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WEATHER CONDITIONS AND CROP SUMMARY FOR JANUARY, 2014

January was a cold, wet, and snowy month. Most areas experienced snowfall, with some areas reporting as much as 9 inches of snow. Colder than normal temperatures persisted throughout much of the month; in some places nighttime lows dropped below zero degrees. Fieldwork was limited throughout the month due to the adverse weather. The weather contributed to farmers increasing supplement feeding. There was very little visible growth on the small grain crop; however, the majority of small grains were in fair to good condition. Other farming activities for the month included maintaining farm equipment, purchasing supplies, attending meetings, preparing taxes, taking soil samples, and moving grain to the elevators as the weather permitted.

CROP CONDITION PERCENT

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	1	4	24	63	8
Small Grain and Winter Grazing Crops	2	6	36	49	7

FORAGE PERCENT OBTAINED FROM PASTURES

Crop	This Month	Last Year
Beef Cattle Forage % Obtained from Pastures	15	11
Milk Cow Forage % Obtained from Pastures	6	6
Sheep Forage % Obtained from Pastures	15	14

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VIRGINIA WEEKLY WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 2, 2014

City	Temperature						Precipitation				
	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg. dep. from normal *	Last Week	Since Dec 1	Dec. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	42	14	58	3	28	-7	0.02	8.98	2.13	3.29	-0.36
Norfolk	41	20	63	6	31	-9	1.08	8.30	1.21	3.55	-0.48
Richmond	43	16	64	4	29	-7	0.24	9.39	2.64	3.28	-0.36
Roanoke	42	15	57	6	29	-7	0.05	6.20	0	1.81	-1.54
Wash/Dulles	35	13	49	4	24	-8	0.02	7.92	1.74	2.34	-0.78

REPORTER COMMENTS BY COUNTY

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

NORTHERN

FREDERICK (Jeanette Smith)

Nine inches of snowfall on the 21st of January. Temperatures have been -0, teens and twenties for the past week.

ROCKINGHAM (Matthew Yancey)

It's been really cold.

SHENANDOAH (Bobby Clark)

It's cold! Small grain has not improved; it's not coming out due to the cold. Farmers are busy feeding cattle and working on machinery.

WESTERN

BATH (Rodney Leech)

Unusually cold January with snow cover a large percentage of the time. Livestock feeds/hay has depleted rapidly due to the harsh conditions.

CENTRAL

AMELIA (Joan D Poore)

It has been a very, very cold January. Unusually cold for this area. Snowfall (1 to 2 inches) Jan 21 and 28. No reports of livestock deaths due to weather temperatures.

SPOTSYLVANIA (John Howe)

Cold month. Very little visible growth on small grains this month.

EASTERN

MIDDLESEX (David Moore)

Cold and wet. Ground is saturated. Small grain crop is growing very slowly. Top-dress is delayed due to frozen ground. Also, fields needing lime over the fall and winter have been put on hold. Informational meetings and supply purchases are the activities of the month.

WESTMORELAND (Stephanie Romelczyk)

Wet weather has hindered normal farming activities such as small grain N applications.

SOUTHEASTERN

BRUNSWICK (Cynthia L. Gregg)

Hay is being fed as stockpiled fescue for some producers are starting to get short. Colder temperatures and rain prevented some planting of small grains. Snow has slowed down some plans of farmers. Some water that froze in the colder weather is being monitored for issues in small grain fields. Producers are attending commodity production meetings and conferences as well.

PRINCE GEORGE (Scott Reiter)

Cold, wet, or snowy conditions have dominated January. Limited field work has been accomplished due to these conditions. Small grain producers have struggled to get herbicides and nitrogen applied for planned 3 application systems. Some applications were made late in the month. Other activities have included limited soil sampling, equipment repairs, and tax preparations.