



# Crop Progress and Condition

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**Agricultural News:** Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.8. Farming activities included making hay, harvesting vegetables, wheat harvest, planting double crop soybeans, picking fruit, and new tobacco planting. High temperatures were in the 90s; however, one city reached 100 degrees, and lows were in the 60s. Precipitation was up from the previous week with heavy rains.

## SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 06/28/15

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	1	11	78	10
Subsoil	1	12	80	7

- Represents zero.

## CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 06/28/15

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	7	7	21	63	2
Grapes	3	2	9	86	-
Peaches	12	7	20	61	-
Barley	-	5	31	56	8
Corn	1	2	15	63	19
Cotton	-	-	8	88	4
Hay, Alfalfa	-	3	27	60	10
Hay, Other	1	8	32	53	6
Oats	2	5	50	39	4
Peanuts	-	-	7	93	-
Potatoes, Summer	-	-	15	85	-
Soybeans	-	2	23	65	10
Tobacco, Burley	-	2	46	43	9
Tobacco, Fire-cured	-	4	31	62	3
Tobacco, Flue-cured	3	3	20	54	20
Winter Wheat	1	1	20	67	11
Pasture	2	12	31	47	8
Livestock	1	6	24	59	10

-Represents zero.

## CROP PROGRESS for week ending 06/28/15

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Barley harvested	80	65	86	-
Corn silking	20	1	21	32
Cotton squaring	55	31	32	39
Oats harvested	52	37	67	-
Peanuts pegging	7	2	20	16
Potatoes, Summer harvested	15	5	8	20

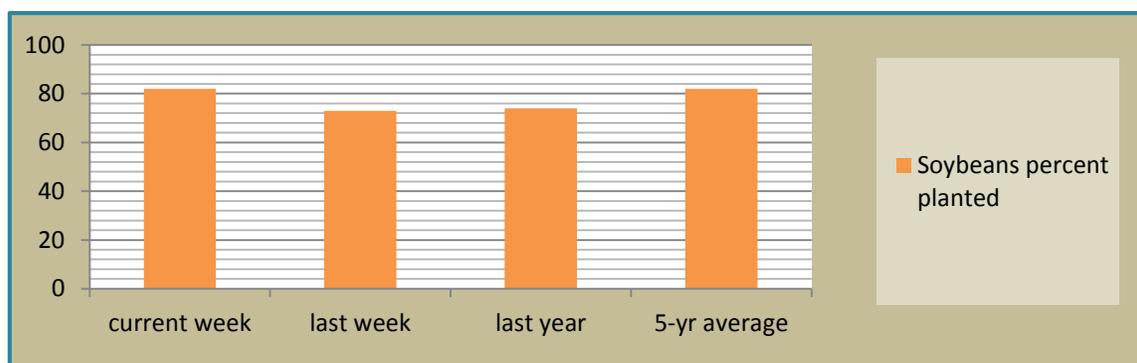
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**CROP PROGRESS for week ending 06/28/15**

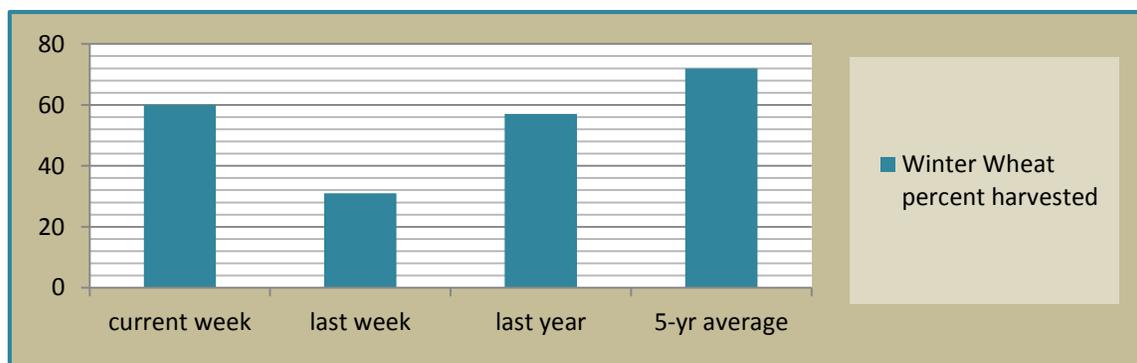
Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Soybeans planted	82	73	74	82
Soybeans emerged	69	60	62	70
Tobacco, Burley transplanted	93	87	98	97
Tobacco, Fire-cured transplanted	95	90	-	-
Winter Wheat harvested	60	31	57	72

- Represents data not available.

**SOYBEANS PLANTED for week ending 06/28/15**



**WINTER WHEAT HARVESTED for week ending 06/28/15**



**Weather Summary- For the week ending June 28, 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 27	Mar. 1 to June 27 norm	Last Week	Since June 1	June 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	87	68	91	65	77	4	1625	1450	0.92	5.31	2.00	18.69	-2.54
Norfolk	89	73	99	68	81	5	1840	1579	3.11	8.42	5.15	23.42	1.74
Richmond	90	72	100	68	81	6	1901	1595	2.69	5.82	2.73	23.81	2.93
Roanoke	88	69	93	66	79	5	1701	NA	1.44	8.93	5.66	23.89	2.56
Wash/Dulles	85	66	93	60	75	2	1576	NA	2.88	7.31	3.62	21.18	0.62

\* 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.

**NORTHERN**

**ROCKINGHAM (Doug Horn)**

Rockingham County received 2.5 to 5 inches of rain over the weekend.

**WESTERN**

**ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas A Stanley)**

Hot and dry weather that began the previous week was brought to an end at the conclusion of this week as a cold front brought significant rain and cooler temperatures to Rockbridge. Most first cutting hay is being baled and rain in excess of one inch Friday over Saturday has improved the condition of hay and row crops.

**CENTRAL**

**AMELIA (Laura Siegle)**

Strong storms this week brought significant moisture to the region.

**CAROLINE (Mike Broaddus)**

Due to a barrage of recent storms, the soil moisture is high and all the crops are looking very good.

**CHESTERFIELD (Charlotte Maxwell)**

We have had 4.17 inches of rain in the past 7 days and a lot of storms.

**EASTERN****CHARLES CITY (John Allison)**

We had 14 inches of rain in June. Seven inches the first week and 7 inches the last week.

**GLOUCESTER (David Moore)**

Frequent rains have slowed or stalled wheat harvest and soybean planting during the week. Wheat quality is dropping pretty quickly. Soybean planting has slowed; waiting on wheat removal. Corn is loving life right now. Ample moisture and cooler temps will help pollination go smoothly. Vegetable folks would like to see the rains slow down a little as harvest draws nearer. Some tomatoes, cantaloupes, peppers, squash and potatoes are slowly being harvested. Haymaking is on hold for now until we can get a clear weather forecast. Some fields may be clipped or bush-hogged just to get by until next cutting.

**NORTHAMPTON (Ursula Deitch)**

We received some much needed rain this week. Wheat harvest and soybean planting has continued throughout the county. Snap bean harvest began this week as well. Next week will mark the kickoff of potato harvest.

**SOUTHWESTERN****SCOTT (Scott Jerrell)**

Temperatures above 90 have slowed pasture growth, and rain showers are consistent but lacking overall. Vegetable harvests are starting, with tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, and beans being picked. New plantings of tobacco and vegetables have scorched in the heat and have had to be re-set.

**SOUTHERN****LUNENBURG (Lindy Tucker)**

Things are going well. We are getting lots of rain - not complaining at all. The tobacco looks good overall. Some of the late and organic is uneven but overall good. Flowering has started, everyone will be topping soon. Wheat harvest has begun as has planting of double crop soybeans. Sorghum is looking good and the corn looks great for the most part. Pastures and haylands are looking good. Second cutting will start shortly. All in all, things are good.

**PITTSYLVANIA (Jamie Stowe & Stephen Barts)**

Daily thunderstorms are bringing much needed rain, but daily moisture is making harvest of small grains difficult. Torrential storms and hail on Thursday evening brought damage to some tobacco, corn and wheat throughout the county.

**SOUTHEASTERN****BRUNSWICK (Cynthia Gregg)**

High temperatures early in the week were hard on crops, livestock and people. Spotty showers helped some, but we did have some limbs and trees come down along with minor flooding and moderate ponding in some areas. I have not heard of any significant at this time, which is subject to change. Small grains have been harvested this week and double cropped soybeans planted.

**CHESAPEAKE CITY (Watson Lawrence Jr.)**

Heat and dry conditions prevailed the early part of the week causing corn leaves to roll. A lot of wheat was harvested. Evidence of some head blight diseases appeared at grain elevators for susceptible varieties damaged by moisture during critical flowering stage. Rain in the later part of week brought relief to corn and soybean seedlings. Some corn fungicide sprays were begun this week. Summer produce began to arrive at local markets.

**GREENSVILLE (Nichole Norton)**

4.0 inches of rain at the extension office. Some standing water.

**PRINCE GEORGE (Scott Reiter)**

Wheat harvest neared completion by midweek. Soybean planting and herbicide applications occurred early week. Heavy rains started Thursday evening dropping 4-7 inches across the county.

**SURRY (Glenn Slade)**

Recent rains of over 5 inches in some parts of the county have some low areas still flooded. Small grain harvest is on hold and growers are trying to get back in fields to finish double crop planting. Rains have really increased potential corn yields.

**SUSSEX (Kevin Wells)**

Heavy rains fell over most of our area ranging 2-6 inches in most parts of the county. The rains came in time for our corn crop and others as well. Wheat harvest and late planted soybean planting will be wrapping up.