



WEATHER & CROPS



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CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 26, 2003

Virginia faced another good weather week for harvesting and seeding activities with below normal temperatures and little precipitation. There were some reports of frost. Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.4. Land preparations continued for small grain and cover crop planting. Farmers made second or third cuttings of hay during the week. Corn harvesting activities were well underway as cotton, peanut and soybean harvesting activities got into full swing this week. Other farming activities included spreading manure and bio-solids, selling lambs and calves, applying lime and herbicides, bushhogging stalks, fertilizing fields, selling pumpkins, cutting fallen trees off of fences, defoliating cotton, baling peanut vines, and paying close attention to commodity prices.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT

Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
October 26	1	16	79	4
October 19	1	6	85	8
October 12	1	8	75	16
October 5	0	3	71	26
September 28	0	1	63	36

CROP CONDITION PERCENT

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pastures	0	3	18	58	21
Livestock	0	1	11	67	21
Other Hay	0	3	23	62	12
Alfalfa Hay	2	6	29	53	10
Soybeans	4	6	18	45	27
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	96	90	100	100
Corn for Grain Harvested	73	65	92	85
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	93	82	91	89
Soybeans Harvested	27	14	28	27
Winter Wheat Seeded	35	23	29	30
Barley Seeded	76	62	87	72
Peanuts Dug	85	60	80	91
Peanuts Combined	60	35	67	78
Cotton Bolls Opening	89	81	100	97
Cotton Harvested	29	11	58	47
Fall Apples Harvested	99	90	100	93
Winter Apples Harvested	95	84	85	81

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 26, 2003

WEATHER STATION	TEMPERATURE (degrees Fahrenheit)				PRECIPITATION (inches)		
	HI	LO	Average	Departure From Normal	TOTAL	Departure From Normal	Days
Blacksburg	72	28	49	-1	0.00	-0.80	0
Bremo Bluff	77	26	52	-4	0.00	-0.97	0
Burkes Garden	70	23	46	1	0.00	-0.77	0
Camp Pickett	77	29	52	-3	0.00	-0.87	0
Chatham	77	29	51	-3	0.00	-0.84	0
Dale Enterprise	72	26	49	-4	0.01	-0.69	1
Danville AG	78	34	54	-3	0.00	-0.84	0
Floyd	72	25	47	-3	0.00	-0.91	0
Free Union	78	30	52	-5	0.00	-1.04	0
Glasgow	77	31	53	-2	0.00	-0.78	0
Hillsville	74	31	51	1	0.00	-0.91	0
Lake Of The Woods	75	30	51	-4	0.00	-0.91	0
Lynchburg	76	28	53	-2	0.00	-0.84	0
Mount Weather	71	33	47	-3	0.00	-0.89	0
Norfolk	81	42	60	2	0.25	-0.45	1
Piedmont Rsrch. Stat.	75	30	51	-3	0.00	-0.91	0
Pulaski	73	28	50	0	0.00	-0.75	0
Richlands	74	28	52	6	0.00	-0.77	0
Richmond	78	32	56	0	0.00	-0.80	0
Roanoke	76	33	54	0	0.00	-0.86	0
Saltville	76	29	52	1	0.00	-0.77	0
Somerset	77	27	51	-3	0.01	-0.90	1
Staunton	73	29	50	0	0.00	-0.80	0
Stuart	80	33	55	2	0.00	-0.91	0
The Plains	77	27	50	-5	0.01	-0.79	1
Washington Dulles	73	28	52	-1	0.00	-0.73	0
Waynesboro	74	28	51	1	0.00	-0.80	0
Winchester	77	27	49	-4	0.01	-0.73	1
Woodstock	76	29	50	-5	0.02	-0.68	1
Wytheville	76	27	51	2	0.00	-0.77	0

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