



WEATHER & CROPS



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CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 17, 2004

Virginia received an adequate supply of rain this week, making less time for fieldwork. For most of Virginia, the days were mild, while the nights were cooler. A few areas reported a light frost during the week. Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.4. Farmers continued to be busy harvesting their crops when the weather allowed. Pastures and livestock were in good condition. Some hay continues to be harvested. Other farming activities included marketing of calves and lambs, preparing for and seeding small grains, planting cover crops, spreading lime, sampling the soil, bush hogging, fertilizing wheat, chopping corn stalks, stripping tobacco, and vaccinating beef cattle.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT

Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
October 17, 2004	0	4	82	14
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

CROP CONDITION PERCENT

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pastures	0	1	16	56	27
Livestock	0	0	10	69	21
Other Hay	1	3	23	59	14
Alfalfa Hay	0	3	24	55	18
Peanuts	0	0	14	70	16
Cotton	0	1	19	57	23
All Apples	0	1	39	60	0
Grapes	0	0	16	83	1

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average
Corn for Grain Harvested	73	62	61	72
Corn Silage Harvested	98	97	94	98
Soybean Dropping Leaves	87	77	77	76
Soybeans Harvested	16	8	12	14
Winter Wheat Seeded	24	15	21	20
Winter Wheat Emerged	9	5	-1	-1
Barley Seeded	65	46	54	56
Peanuts Dug	74	55	51	73
Peanuts Combined	57	38	30	56
Cotton Bolls Opening	99	95	78	89
Cotton Harvested	28	17	9	25
Fall Apples Harvested	87	84	86	86
Winter Apples Harvested	53	44	80	66

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 17, 2004

WEATHER STATION	TEMPERATURE (degrees Fahrenheit)				PRECIPITATION (inches)		
	HI	LO	Average	Departure From Normal	TOTAL	Departure From Normal	Days
NORTHERN							
Woodstock	71	36	53	-4	0.80	0.10	5
The_Plains	70	32	52	-5	0.48	-0.29	4
Winchester_7SE	73	33	53	-2	0.46	-0.24	4
Dale_Enterprise	69	35	52	-3	0.74	0.04	5
WESTERN							
Glasgow	77	39	57	1	1.76	0.92	4
Roanoke_AP	77	43	58	2	1.65	0.74	4
Waynesboro	71	36	54	1	1.71	0.87	5
Staunton_AG	73	37	53	0	1.25	0.41	5
CENTRAL							
Somerset	73	35	55	-2	0.43	-0.48	4
Piedmont_Res_St	74	39	56	-1	0.20	-0.71	3
Bremo_Bluff	79	33	56	-1	0.84	-0.14	1
Richmond_AP	76	44	59	0	0.97	0.13	2
EASTERN							
Eastville	72	45	58	-4	0.79	0.19	2
Wallops_Island	74	40	57	-7	0.48	-0.08	2
Williamsburg	74	42	58	-2	0.83	0.13	3
Keysville	79	41	57	0	0.81	-0.10	2
SOUTHWESTERN							
Blacksburg_AG	74	35	53	1	0.84	0.00	3
Wytheville	74	38	53	1	0.83	0.06	4
Saltville	76	30	53	-2	1.31	0.54	5
Richlands	75	29	53	5	0.86	0.09	4
SOUTHERN							
Stuart	78	35	57	2	2.25	1.28	3
Danville_AG	76	44	59	1	0.52	-0.32	3
Chatham	76	33	55	-1	0.43	-0.43	3
Martinsville	76	38	56	1	1.18	0.27	3
SOUTHEASTERN							
Norfolk_VA	72	41	59	-4	0.69	-0.01	2
Oceana	75	44	60	-5	0.47	-0.23	2
Emporia	78	39	58	1	1.34	0.57	3
Newport_News	80	41	61	0	0.93	0.23	2

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