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WEATHER & CROPS



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WEATHER CONDITIONS AND CROP SUMMARY FOR JANUARY, 2015

Overall, the month of January was rainy with snow in some areas for Virginia. Some reports of poor, drowned out spots have been reported in small grain fields. Farmers have not been able to get in the fields as much as they would want with this weather. In some areas, muddy conditions have prevailed in areas and have affected livestock operations with feed needs and efficiency problems. Other farming activities for the month included feeding hay to livestock, making fertilizer decisions, and attending meetings.

CROP CONDITION PERCENT					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	0	2	27	68	3
Oats	0	9	39	52	0
Barley	1	1	30	67	1
Pasture	8	24	32	34	2
Livestock	1	6	28	55	10

FORAGE PERCENT OBTAINED FROM PASTURES		
Crop	This Month	Last Year
% of Feed Obtained from Pastures	20	n/a

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VIRGINIA WEEKLY WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 2015

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	44	22	52	13	33	-2	0.06	4.98	-1.74	1.86	-1.64
Norfolk	43	30	52	23	37	-3	0.13	7.35	0.42	3.65	-0.27
Richmond	46	26	54	19	36	0	0.04	6.31	-0.33	3.17	-0.39
Roanoke	45	24	51	20	35	-1	0.06	3.84	-2.25	1.30	-1.95
Wash/Dulles	38	21	47	14	30	-2	0.30	6.52	0.43	3.26	0.22

REPORTER COMMENTS BY COUNTY

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

NORTHERN

FAIRFAX (Adria Bordas)

It has been unusually cold and some snow.

HENRICO (Karen Carter)

Rainfall has been normal to high for Henrico County. Crops that were drill-seeded are looking good.

WESTERN

HIGHLAND (Rodney Leech)

Open winter so far has helped conserve the limited hay resource for this year. Shortages are likely by spring.

SCOTT (Cynthia Martel)

Franklin county has been getting rain off and on. Temps up and down averaging in the 40's. Winter feeding of hay.

ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas A Stanley)

Seasonally normal weather marked January 2015 with some cold temperatures but no significant snow fall. Total precipitation for the month measured at the Lexington Sewage Treatment Plant was 1.91 inches compared to a long-run average of 2.28 inches. Hay supplies are very tight due to the cold late spring that hurt first cutting hay yields and a very dry September that impacted late season hay and winter pasture stockpiling.

SMYTH (Andy Overbay)

Very muddy conditions have impacted livestock operations with increased bedding and feed needs and decreased feed efficiency. Some animals are being discounted at the point of sale for excess mud on flanks and belly.

SOUTHERN

FRANKLIN (Cynthia Martel)

Franklin county has been getting rain off and on. Temps up and down averaging in the 40's. Winter feeding of hay.

CENTRAL

AMELIA (Joan Poore)

Nothing unusual to report - Temperatures average for January, moisture more than adequate for this time of year.

LUNENBURG (Lindy Tucker)

Lots of rain. We're thankful for it, but it's making a mess of the fields and really keeping producers from being able to do as much as they would like. It hasn't been very cold yet.

APPOMATTOX (Bruce Jones)

Irrigation ponds are still low from last year.

CAROLINE (Mike Broaddus)

So far, a typical, damp, cold winter. Precipitation is average to low, but so far winter crops looking good.

CHESTERFIELD (Joan Poore)

Nothing unusual to report - Temperatures average, moisture more than adequate, but not for this time of year.

HANOVER (Jim Tate)

The Month has been one of variety....We have had some bitter cold single digit nights and we have has some days in the low sixties...The last two weeks have brought significant precipitation...I cannot quantify it as my rain gauge is manual and freezes if not dumped. Yesterday we had snow ranging from a dusting to spots with three inches...back roads were pretty treacherous for the first half of the day....Thankfully the big storm missed us...I am not a snow bunny....for those that are...one word of advice...CANADA.

SOUTHEASTERN

BRUNSWICK (Cynthia Gregg)

Producers are feeding hay to livestock. Small grain producers have been scouting crops occasionally. Producers have been attending winter meetings.

MECKLENBURG (Taylor Clark)

Wet soil conditions hampering intensive wheat management.

SUSSEX (Kevin Wells)

There has been plenty rainfall over most of our area and rowers will soon make fertilizer decisions about the small grain crop and tiller development.

VIRGINIA BEACH CITY (Roy D. Flanagan)

Our region continues to see wet conditions persist. Poor/drowned out spots in small grain fields are common scenes at this point.