

REPORTER COMMENTS BY COUNTY (continued)

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SOUTHWESTERN

MONTGOMERY (Barry Robinson)

One day of locally heavy rain then very warm sunny days was the norm last week. Hay harvesting is going well thanks to recent sunny days and drying NW winds.

SCOTT (Scott Terrell)

Rain has fallen every day this week. Some harvest of squash and zucchini has taken place. Hay that was cut last week during the sunny days, with hopes of enough sun to cure it out, has ruined in the field. Standing hay is over mature and blown badly.

SOUTHEASTERN

PRINCE GEORGE (Scott Reiter)

Wheat harvest is the center of attention right now. The rain delays have kept combines out of the field until late in the week. Early reports are showing low test weight and some damage issues with wheat. The next week will

be critical to harvest wheat and plant double crop soybeans. Producers are busy spraying full season soybeans for weeds.

CHESAPEAKE CITY (Watson Lawrence)

Showers continue to hold up the wheat harvest. Only 10% of wheat has been harvested as of June 19, far behind our normal harvest dates. Some concern about quality of grain as delayed harvest continues. Test weights are very low, some late season disease has limited yield. No good yield estimates yet, but less than last year. Storms last week caused wind, hail and flooding damage to a limited acreage of wheat, corn, and soybeans. Soybean acreage as a whole will be planted late this year. Considerable acreage of full season soybeans have been replanted and not planted at all because of heavy rains. Summer vegetables are making their way to local farmer's markets this week. There has been considerable damage to vegetables from insect vectored viruses thus far.



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WEATHER & CROPS



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WEATHER CONDITIONS AND CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 21, 2009

Wet weather continues in the Commonwealth holding off planting and harvesting of crops. Days suitable for fieldwork were 3.6. Hayfields are putting on good growth and approaching time for a second cutting. Wheat harvest continues to be behind schedule. Post emergence herbicide treatment for corn and soybeans continue. Vegetables look good. Some squash, zucchini and cucumbers are being harvested.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT

Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
June 21, 2009	0	1	62	37
June 14, 2009	0	1	67	32
June 7, 2009	0	0	63	37
May 31, 2009	0	5	74	21
May 24, 2009	1	10	80	9



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CROP CONDITION PERCENT					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture	0	1	9	61	29
Livestock	1	2	14	61	22
Hay, Other	1	7	33	51	8
Hay, Alfalfa	0	1	16	64	19
Corn	0	3	20	48	29
Winter Wheat	0	7	37	51	5
Barley	0	5	38	51	6
Flue Cured Tobacco	0	1	37	60	2
Burley Tobacco	0	0	1	80	19
Dark Fire-cured Tobacco	0	0	30	70	0
Peanuts	0	0	18	82	0
Cotton	0	0	28	72	0
Potatoes, Summer	0	0	7	60	33
Apples, All	0	0	18	76	6
Peaches	0	0	34	64	2
Grapes	0	1	14	82	3
Oats	0	0	27	73	0

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT – WITH COMPARISONS				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
Corn Emerged	97	93	100	100
Corn Silked	4	NA	7	8
Soybeans Planted	62	55	73	69
Soybeans Emerged	49	45	60	58
Winter Wheat Harvested	18	4	44	31
Barley Harvested	55	19	84	70
Burley Tobacco Transplanted	99	87	100	98
Peanuts Pegged	9	NA	12	10
Cotton Squaring	10	0	2	20

VIRGINIA WEEKLY WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 21, 2009													
City	Temperature						Growing degree days (modified base 50) 1/		Precipitation				
	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg. dep. from normal *	Mar 1 to June 20	Mar 1 to June 20 normal	Last Week	Since June 1	June 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	80	65	90	63	73	2	1359	1290	0.61	3.71	1.29	21.12	0.62
Norfolk	81	68	93	64	74	0	1572	1401	1.56	5.70	3.34	21.11	0.21
Richmond	84	67	95	65	75	1	1555	1424	0.62	4.06	1.77	16.82	-3.20
Roanoke	81	67	90	63	74	2	1434	NA	1.52	4.54	2.10	22.03	1.64
Wash/Dulles	81	64	89	61	73	2	1320	NA	1.14	6.61	3.81	26.42	6.85

1/ Formula used: GDD = (daily maximum (86°) + daily minimum (500)); where 86° is used if the maximum exceeds 86° and 50° is used if the minimum falls below 50°. * Normal based on 1971-2000 data. Source: NCEP/NOAA Climate Prediction Center <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>. NA = not available. T=trace. Source: USDA, NASS, Virginia Field Office.

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NORTHERN

CLARKE: (Jake Grove)

Wet weather continues to hold off planting, hay & small grain harvest. Many fields are too wet to run equipment over.

FAUQUIER (Timothy Mize)

Grass production has been excellent. However, producers have not had many windows to harvest hay. A large percentage of this year's production will have some weather damage or will be overly mature. Corn and soybeans that were planted between rain showers look excellent.

CENTRAL

CAROLINE (McGann Saphir)

Widespread rains have slowed barley and wheat harvest, and double crop soybean planting. Some barley and wheat has been harvested between rains. Yields and test weight have been good. Corn has shown amazing growth since being side-dressed, and is looking very good. Hayfields are putting on good growth and approaching time for a second cutting. Pastures are very good to excellent.

EASTERN

MIDDLESEX (David Moore)

Intermittent showers and storms have slowed wheat harvest and decreased quality of wheat and barley, but the corn crop looks really good. Wheat harvest should get into full swing by the weekend. Soybean planting continues for full season as well as double crop. Post herbicide treatment for corn and soybeans and corn sidedress N applications continue. It is a very busy time now as wheat harvest begins. Vegetables look good. Some squash and cucumbers are being harvested. Sweet corn is tasseling and cantaloupes have softball-size fruit. Some tomatoes are on the vines but are still green.

NEW KENT (Paul Davis)

Finishing up barley harvest and planting soybeans, waiting to harvest wheat as soon as it stops raining, in the meantime watching the test weight and grain quality go down. The corn crop is just starting to tassel and looks great for this time of year.