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CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 11, 2005

Dry conditions the week of September 5-11, 2005 allowed farmers to make good progress with their field work. Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.9. The dry conditions impacted the state's crops in many ways. Hay continues to be harvested, but the dry weather slowed the growth of grass. It was reported that corn stalks are drying rapidly. Many farmers reported that pasture quality declined. Fall grass seeding was delayed. Soybeans were also impacted by the dry weather. Some double-crop soybeans are beginning to wilt, while mature full season beans are dropping leaves earlier than usual. Other farming activities for the week includes selling and shipping out yearling cattle, scouting for rust, aphids, and worms in beans, laying plastic and applying chemicals in preparation for strawberry planting towards the end of the month.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT

Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
August 7, 2005	6	33	56	5
August 14, 2005	7	27	62	4
August 21, 2005	4	29	63	4
August 28, 2005	7	29	62	2
September 4, 2005	8	39	52	1
September 11, 2005	18	49	33	0

CROP CONDITION PERCENT

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pastures	8	25	36	27	4
Livestock	0	4	25	64	7
Hay, (other)	8	22	38	28	4
Hay, (alfalfa)	1	13	45	38	3
Corn	1	8	28	48	15
Soybeans	3	16	29	43	9
Tobacco, Flue-Cured	0	4	47	49	0
Tobacco, Burley	0	12	28	36	24
Peanuts	0	9	13	70	8
Cotton	6	6	22	57	9
Apples, (all)	0	0	55	45	0
Grapes	0	1	17	66	16

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year
Corn Dough	98	94	100	95
Corn Dent	80	72	92	85
Corn Mature	57	37	73	64
Corn Grain Harvested	9	0	23	20
Corn Silage Harvested	65	51	75	53
Soybeans Setting Pods	93	86	99	93
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	16	3	17	10
Barley Seeded	7	0	5	2
Flue-Cured Tobacco Harvested	47	42	73	58
Burley Tobacco Harvested	42	21	54	58
Dark Fire-Cured Tobacco Harvested	82	78	93	79
Cotton Opening Bolls	75	72	77	42
Fall Apples Harvested	63	58	51	31

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 11, 2005

WEATHER STATION	TEMPERATURE (degrees Fahrenheit)				PRECIPITATION (inches)		
	HI	LO	Average	Departure From Normal	TOTAL	Departure From Normal	Days
NORTHERN							
Woodstock	88	49	68	-2	0.00	-0.76	0
The Plains	84	51	68	-3	0.00	-0.83	0
Winchester 7 SE	85	46	66	-3	0.00	-0.77	0
Dale Enterprise	83	47	65	-4	0.00	-0.77	0
WESTERN							
Glasgow	87	52	69	-2	0.00	-0.70	0
Roanoke AP	85	51	69	-2	0.00	-0.84	0
Waynesboro	84	48	66	-2	0.00	-0.78	0
Staunton AG	84	51	67	-1	0.00	-0.78	0
CENTRAL							
Somerset	85	51	68	-3	0.00	-0.84	0
Piedmont Res ST	86	55	71	1	0.00	-0.84	0
Bremo Bluff	90	50	72	2	0.00	-0.77	0
Richmond AP	90	58	73	1	0.00	-0.77	0
EASTERN							
Eastville	84	62	73	-1	0.00	-0.77	0
Wallops Island	84	59	71	-4	0.00	-0.77	0
Williamsburg	86	60	73	-1	0.01	-1.04	1
Keysville	90	53	71	1	0.00	-0.84	0
SOUTHWESTERN							
Blacksburg AG	82	44	64	-3	0.00	-0.78	0
Wytheville	84	40	63	-4	0.00	-0.70	0
Saltville	87	46	67	-1	0.00	-0.77	0
Richlands	85	45	65	4	0.00	-0.77	0
SOUTHERN							
Stuart	86	52	69	-1	0.00	-1.05	0
Danville AG	89	54	72	-2	0.00	-0.77	0
Chatham	85	48	66	-4	0.00	-0.84	0
Martinsville	85	47	67	-3	0.00	-0.91	0
SOUTHEASTERN							
Norfolk VA	83	62	75	2	0.00	-0.97	0
Oceana	84	58	75	0	0.00	-1.13	0
Emporia	91	58	73	4	0.00	-0.91	0
Newport News	86	58	73	-1	0.02	-0.95	2

Departure from Normal based on 1961-90 Normals.

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