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WEATHER & CROPS



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WEATHER CONDITIONS AND CROP SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER 10, 2013

It was another dry and cool week for the Commonwealth. Nighttime lows ranged in the mid 20s to upper 30s. Rainfall was sparse. Only a few counties experienced light showers, with the southeast reporting the most rain at over ½ of an inch for the week. Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.8. The soybean harvest was in full swing. Growers had favorable yields with full season beans, but noted a decreased yield for late season beans. The corn harvest was nearing completion. Small grains were being planted; however, some growers decided to suspend planting due to the lack of rain. Fall calving was finishing up, and fall breeding schedules were being set. Other farming activities for the week included sampling soil, making hay, and purchasing fertilizer and seed for 2014.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT

Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
November 10, 2013	1	25	73	1
November 3, 2013	1	17	81	1
October 27, 2013	1	11	86	2
October 20, 2013	0	7	89	4
September 29, 2013	11	30	58	1

SUBSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT

Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
November 10, 2013	0	17	79	4
November 3, 2013	1	14	78	7
October 27, 2013	2	9	87	2
October 20, 2013	0	11	84	5
September 29, 2013	4	33	59	4

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CROP CONDITION PERCENT					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture	3	7	36	48	6
Livestock	0	1	15	60	24
Hay, Other	2	8	36	50	4
Hay, Alfalfa	0	2	37	59	2
Soybeans	0	5	25	58	12
Barley	0	0	28	66	6
Cotton	0	3	19	63	15

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT – WITH COMPARISONS				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
Corn Grain Harvested	95	94	99	95
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	99	94	99	100
Soybean Harvested	58	40	56	52
Winter Wheat Seeded	68	55	70	68
Winter Wheat Emerged	36	22	43	43
Barley Seeded	93	87	97	97
Cotton Harvested	53	35	69	75
Apples, Winter harvested	90	85	99	93
Peanuts Combined	93	90	96	93
Beef Cattle Forage, % Obtained from Pastures	70	na	na	na
Milk Cow Forage, % Obtained from Pastures	25	na	na	na
Sheep Forage, % Obtained from Pastures	83	na	na	na

City	Temperature						Growing degree days (modified base50)		Precipitation				
	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg. dep. from normal *	Mar. 1 to Nov.9	Mar. 1 to Nov.9 Norm	Last Week	Since Sept. 1	Sept. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	58	34	67	24	46	-4	3999	3893	0	2.83	-5.25	36.55	-1.13
Norfolk	61	47	70	37	54	-1	4655	4385	0.57	6.02	-2.45	39.27	-1.21
Richmond	63	40	72	32	51	-1	4572	4244	0.07	5.71	-2.81	44.62	5.82
Roanoke	56	35	68	29	46	-5	4076	na	0	3.70	-4.17	46.01	8.61
Wash/Dulles	56	34	69	25	45	-4	3995	na	0.07	9.33	1.15	37.19	0.73

VIRGINIA WEEKLY WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 10, 2013

* Normal based on 1971-2000 data. Source: NCEP/NOAA Climate Prediction Center <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>. Source: USDA, NASS, Virginia Field Office.

REPORTER COMMENTS BY COUNTY

Comments are based on comments reported by extension agents, farmers, commodity specialists, and other knowledgeable individuals.

CENTRAL

AMELIA (Joan D Poore)

Nothing new or unusual to report for this time period. As weather permits (mostly the sunlight) corn and soybean harvest continues.

APPOMATTOX (Bruce Jones)

Dry, Dry, Dry describes our conditions. Wheat is very slow to come up. Farmers have actually stopped planting due to dry and hard soil conditions. Harvest of soybeans has proceeded rapidly. Yield of full season beans has been exceptional while double crop soybeans have not been as good. The dry September we experienced seriously impacted yields. Farmers are preparing dark tobacco for market but dry conditions make it difficult to remove tobacco from barns.

HANOVER (Jim Tate)

Nothing special in the past week. Dry mild weather facilitated bean harvest and the seeding of small grains. Dry conditions continued and rain is needed to get fall crops germinated and established. We are pretty dry with little rain in October and so far none in November.

SPOTSYLVANIA (John Howe)

Good harvest conditions but dry conditions are making the germination of fall planted small grains and forages difficult.

REPORTER COMMENTS BY COUNTY (continued)

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EASTERN

ESSEX (Keith Balderson)

Topsoil moisture has dried out considerably as we experienced another relatively dry week with only minimal showers. Small grains could use some moisture to help with germination and fall growth. Wheat planting is almost done, and producers made good progress on the soybean harvest. Overall, it appears that yields will be somewhat better than average. Some producers began their fall soil sampling.

MIDDLESEX (David Moore)

Soybean harvest continues, wheat planting continues. Yields are average to good so far, but believe, as farmers get into double crop, yields will decrease significantly. Some haymaking, cover crop planting continues. Making seed and fertilizer decisions and purchases for 2014.

SOUTHEASTERN

BRUNSWICK (Cynthia L. Gregg)

As corn and soybeans are finishing being harvested, the small grains are going in no-till. Producers are in the process of getting stockpile fescue ready for feeding. Fall calving is finishing up and fall breeding schedules are getting set.