



WEATHER & CROPS



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CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 19, 2003

Most of Virginia experienced at least a small amount of rainfall this week with precipitation and temperature averages right around normal for this time of the year. For the most part, the state experienced good weather for harvesting and seeding activities. Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.8. Land preparations continued for small grain and cover crop planting. Corn harvesting activities were winding down as cotton, soybean, and peanut harvesting activities were in full force. Other farming activities included hurricane cleanup, baling hay, mowing down corn stalks, defoliating cotton, taking soil samples, and watching the leaves begin turning to fall colors.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT

Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
October 19	1	6	85	8
October 12	1	8	75	16
October 5	0	3	71	26
September 28	0	1	63	36
September 21	0	6	61	33

CROP CONDITION PERCENT

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pastures	0	2	19	56	23
Livestock	0	0	14	63	23
Other Hay	0	4	22	61	13
Alfalfa Hay	3	7	30	46	14
Soybeans	3	9	21	47	20
Peanuts	1	4	23	55	17
Cotton	1	8	31	46	14

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average
Corn for Grain Mature	90	81	100	99
Corn for Grain Harvested	65	52	86	78
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	82	66	84	78
Soybeans Harvested	14	7	18	16
Winter Wheat Seeded	23	15	21	21
Barley Seeded	62	34	74	57
Peanuts Dug	60	30	71	82
Peanuts Combined	35	17	51	65
Cotton Bolls Opening	81	72	100	94
Cotton Harvested	11	4	46	38
Fall Apples Harvested	90	76	95	86
Winter Apples Harvested	84	69	70	64

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 19, 2003

WEATHER STATION	TEMPERATURE (degrees Fahrenheit)				PRECIPITATION (inches)		
	HI	LO	Average	Departure From Normal	TOTAL	Departure From Normal	Days
Blacksburg	73	35	54	3	0.55	-0.29	2
Bremo Bluff	82	32	58	3	0.70	-0.28	2
Burkes Garden	71	32	51	3	1.21	0.44	2
Camp Pickett	78	37	58	2	0.66	-0.23	2
Chatham	79	34	56	2	0.67	-0.18	3
Dale Enterprise	75	37	54	0	0.95	0.25	2
Danville AG	81	40	60	3	0.33	-0.51	2
Floyd	76	33	54	3	0.42	-0.49	3
Free Union	79	38	56	-3	1.11	0.06	2
Glasgow	80	38	58	3	0.71	-0.13	2
Hillsville	75	37	56	4	0.32	-0.59	2
Lake Of The Woods	79	39	57	1	0.99	0.08	2
Lynchburg	79	36	58	2	0.69	-0.15	2
Mount Weather	72	38	53	-1	1.35	0.51	3
Norfolk	77	45	62	2	0.29	-0.41	2
Piedmont Rsrch. Stat.	80	39	57	1	1.09	0.18	2
Pulaski	76	37	56	4	0.05	-0.72	1
Richlands	75	32	54	7	1.21	0.44	2
Richmond	79	39	59	2	0.69	-0.15	2
Roanoke	79	42	60	4	0.59	-0.32	2
Saltville	79	33	55	3	1.03	0.26	2
Somerset	83	35	56	0	0.66	-0.25	1
Staunton	81	36	55	3	0.07	-0.77	4
Stuart	80	38	59	4	0.67	-0.29	3
The Plains	78	37	54	-2	1.00	0.23	1
Washington Dulles	78	39	56	1	1.53	0.83	2
Waynesboro	77	37	55	3	0.79	-0.05	2
Winchester	80	38	54	0	1.26	0.56	2
Woodstock	78	39	55	-2	1.11	0.41	2
Wytheville	74	35	55	4	0.59	-0.18	2

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