



# WEATHER & CROPS



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## CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 14, 2003

Virginia faced more rainy weather this week with temperatures slightly below normal. A few counties saw nice weather during the first part of the week, but later received rainfall at the end of the week. Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.0. There were several reports of saturated fields. Corn for grain and corn silage harvests continued when farmers were able to get into their fields. For the most part, hay fields and pastures were doing well. Livestock continued to thrive. Land prep for small grains began where farmers were able to get into their fields. Tobacco harvests continued. There were some reports of premature ripening and growers were experiencing a few curing problems. Other farming activities included preparing equipment for soybean harvest, bushhogging field borders, spreading lime, sampling soils, applying last minute insecticides and herbicides to soybeans, harvesting some vegetables, making hay, stockpiling fescue, applying fungicides to peanuts, preparing cotton and peanut equipment for harvesting, scouting soybeans and peanuts for insects and diseases, and tracking Hurricane Isabel.

### TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT

Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
September 14	1	7	69	23
September 7	0	5	73	22
August 31	1	15	73	11
August 24	0	5	73	22
August 17	0	1	67	32

### CROP CONDITION PERCENT

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pastures	0	1	15	60	24
Livestock	0	0	13	71	16
Other Hay	0	8	23	58	11
Alfalfa Hay	2	12	23	54	9
Corn for Grain	2	15	21	40	22
Soybeans	3	7	20	43	27
Flue Tobacco	3	18	42	29	8
Burley Tobacco	2	20	45	27	6
Peanuts	0	5	17	52	26
Cotton	0	6	17	54	23
Apples	0	15	42	40	3
Grapes	0	3	20	77	0

### CROP PROGRESS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average
Corn for Grain Dough	91	87	100	97
Corn for Grain Dent	79	73	96	86
Corn for Grain Mature	52	42	82	67
Corn for Grain Harvested	16	10	35	26
Corn for Silage Harvested	57	43	73	58
Soybeans Setting Pods	94	82	96	93
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	7	2	19	11
Winter Wheat Seeded	1	NA	4	2
Barley Seeded	3	1	5	1
Flue Tobacco Harvested	57	48	47	58
Burley Tobacco Harvested	49	31	74	70
Fire Tobacco Harvested	72	59	85	84
Sun Tobacco Harvested	86	67	97	86
Peanuts Dug	1	NA	NA	1
Cotton Bolls Opening	33	25	63	50
Fall Apples Harvested	38	28	41	24
Winter Apples Harvested	4	NA	22	7

**WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 14, 2003**

WEATHER STATION	TEMPERATURE (degrees Fahrenheit)				PRECIPITATION (inches)		
	HI	LO	Average	Departure From Normal	TOTAL	Departure From Normal	Days
Blacksburg	77	46	62	-4	0.06	-0.71	1
Bremo Bluff	82	49	65	-6	1.10	0.33	2
Burkes Garden	76	42	59	-4	0.05	-0.72	1
Camp Pickett	78	52	66	-4	0.90	0.18	2
Chatham	76	49	64	-5	0.66	-0.19	3
Dale Enterprise	75	45	62	-6	0.66	-0.11	3
Danville AG	79	55	67	-5	0.81	0.04	3
Floyd	77	43	61	-4	0.13	-0.78	3
Free Union	74	50	63	-9	1.23	0.30	2
Glasgow	79	50	64	-5	0.68	-0.02	2
Hillsville	76	48	64	-3	0.14	-0.72	1
Lake Of The Woods	78	51	66	-5	1.28	0.45	2
Lynchburg	77	50	66	-4	0.47	-0.27	3
Mount Weather	73	53	63	-4	1.01	0.24	2
Norfolk	80	67	74	0	2.29	1.35	4
Piedmont Rsrch. Stat.	77	54	66	-4	1.65	0.82	2
Pulaski	78	43	62	-5	0.10	-0.60	1
Richlands	78	48	65	4	0.05	-0.72	1
Richmond	79	54	69	-4	2.17	1.40	2
Roanoke	78	50	66	-4	0.52	-0.30	1
Saltville	82	49	65	-2	0.01	-0.76	1
Somerset	83	55	70	1	1.20	0.37	2
Staunton	76	48	62	-4	0.44	-0.33	2
Stuart	79	51	67	-2	0.05	-1.00	1
The Plains	78	47	63	-7	1.76	0.96	2
Washington Dulles	80	52	67	-2	1.19	0.40	2
Waynesboro	74	45	61	-6	0.58	-0.19	1
Winchester	79	46	63	-5	0.94	0.20	2
Woodstock	78	48	62	-8	0.85	0.08	2
Wytheville	79	43	62	-4	0.00	-0.70	0

Departure from Normal based on 1961-90 Normals.

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