



WEATHER & CROPS



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CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 5, 2003

Virginia experienced dry weather with cooler temperatures this week. There were several reports of frost one night towards the end of the week. Despite the early frost, farmers continued with their activities. Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.1. Hurricane damage to many crops was still evident. Corn and tobacco were further damaged and some even killed due to the frost experienced in parts of Virginia this week. Soybeans were losing leaves. Pastures remain in fairly good condition. Farmers worked towards finishing up harvesting the last of the hay for the season. Small grains continued to be seeded behind corn and tobacco harvests. Other farming activities included continuing the clean up after Hurricane Isabel, fixing fences, harvesting pumpkins, filing loss reports and insurance claims, defoliating cotton, harvesting tobacco, preparing for peanut harvest, and irrigating strawberries.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT

Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
October 5	0	3	71	26
September 28	0	1	63	36
September 21	0	6	61	33
September 14	1	7	69	23
September 7	0	5	73	22

CROP CONDITION PERCENT

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pastures	0	2	17	54	27
Livestock	0	0	11	70	19
Other Hay	0	4	20	60	16
Alfalfa Hay	2	7	25	52	14
Corn for Grain	7	21	25	36	11
Soybeans	4	10	22	42	22
Peanuts	0	5	32	46	17
Cotton	0	10	27	49	14
Apples	0	10	44	45	1
Grapes	2	6	22	70	0

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average
Corn for Grain Dent	92	87	100	99
Corn for Grain Mature	72	63	96	89
Corn for Grain Harvested	39	26	69	60
Corn for Silage Harvested	85	73	99	93
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	40	24	58	48
Soybeans Harvested	3	2	7	4
Winter Wheat Seeded	10	7	12	9
Barley Seeded	18	12	32	20
Flue Tobacco Harvested	96	82	68	84
Burley Tobacco Harvested	96	85	100	97
Peanuts Dug	21	10	38	45
Peanuts Combined	7	NA	25	25
Cotton Bolls Opening	61	54	90	81
Cotton Harvested	1	NA	26	17
Fall Apples Harvested	68	53	76	64
Winter Apples Harvested	38	18	39	34

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 5, 2003

WEATHER STATION	TEMPERATURE (degrees Fahrenheit)				PRECIPITATION (inches)		
	HI	LO	Average	Departure From Normal	TOTAL	Departure From Normal	Days
Blacksburg	65	24	46	-11	0.02	-0.82	2
Bremo Bluff	74	26	53	-9	0.00	-0.87	0
Burkes Garden	58	19	42	-13	0.09	-0.66	2
Camp Pickett	73	35	55	-8	0.00	-0.81	0
Chatham	73	29	51	-11	0.00	-0.91	0
Dale Enterprise	70	27	48	-13	0.05	-0.70	4
Danville AG	75	35	55	-10	0.00	-0.84	0
Floyd	65	22	46	-11	0.08	-0.83	1
Free Union	70	30	52	-12	0.01	-1.00	1
Glasgow	73	31	52	-10	0.02	-0.75	1
Hillsville	67	28	49	-10	0.01	-0.96	1
Lake Of The Woods	72	32	52	-10	0.20	-0.68	4
Lynchburg	73	28	51	-12	0.00	-0.82	0
Mount Weather	65	31	48	-11	0.29	-0.55	3
Norfolk	77	49	63	-4	0.00	-0.78	0
Piedmont Rsrch. Stat.	72	31	53	-9	0.00	-0.88	0
Pulaski	65	26	47	-12	0.01	-0.74	1
Richlands	64	29	48	-7	0.16	-0.59	2
Richmond	74	36	57	-8	0.00	-0.77	0
Roanoke	71	30	53	-10	0.02	-0.82	1
Saltville	66	28	48	-12	0.03	-0.74	2
Somerset	75	30	55	-8	0.04	-0.84	1
Staunton	69	27	49	-11	0.03	-0.81	2
Stuart	75	31	53	-8	0.28	-0.71	1
The Plains	71	29	49	-13	0.16	-0.61	3
Washington Dulles	73	30	52	-10	0.10	-0.62	3
Waynesboro	71	28	49	-10	0.01	-0.83	1
Winchester	72	29	49	-11	0.34	-0.36	4
Woodstock	71	29	49	-13	0.13	-0.63	4
Wytheville	63	25	45	-13	0.01	-0.76	1

Departure from Normal based on 1961-90 Normals.

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