



WEATHER & CROPS



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CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 27, 2005

During the week ending November 27, 2005, the Commonwealth of Virginia experienced very cool temperatures and precipitation in the form of rain and snow. Average total rainfall for the state was 1.50 inches and average temperature was 40 degrees. Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.5. The rain and snow brought small grain seeding and corn and soybean harvesting to a halt. Many farmers had to rely on hay storage to feed out livestock. Many producers rated soil moisture content to be a 10 percent improvement over last week. In order to replace stored feed that was used earlier in the year, some farmers harvested tall fescue for wet hay. Other farming activities for the week included deer hunting, performing end of year maintenance on fences, repairing harvesting equipment, updating records, soil sampling, and cutting firewood.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT

Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
October 23, 2005	22	20	44	14
October 30, 2005	16	21	54	9
November 6, 2005	9	27	63	1
November 13, 2005	13	33	53	1
November 20, 2005	10	28	61	1
November 27, 2005	5	20	71	4

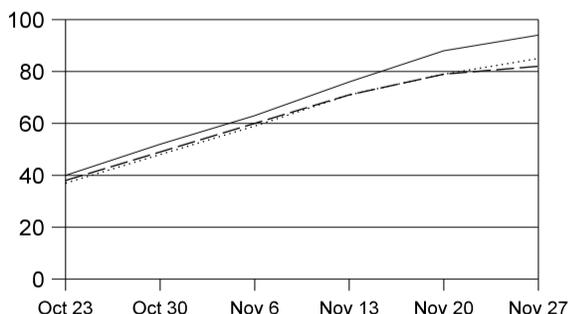
CROP CONDITION PERCENT

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pastures	11	24	41	21	3
Livestock	2	4	29	60	5
Hay, (other)	12	18	52	17	1
Hay, (alfalfa)	4	18	51	26	1
Winter Wheat	1	3	40	51	5
Barley	0	2	31	59	8

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS

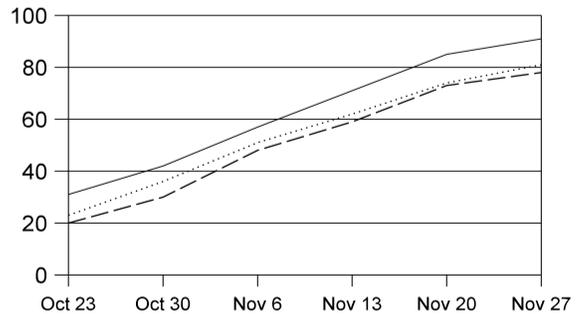
Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year
Beef Cattle Forage, % Obtained from	52	53	83	NA
Milk Cow Forage, % Obtained from Pastures	20	14	23	NA
Sheep Forage, % Obtained from Pastures	62	54	85	NA
Soybeans Harvested	91	85	78	81
Winter Wheat Seeded	94	87	89	84
Winter Wheat Emerged	42	28	70	14
Cotton Harvested	94	88	82	85

Cotton Harvested



— This Week - - - Last Year
 5-Yr Avg.

Soybeans Harvested



— This Week - - - Last Year
 5-Yr Avg.

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 27, 2005

WEATHER STATION	TEMPERATURE (degrees Fahrenheit)				PRECIPITATION (inches)		
	HI	LO	Average	Departure From Normal	TOTAL	Departure From Normal	Days
NORTHERN							
Woodstock	62	16	36	-9	0.15	-0.48	3
The Plains	60	18	36	-8	1.20	0.43	3
Winchester 7 SE	62	16	36	-6	1.40	0.70	2
Dale Enterprise	56	13	34	-9	1.51	0.88	2
WESTERN							
Glasgow	63	19	40	-5	1.56	0.86	3
Roanoke AP	59	21	40	-5	1.18	0.48	3
Waynesboro	61	17	37	-5	1.50	0.86	2
Staunton AG	61	14	37	-6	1.84	1.20	2
CENTRAL							
Somerset	61	18	38	-8	1.30	0.50	3
Piedmont Res ST	62	21	39	-6	1.02	0.22	2
Bremo Bluff	66	23	43	-3	1.21	0.47	4
Richmond AP	65	23	44	-4	2.52	1.82	2
EASTERN							
Eastville	60	26	44	-7	1.40	0.68	3
Wallops Island	61	23	43	-7	1.72	1.02	2
Williamsburg	66	24	44	-5	2.06	1.22	2
Keysville	65	20	42	-4	1.68	0.98	3
SOUTHWESTERN							
Blacksburg AG	61	16	36	-5	1.16	0.53	3
Wytheville	62	16	37	-4	0.86	0.24	3
Saltville	61	17	38	-6	0.52	-0.18	2
Richlands	61	16	37	-2	0.86	0.09	4
SOUTHERN							
Stuart	62	21	40	-6	1.33	0.49	2
Danville AG	66	22	42	-5	1.36	0.66	2
Chatham	63	17	38	-6	1.43	0.66	3
Martinsville	62	19	39	-6	1.46	0.72	2
SOUTHEASTERN							
Norfolk VA	66	26	46	-5	2.76	2.06	3
Oceana	67	27	46	-6	2.44	1.74	3
Emporia	67	24	42	-5	2.87	2.10	3
Newport News	67	24	46	-5	1.59	0.89	1

Departure from Normal based on 1961-90 Normals.

Precipitation Days=Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more.