



Crop Progress and Condition

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Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 3.4. Farming activities included making hay, planting crops, and applying herbicides. High temperatures were in the 80s to 90s, and lows were in the 50s to 60s. Precipitation was up from the previous week, which delayed field work, but provided good moisture for the crops.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 06/07/15

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	1	16	70	13
Subsoil	2	14	78	6

- Represents zero.

CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 06/07/15

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	7	7	21	63	2
Grapes	3	2	9	86	-
Peaches	11	8	21	60	-
Barley	-	2	27	57	14
Corn	-	3	18	64	15
Cotton	-	-	12	88	-
Hay, Alfalfa	-	5	27	61	7
Hay, Other	1	6	28	59	6
Oats	2	5	49	40	4
Peanuts	-	-	10	90	-
Potatoes, Summer	-	-	30	70	-
Soybeans	-	2	18	74	6
Tobacco, Burley	-	1	66	33	-
Tobacco, Fire-cured	-	3	45	50	2
Tobacco, Flue-cured	3	3	27	62	5
Winter Wheat	1	2	21	63	13
Pasture	1	11	34	48	6
Livestock	1	6	26	57	10

-Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 06/07/15

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Barley harvested	30	15	39	41
Corn planted	97	94	95	99
Corn emerged	87	80	88	93
Cotton planted	99	98	92	98
Oats harvested	15	5	23	-
Peanuts planted	96	92	91	97

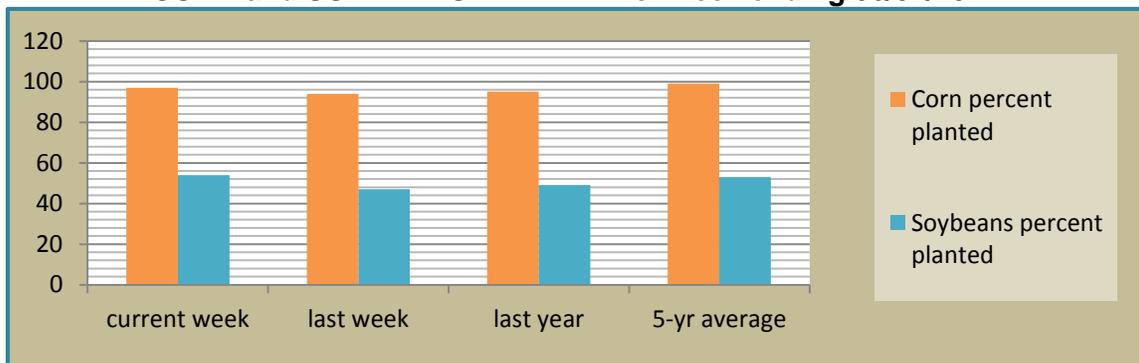
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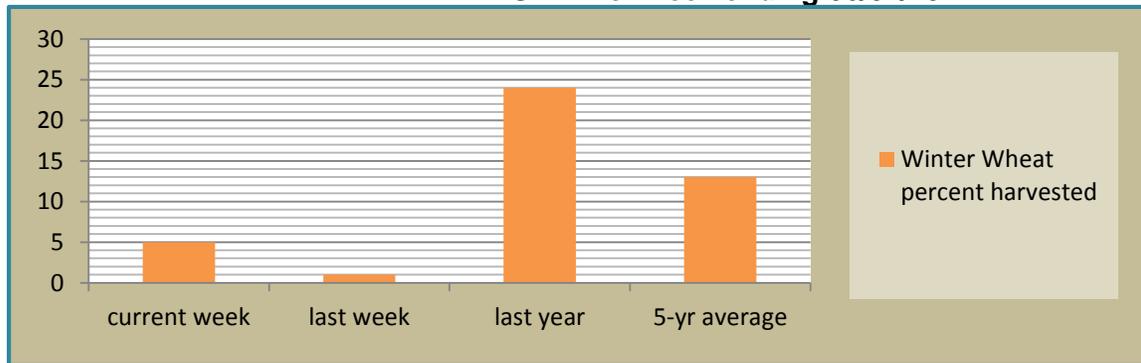
Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Soybeans planted	54	47	49	53
Soybeans emerged	41	31	35	39
Tobacco, Burley transplanted	70	59	79	77
Tobacco, Fire-cured transplanted	75	58	95	96
Tobacco, Flue-cured transplanted	96	92	96	97
Winter Wheat headed	95	90	97	99
Winter Wheat harvested	5	1	24	13

- Represents data not available.

CORN and SOYBEANS PLANTED for week ending 06/07/15



WINTER WHEAT HARVESTED for week ending 06/07/15



Weather Summary- For the week ending June 7, 2015

City	Temperature						Growing degree days (modified base 50)		Precipitation				
	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg. dep. from normal *	Mar. 1 to June 6	Mar. 1 to June 6 norm	Last Week	Since June 1	June 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	75	59	88	56	67	0	1088	995	1.85	1.85	1.11	15.24	-3.57
Norfolk	78	66	92	64	72	1	1231	1077	4.24	4.24	3.53	19.24	0.00
Richmond	79	63	94	59	71	1	1309	1113	2.31	2.31	1.60	20.30	1.85
Roanoke	77	60	85	57	69	1	1139	NA	5.36	4.74	3.98	19.71	0.94
Wash/Dulles	74	60	88	55	67	0	1043	NA	0.94	0.94	0.07	14.42	-3.16

* Normal based on 1971-2000 data. NA-Not available. 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 remarks made by extension agents, farmers, commodity specialists, and other knowledgeable individuals.

WESTERN

BOTETOURT (Kate Lawrence)

We were VERY dry, soybeans and corn are suffering. Lots of rain this week has made field work difficult but the moisture was much needed.

ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas A Stanley)

Cool and wet conditions dominated the week with early morning temperatures dipping into the upper 40's mid-week. Hay making work came to a halt but the rainfall was welcome. Soil moisture levels are adequate at this time.

CENTRAL**AMELIA (Laura Siegle)**

A long stretch of wet and rainy weather has interfered with field work this week. Emerged soybeans and corn are taking advantage of the additional moisture. Many producers were able to make hay just prior to the weather system moving in.

CAROLINE (Mike Broaddus)

Since reporting near drought conditions last week, we have been inundated with rain, fog and mist for the last six out of seven days. In the last six days, we have received almost 2 and a half inches of much needed rainfall. Virtually no planting of soybeans has been accomplished, but the corn has improved drastically since the reception of rainfall. When the sun does come out the ag. scene will be very active.

CHESTERFIELD (Charlotte Maxwell)

We got 2.2 inches of rain this past week which helped alleviate some of the very dry soil from the previous week.

CUMBERLAND (David Smith)

We had a soft steady rain which helped ease the drought conditions. We will feel the effects of the heat and drought in another week or so if we don't get more rain.

EASTERN**ESSEX (Keith Balderson)**

A wet and cool week limited field work, but the rainfall was beneficial to the corn crop, hay fields, and pastures. A few producers started barley harvest on Monday, and some corn fields received side-dressed nitrogen and post-emergence herbicide applications.

GLOUCESTER (David Moore)

Over 6.5 inches of rain fell this week. It has halted most farm field activities. Side-dress was well underway before rain and will continue once fields dry out. Crops look good with exception of drowned out places from recent rains. Some replanting may occur for soybean fields. Haymaking also was halted and will continue soon. Vegetables also dealt with excess water but things should get back to normal next week. Small grains are turning fast. Barley should be about ready once things dry out. Most are planted but still a fair amount of full season soybeans to plant in some areas as folks stopped to make hay and top-dress corn.

LANCASTER (Trent Jones)

Rainy conditions all week made land too wet for field work.

NORTHAMPTON (Ursula Deitch)

We received a half inch of rain early in the week which was good for all of the crops. The remainder of the week was cool, damp, and misty. With those weather conditions not much field work was able to be accomplished. Barley harvest did not begin and a lot of soybean planting was delayed.

SOUTHERN**LUNENBURG (Lindy Tucker)**

We got a little rain this week and had several overcast days. We could probably use a little more but we are thankful for that. The tobacco is growing like weeds, wheat is drying down, and hay production is rolling on. The beans are growing some, but should really make some progress in the coming week. All in all, things are good.

SOUTHEASTERN**BRUNSWICK (Cynthia Gregg)**

This week the rain slowed planting. Cooler temperatures slowed some crops as far as maturing. Some areas had temporary standing water after some rain events. These will be watched for damage as well as diseases associated with moisture from this week's rain. Producers have had a chance to adjust combines for small grain harvest.

CHESAPEAKE CITY (Watson Lawrence Jr.)

Significant rain fell last week and brought field activity to a halt. Some isolated areas had flooding problems and lodged wheat. Soybean planting and herbicide spraying will likely resume later in the week. Corn was the biggest benefactor of rain.

GREENSVILLE (Nichole Norton)

2.5 inches of rain at the office.

PRINCE GEORGE (Scott Reiter)

Field work was very limited this week due to rain. Most areas got over 1.5 inches with up to 3 inches likely in some spots. Some corn side-dress was applied and a few soybeans planted. The rest of the week was used to order farm supplies and to prepare equipment for small grain harvest.

SURRY (Glen Slade)

Heavy rain beginning last Tuesday 6/2/15 through Friday 6/5/15 still has some fields flooded, totals ranged from 4" to over 6". Where growers can get back in fields corn is being side-dressed and soybeans are being planted.

SUSSEX (Kevin Wells)

Much needed rain fell over our area this week providing some good moisture for our crops. Hopefully the showers will keep coming.

VIRGINIA BEACH CITY (Roy D. Flanagan)

The rain that came last week was perfect for the corn crop, depending on your location it was a little much for the germinating soybeans and some replanting will be the result. Strawberry season is all but over for our growers with very little crop left.