



WEATHER & CROPS



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CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 24, 2004

Drizzling rains and cool temperatures persisted throughout most of the week. Most areas experienced one inch of rain, except for the southern part of the State which experienced about two inches of rain. The average temperature for the week was normal for this time of year at 55 degrees. The western and northern part of Virginia experienced the coolest temperatures this week, with nighttime lows around 32 degrees. Several of these cooler regions reported their first frost. Days suitable for fieldwork were 2.9. The weather conditions slowed the crop harvest. Only 5% more soybeans were harvested and only 7% more corn was harvested when compared to last week. Other farming activities for the week included marketing lambs and calves, harvesting cotton, planting small grains, and preparing for the deer hunt.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT

Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
October 24, 2004	0	1	77	22
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

CROP CONDITION PERCENT

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pastures	0	3	16	56	25
Livestock	0	1	10	69	20
Other Hay	1	3	27	53	16
Alfalfa Hay	1	3	28	52	16
Soybeans	0	2	21	48	29
Cotton	0	0	28	52	20
All Apples	3	1	37	59	0
Grapes	2	1	22	73	2

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average
Corn for Grain Harvested	80	73	71	79
Soybean Dropping Leaves	93	87	90	88
Soybeans Harvested	21	16	23	24
Winter Wheat Seeded	35	24	32	29
Winter Wheat Emerged	16	9	N/A	N/A
Barley Seeded	76	65	72	72
Peanuts Dug	87	74	78	87
Peanuts Combined	71	57	53	71
Cotton Harvested	40	28	24	35
Fall Apples Harvested	93	87	96	94
Winter Apples Harvested	68	53	92	83

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 24, 2004

WEATHER STATION	TEMPERATURE (degrees Fahrenheit)				PRECIPITATION (inches)		
	HI	LO	Average	Departure From Normal	TOTAL	Departure From Normal	Days
NORTHERN							
Woodstock	62	33	50	-5	0.92	0.22	5
The Plains	64	31	50	-5	0.73	-0.06	5
Winchester 7SE	65	31	50	-3	0.69	-0.04	5
Dale Enterprise	66	34	50	-2	0.64	-0.06	5
WESTERN							
Glasgow	68	36	54	1	0.32	-0.47	5
Roanoke AP	68	41	56	2	0.51	-0.36	3
Waynesboro	70	36	51	0	0.33	-0.48	4
Staunton AG	68	39	51	0	0.54	-0.27	6
CENTRAL							
Somerset	66	33	52	-3	0.31	-0.60	4
Piedmont Res St	65	39	52	-3	0.27	-0.64	4
Bremo Bluff	71	30	53	-3	0.16	-0.82	5
Richmond AP	72	39	57	2	0.83	0.02	3
EASTERN							
Eastville	72	46	58	-2	1.78	1.19	3
Wallops Island	72	39	58	-3	1.37	0.78	3
Williamsburg	74	41	59	2	4.08	3.38	4
Keysville	73	40	56	2	0.61	-0.24	3
SOUTHWESTERN							
Blacksburg AG	66	33	52	3	0.93	0.12	6
Wytheville	68	35	56	6	0.73	-0.04	4
Saltville	74	30	58	7	1.10	0.33	3
Richlands	72	29	57	11	1.55	0.78	5
SOUTHERN							
Stuart	70	36	55	2	0.49	-0.42	5
Danville AG	74	41	57	1	0.86	0.02	5
Chatham	71	33	54	1	0.19	-0.65	6
Martinsville	70	36	56	3	0.26	-0.63	3
SOUTHEASTERN							
Norfolk VA	79	45	61	2	0.80	0.10	3
Oceana	80	44	61	0	0.77	0.07	3
Emporia	76	39	57	2	1.29	0.52	2
Newport News	80	42	62	3	1.70	1.00	4

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