rain for the 7 days. Average temperatures were around 73 degrees, which was typical for this time of year. Day's suitable for fieldwork were 6.3. Farmers were able to make good progress in the wake of the dry week; hay, alfalfa, and corn for grain were harvested. Good progress was also made on corn for silage. However, the optimal time for harvesting corn for silage is soon passing with the dry weather. Virginia's tobacco continued to be harvested as fast as producers could turn barns around. Overall, farmers remain optimistic in response to early harvested corn yields and good livestock prices. Other farming activities included scouting corn for earworms and soybeans for aphids, planting fall vegetables, and tilling some fields.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT

Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
August 29, 2004	0	14	72	14
August 22, 2004	0	9	67	24
August 15, 2004	0	5	64	31
August 8, 2004	0	8	71	21
August 1, 2004	1	9	61	29

CROP CONDITION PERCENT

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pastures	0	3	17	61	19
Livestock	0	1	10	71	18
Other Hay	0	4	18	60	18
Alfalfa Hay	0	3	18	60	19
Corn for Grain	0	1	7	47	45
Soybeans	0	4	11	50	35
Burley Tobacco	0	2	30	60	8
Peanuts	0	0	19	36	45
Cotton	0	0	15	30	55
All Apples	3	2	65	30	0
Grapes	1	1	5	93	0

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average
Corn for Grain Dent	79	69	56	63
Corn for Grain Mature	49	34	24	38
Corn for Grain Harvested	4	0	4	7
Corn Silage Harvested	50	36	28	26
Soybeans Setting Pods	95	88	69	70
Soybean Dropping Leaves	5	2	1	1
Tobacco, Flue-Cured Harvested	55	46	38	38
Tobacco, Burley Harvested	20	12	13	23
Tobacco, Dark Fire-Cured Harvested	78	64	38	53
Tobacco, Sun Harvested	94	63	45	52
Cotton Bolls Opening	54	48	10	16
Fall Apples Harvested	12	2	14	8
Peaches Harvested	99	88	96	88

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 29, 2004

WEATHER STATION	TEMPERATURE (degrees Fahrenheit)				PRECIPITATION (inches)		
	HI	LO	Average	Departure From Normal	TOTAL	Departure From Normal	Days
NORTHERN							
Woodstock	94	55	73	2	0.00	-0.70	0
The Plains	89	56	73	0	0.01	-0.83	1
Winchester 7 SE	93	54	72	2	0.02	-0.75	1
Dale Enterprise	91	54	71	1	0.00	-0.77	0
WESTERN							
Glasgow	92	59	74	2	0.18	-0.52	1
Roanoke AP	90	59	74	1	0.16	-0.74	1
Waynesboro	88	56	71	2	0.00	-0.80	0
Staunton AG	89	56	71	2	0.09	-0.71	1
CENTRAL							
Somerset	90	56	72	-2	0.09	-0.82	1
Piedmont Res ST	89	58	73	0	0.02	-0.89	1
Bremo Bluff	96	54	74	1	0.00	-0.90	0
Richmond AP	89	62	76	2	0.00	-0.89	0
EASTERN							
Eastville	86	61	74	-2	0.00	-0.84	0
Wallops Island	86	59	74	-4	0.00	-0.77	0
Williamsburg	88	61	75	0	0.05	-1.00	1
Keysville	90	59	74	1	0.07	-0.79	1
SOUTHWESTERN							
Blacksburg AG	87	53	70	2	0.23	-0.61	1
Wytheville	85	55	68	0	0.07	-0.63	1
Saltville	88	55	73	4	0.00	-0.82	0
Richlands	86	56	71	8	0.69	-0.15	5
SOUTHERN							
Stuart	88	58	72	2	0.00	-1.01	0
Danville AG	90	63	75	-2	0.00	-0.80	0
Chatham	87	58	71	-2	0.00	-0.84	0
Martinsville	88	58	71	-2	0.05	-0.79	1
SOUTHEASTERN							
Norfolk VA	85	62	75	-2	0.00	-1.04	0
Oceana	83	61	74	-3	0.00	-1.26	0
Emporia	89	60	74	1	0.08	-0.90	1
Newport News	90	63	77	1	0.00	-1.04	0

Departure from Normal based on 1961-90 Normals.

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