



WEATHER & CROPS



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CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 10, 2004

Most of the Commonwealth was rain free this week, making it a great week for fieldwork. The average temperature dropped significantly from 67 degrees to a more normal 59 degrees, with nighttime lows in the 40s. Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.5. Farmers have been busy harvesting their crops. Corn harvested for grain has been somewhat delayed due to limited deliveries being accepted at storage facilities. The peanut harvest is in full swing with most of the peanuts in good to excellent condition. Farmers are completing their last cutting of hay, with most of this hay in good to excellent quality. Other farming activities included harvesting apples, spreading lime, sampling soils, applying fertilizer, and planting small grains.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT				
Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
October 10, 2004	0	5	75	20
October 3, 2004	0	3	67	30
September 26, 2004	0	4	72	24
September 19, 2004	1	1	64	34
September 12, 2004	0	8	70	22

CROP CONDITION PERCENT					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pastures	0	3	16	56	25
Livestock	0	1	8	71	20
Other Hay	1	3	22	59	15
Alfalfa Hay	1	4	24	54	17
Soybeans	1	5	14	41	39
Peanuts	0	0	14	70	16
Cotton	0	0	27	57	16
All Apples	3	2	45	50	0
Grapes	9	0	10	79	2

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average
Corn for Grain Harvested	62	54	48	61
Corn Silage Harvested	97	92	90	95
Soybean Dropping Leaves	77	56	59	60
Soybeans Harvested	8	4	6	7
Winter Wheat Seeded	15	13	14	13
Winter Wheat Emerged	5	4	NA	NA
Barley Seeded	46	26	29	33
Peanuts Dug	55	41	27	54
Peanuts Combined	38	18	14	35
Cotton Bolls Opening	95	90	69	81
Cotton Harvested	17	13	3	14
Fall Apples Harvested	84	77	74	74
Winter Apples Harvested	44	28	60	49

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WEATHER STATION	TEMPERATURE (degrees Fahrenheit)				PRECIPITATION (inches)		
	HI	LO	Average	Departure From Normal	TOTAL	Departure From Normal	Days
NORTHERN							
Woodstock	78	36	57	-2	0	-0.7	0
The_Plains	76	33	56	-4	0	-0.77	0
Winchester_7SE	78	34	56	-2	0	-0.7	0
Dale_Enterprise	74	36	55	-3	0	-0.75	0
WESTERN							
Glasgow	76	41	60	2	0	-0.82	0
Roanoke_AP	76	44	61	2	0.03	-0.84	1
Waynesboro	74	38	57	2	0	-0.84	0
Staunton_AG	74	38	56	1	0	-0.84	0
CENTRAL							
Somerset	76	38	58	-2	0	-0.91	0
Piedmont_Res_St	76	40	59	0	0	-0.91	0
Bremo_Bluff	81	34	59	-1	0	-0.93	0
Richmond_AP	77	44	62	2	0	-0.78	0
EASTERN							
Eastville	76	46	61	-3	0	-0.63	0
Wallops_Island	74	43	61	-5	0	-0.61	0
Williamsburg	76	46	63	1	0	-0.74	0
Keysville	80	43	61	2	0	-0.91	0
SOUTHWESTERN							
Blacksburg_AG	74	37	56	2	0.19	-0.65	1
Wytheville	72	40	57	3	0.07	-0.7	1
Saltville	76	41	59	3	0.02	-0.77	1
Richlands	74	38	57	6	0.04	-0.73	1
SOUTHERN							
Stuart	78	43	60	3	0.05	-0.93	1
Danville_AG	78	44	61	1	0	-0.84	0
Chatham	75	39	58	-1	0.01	-0.9	1
Martinsville	75	39	58	-1	0.1	-0.81	2
SOUTHEASTERN							
Norfolk_VA	73	47	63	-2	0.14	-0.61	1
Oceana	74	46	62	-5	0.09	-0.66	1
Emporia	79	44	62	3	0.05	-0.72	1
Newport_News	80	45	65	2	0.09	-0.66	1

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