

WEATHER & CROPS

CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 21, 2004

Virginia experienced a fair autumn week. Light showers crossed the Commonwealth with the average temperature around 50 degrees. The average nighttime low dropped to 34 degrees and the average daytime high reached 68 degrees. Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.7. In some areas the soybean harvest has slowed down, producers need another week of dry weather to finish up. Vegetable growers have started putting out row covers for strawberries. Most farmers are done making hay, however, there still remains a few acres left for harvest. Fall calving is well underway, with some areas close to being finished. Other farming activities included fixing fences, taking soil samples, completing paperwork, and hunting deer.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT

Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
November 21, 2004	0	1	81	18
November 14, 2004	0	2	74	24
November 7, 2004	0	1	79	20
October 31, 2004	0	1	74	25
October 24, 2004	0	1	77	22

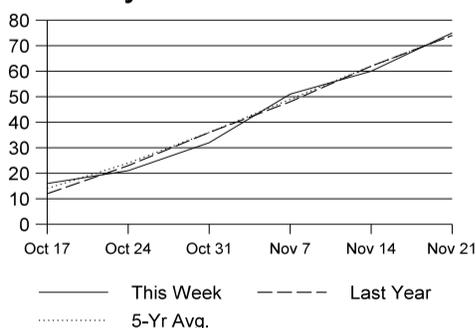
CROP CONDITION PERCENT

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pastures	0	5	26	54	15
Livestock	0	0	11	66	23
Other Hay	3	3	27	53	14
Alfalfa Hay	3	3	25	57	12
Winter Wheat	0	2	20	70	8
Barley	0	2	17	68	13

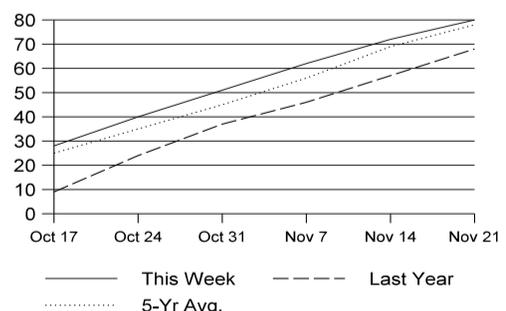
CROP PROGRESS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average
Beef Cattle Forage, % Obtained from Pastures	88	90	N/A	N/A
Milk Cow Forage, % Obtained from Pastures	23	23	N/A	N/A
Sheep Forage, % Obtained from Pastures	88	89	N/A	N/A
Soybeans Harvested	75	60	74	74
Winter Wheat Seeded	86	76	83	76
Winter Wheat Emerged	64	50	N/A	N/A
Cotton Harvested	80	72	68	78

Soybeans Harvested



Cotton Harvested



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WEATHER STATION	TEMPERATURE (degrees Fahrenheit)				PRECIPITATION (inches)		
	HI	LO	Average	Departure From Normal	TOTAL	Departure From Normal	Days
NORTHERN							
Woodstock	67	25	48	4	0.21	-0.42	2
The Plains	66	27	46	2	0.20	-0.58	3
Winchester 7SE	67	25	48	5	0.29	-0.41	3
Dale Enterprise	63	25	48	5	0.54	-0.09	4
WESTERN							
Glasgow	68	27	51	6	0.07	-0.63	3
Roanoke AP	66	29	54	8	0.05	-0.66	2
Waynesboro	65	25	48	6	0.50	-0.19	1
Staunton AG	65	25	49	7	0.67	-0.02	3
CENTRAL							
Somerset	67	26	49	4	0.37	-0.47	4
Piedmont Res St	67	27	50	5	0.30	-0.54	3
Bremo Bluff	71	22	48	2	0.16	-0.61	2
Richmond AP	68	34	53	5	0.01	-0.71	1
EASTERN							
Eastville	62	35	50	-2	0.04	-0.66	1
Wallops Island	62	35	50	-1	0.15	-0.55	1
Williamsburg	66	33	53	4	0.08	-0.76	2
Keysville	70	30	52	6	0.05	-0.67	1
SOUTHWESTERN							
Blacksburg AG	64	22	47	5	0.18	-0.46	5
Wytheville	69	21	46	5	0.11	-0.52	3
Saltville	71	23	50	6	0.21	-0.49	4
Richlands	68	23	49	11	0.26	-0.51	3
SOUTHERN							
Stuart	72	26	51	5	0.05	-0.79	2
Danville AG	71	27	51	4	0.05	-0.65	1
Chatham	69	23	49	4	0.08	-0.69	2
Martinsville	70	22	48	3	0.13	-0.59	3
SOUTHEASTERN							
Norfolk VA	67	36	51	-1	0.04	-0.66	1
Oceana	67	34	51	-2	0.07	-0.64	1
Emporia	68	30	50	4	0.08	-0.73	1
Newport News	68	34	54	3	0.03	-0.67	2

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