



WEATHER & CROPS



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CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 9, 2005

Rain was welcomed throughout the Commonwealth during the week ending October 9, 2005. The total average rainfall amount for the state was 3.8 inches and the average temperature was 68.8 degrees. Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.9. The rain improved topsoil and subsoil moisture. Water tables were replenished and pastures were refreshed. Many farmers were still feeding hay to cattle herds, but pastures may rebound after the rain showers. The rain delayed soybean and corn harvesting, but many producers should continue harvesting activities the following week. It was reported that corn and early bean yields looked good while late bean yields may not be as good. The rain moisturized the soil so that farmers should be able to finish peanut digging and continue with small grains and cover crop planting. Pasture over seeding and new hay seedlings should be underway during the next few weeks. Other farming activities for the week included sowing barley, applying lime and fertilizers, harvesting late vegetables, harvesting hay, filling out Disaster Assessment Reports, and repairing fences.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT

Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
September 4, 2005	8	39	52	1
September 11, 2005	18	49	33	0
September 18, 2005	28	49	23	0
September 25, 2005	38	42	19	1
October 2, 2005	47	38	14	1
October 9, 2005	37	28	24	11

CROP CONDITION PERCENT

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pastures	34	32	25	9	0
Livestock	6	11	23	54	6
Hay, (other)	31	27	27	14	1
Hay, (alfalfa)	15	25	40	18	2
Corn	3	10	22	47	18
Soybeans	8	29	32	25	6
Peanuts	0	7	39	54	0
Cotton	0	14	25	53	8
Apples, (all)	19	9	36	34	2
Grapes	0	2	13	78	7

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year
Corn Grain Harvested	60	45	61	60
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	84	68	74	62
Soybeans Harvested	15	8	7	7
Winter Wheat Seeded	13	10	15	14
Barley Seeded	40	31	43	35
Flue-Cured Tobacco Harvested	90	82	100	94
Peanuts Dug	48	22	53	53
Peanuts Combined	33	11	35	35
Cotton Opening Bolls	98	95	94	82
Cotton Harvested	21	10	16	15
Fall Apples Harvested	76	75	83	77
Winter Apples Harvested	22	15	42	48

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WEATHER STATION	TEMPERATURE (degrees Fahrenheit)				PRECIPITATION (inches)		
	HI	LO	Average	Departure From Normal	TOTAL	Departure From Normal	Days
NORTHERN							
Woodstock	85	47	67	8	2.78	2.06	3
The Plains	81	50	67	8	4.82	4.05	3
Winchester 7 SE	83	47	66	8	2.80	2.10	3
Dale Enterprise	81	45	65	8	2.88	2.11	2
WESTERN							
Glasgow	85	50	68	9	8.93	8.13	5
Roanoke AP	82	51	69	9	3.69	2.84	5
Waynesboro	80	50	67	11	5.56	4.72	4
Staunton AG	82	49	66	11	3.94	3.10	4
CENTRAL							
Somerset	82	50	68	9	4.39	3.48	4
Piedmont Res ST	81	51	68	9	7.50	6.59	4
Bremo Bluff	86	50	70	11	3.08	2.17	3
Richmond AP	85	52	72	11	2.39	1.62	3
EASTERN							
Eastville	81	57	71	8	4.80	4.17	2
Wallops Island	82	55	72	7	3.05	2.42	3
Williamsburg	82	55	73	10	2.83	2.07	3
Keysville	83	51	71	11	5.30	4.39	5
SOUTHWESTERN							
Blacksburg AG	81	44	63	9	2.87	2.03	4
Wytheville	81	36	63	8	2.04	1.27	3
Saltville	84	45	65	8	1.15	0.37	2
Richlands	83	49	64	13	0.91	0.14	4
SOUTHERN							
Stuart	82	51	69	10	5.69	4.71	5
Danville AG	83	55	71	9	4.25	3.41	5
Chatham	81	48	68	9	3.00	2.09	5
Martinsville	80	48	67	9	4.30	3.39	4
SOUTHEASTERN							
Norfolk VA	84	61	74	10	3.18	2.41	4
Oceana	83	62	75	9	3.57	2.79	3
Emporia	85	53	72	12	3.02	2.23	3
Newport News	85	51	74	10	4.68	3.91	3

Departure from Normal based on 1961-90 Normals.

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