



WEATHER & CROPS



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CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 26, 2004

Virginia welcomed a dry week. Farmers utilized the sunny weather to make up for lost fieldwork caused by weeks of rain; days suitable for fieldwork were 6.3. The average temperatures for the State decreased to 65 degrees, which is typical for this time of year. Farmers experienced good yields from corn and soybean fields already harvested. Due to the good crop, some local granaries were overloaded and had to shut down for a couple days. The second and third cutting of hay has commenced. Due to the delayed harvest, some quality was lost. Virginia's pumpkin crop is at the center of attention during this time of year. Disease and wet weather has damaged some fields. However, some farmers still have a decent crop. There was some lingering fear that Hurricane Jeanne might damage already stressed crops. Other farming activities including marking calves and lambs, completing the grape harvest, planting strawberries, and repairing damages caused from the recent hurricanes.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT

Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
September 26, 2004	0	4	72	24
September 19, 2004	1	1	64	34
September 12, 2004	0	8	70	22
September 5, 2004	8	18	62	12
August 29, 2004	0	14	72	14

CROP CONDITION PERCENT

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pastures	0	2	18	59	21
Livestock	0	1	10	69	20
Other Hay	0	4	27	53	16
Alfalfa Hay	1	3	21	57	18
Corn for Grain	0	1	7	48	44
Soybeans	1	4	10	49	36
Peanuts	0	3	7	55	35
Cotton	0	3	13	53	31
All Apples	3	1	60	36	0
Grapes	1	1	14	84	0

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average
Corn for Grain Dent	98	95	86	94
Corn for Grain Mature	90	85	62	75
Corn for Grain Harvested	40	36	25	41
Corn Silage Harvested	88	78	71	78
Soybean Dropping Leaves	42	24	21	26
Soybeans Harvested	2	0	2	1
Winter Wheat Seeded	9	6	6	5
Barley Seeded	17	9	10	10
Tobacco, Flue-Cured Harvested	95	91	78	74
Tobacco, Burley Harvested	85	74	79	87
Peanuts Dug	30	15	9	14
Peanuts Combined	10	3	2	6
Cotton Bolls Opening	85	82	51	55
Cotton Harvested	7	3	0	3
Fall Apples Harvested	64	55	51	52
Winter Apples Harvested	13	9	16	23

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 26, 2004

WEATHER STATION	TEMPERATURE (degrees Fahrenheit)				PRECIPITATION (inches)		
	HI	LO	Average	Departure From Normal	TOTAL	Departure From Normal	Days
NORTHERN							
Woodstock	85	42	64	0	0.00	-0.77	0
The_Plains	82	41	62	-4	0.00	-0.77	0
Winchester_7SE	85	41	63	1	0.00	-0.70	0
Dale_Enterprise	83	42	61	-2	0.01	-0.74	1
WESTERN							
Glasgow	87	43	65	2	0.00	-0.77	0
Roanoke_AP	88	46	67	3	0.00	-0.82	0
Waynesboro	84	41	62	0	0.00	-0.84	0
Staunton_AG	86	44	64	3	0.00	-0.84	0
CENTRAL							
Somerset	85	45	64	-2	0.00	-0.84	0
Piedmont_Res_St	85	49	66	2	0.00	-0.84	0
Bremo_Bluff	91	42	65	-1	0.00	-0.79	0
Richmond_AP	88	51	68	2	0.00	-0.77	0
EASTERN							
Eastville	82	52	67	-3	0.00	-0.70	0
Wallops_Island	86	51	66	-4	0.00	-0.68	0
Williamsburg	85	52	68	0	0.00	-0.93	0
Keysville	89	46	65	-2	0.00	-0.87	0
SOUTHWESTERN							
Blacksburg_AG	83	39	61	2	0.00	-0.84	0
Wytheville	84	37	61	1	0.00	-0.76	0
Saltville	87	42	63	2	0.00	-0.77	0
Richlands	84	40	63	7	0.00	-0.77	0
SOUTHERN							
Stuart	87	46	66	3	0.00	-1.04	0
Danville_AG	88	49	66	-2	0.00	-0.83	0
Chatham	84	43	62	-3	0.00	-0.91	0
Martinsville	83	39	62	-3	0.00	-0.91	0
SOUTHEASTERN							
Norfolk_VA	81	54	67	-3	0.00	-0.85	0
Oceana	83	53	68	-4	0.00	-0.94	0
Emporia	88	49	67	2	0.00	-0.84	0
Newport_News	86	52	68	-2	0.00	-0.85	0

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