



Crop Progress and Condition

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Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.8. Wet weather conditions continue to limit field work and are causing disease pressure in crops; some areas had flooding. High temperatures were in the 90s, and lows were in the 60s. Precipitation was up from the previous week with more widespread rains.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 07/12/15

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	-	6	72	22
Subsoil	1	7	78	14

- Represents zero.

CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 07/12/15

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	7	7	21	63	2
Grapes	3	2	9	81	5
Peaches	12	7	19	62	-
Corn	-	1	10	62	27
Cotton	-	-	8	89	3
Hay, Alfalfa	-	2	25	60	13
Hay, Other	1	8	27	56	8
Peanuts	-	-	8	85	7
Potatoes, Summer	-	-	19	81	-
Soybeans	-	3	23	61	13
Tobacco, Burley	-	3	32	56	9
Tobacco, Fire-cured	-	4	29	62	5
Tobacco, Flue-cured	3	3	23	53	18
Pasture	1	9	29	48	13
Livestock	1	5	23	57	14

-Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 07/12/15

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Peaches harvested	15	2	9	19
Barley harvested	96	91	95	-
Corn silking	59	31	56	64
Corn doughing	10	2	5	9
Cotton squaring	80	66	75	76
Cotton setting bolls	8	-	3	12
Oats harvested	81	68	88	-
Peanuts pegging	26	12	34	41

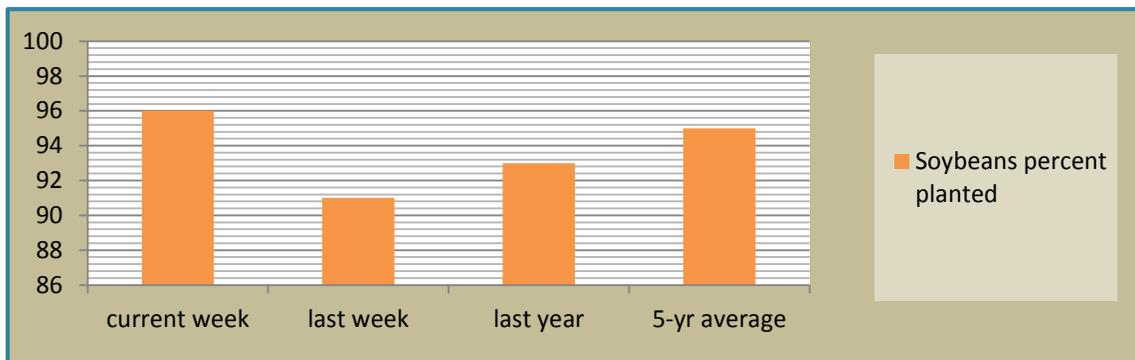
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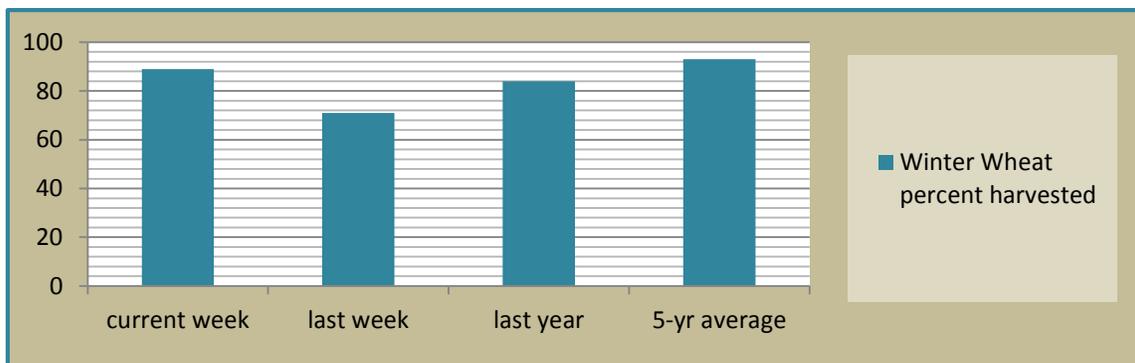
Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Potatoes, Summer harvested	33	24	41	56
Soybeans planted	96	91	93	95
Soybeans emerged	86	79	83	87
Soybeans blooming	11	1	15	8
Winter Wheat harvested	89	71	84	93

- Represents data not available.

SOYBEANS PLANTED for week ending 07/12/15



WINTER WHEAT HARVESTED for week ending 07/12/15



Weather Summary- For the week ending July 12, 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 July 11	Mar. 1 to July 11 norm	Last Week	Since June 1	June 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	84	67	90	63	75	0	1948	1768	1.65	7.59	2.25	20.97	-2.33
Norfolk	89	74	94	71	82	3	2245	1935	2.95	11.74	6.31	26.74	2.87
Richmond	88	72	95	68	80	2	2280	1937	1.29	9.25	4.23	27.24	4.54
Roanoke	86	69	91	65	77	1	2043	NA	1.97	11.41	6.34	26.37	3.24
Wash/Dulles	85	69	88	62	77	2	1913	NA	2.17	10.49	5.12	24.36	2.22

* 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)

Wheat harvest has been hampered by light frequent rains. Corn crop looks good.

WESTERN

ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas A Stanley)

Scattered rain showers this week maintained soil moisture levels and overall crop conditions are good. The rain has frustrated hay curing on some farms but pastures are in good shape for this time of year.

CENTRAL

AMELIA (Laura Siegle)

Soil moisture remains relatively high following last week's storms. I went out to scout corn today and noticed that many fields have Japanese Beetles and earworms are also showing up, although most larvae are still very small. I've seen that several corn fields are not yet tasseling, but silks are turning brown for the majority of the remaining crop throughout the county. Most double-crop soybeans have emerged and the full-season crop is looking good.

CAROLINE (Mike Broaddus)

All crops are growing well. To date, we have had adequate water to grow good crops. Some of the earlier planted corn and earlier varieties of corn are set for a good yield. Small grain test weights took a toll due to frequent rainfalls. Soybeans are not growing full force and looking well.

EASTERN

ESSEX (Keith Balderson)

It was another week where the area received widespread rainfall. While the rainfall has been very beneficial to the corn crop, there have been some reports of foliar diseases, and some fields have been treated. Farmers were also applying herbicides to soybean fields as conditions allowed. The moisture is causing some problems for vegetable producers in the form of increased disease pressure and quality issues.

GLOUCESTER (David Moore)

Rain has slowed and folks are back in fields to finish wheat harvest and soybean planting. Vegetable harvest is going well. Some haymaking. Post herbicides on beans. Corn is still loving life, but doesn't like heat without rain. Folks should finish up wheat and beans this weekend. Farm cleanup begins. Field scouting for pests. Some foliar diseases in corn due to wet weather. Getting late for fungicides in many cases.

WESTMORELAND (Stephanie Romelczyk)

Plenty of rain in most of the county, although Leedstown area has missed some of the rain storms and the soil is drier. Farmers still finishing up wheat harvest. Constant moisture and some field flooding has led to disease problems in vegetables.

SOUTHWESTERN

TAZEWELL (John Blankenship)

Local flood in northern section of Tazewell County.

SOUTHEASTERN

Chesapeake City (Watson Lawrence Jr.)

Farmers are replanting some soybeans and applying fungicides and insecticides to corn this week. Wheat harvest completed with some weakness in test weight this year. This is due mainly to head diseases caused by weather during flowering.

SUSSEX (Kevin Wells)

Rainy pattern continues over our area giving us plenty of rainfall. The corn crop is made and cotton and peanut are in good shape. Growers will be topdressing grain sorghum and applying herbicides to cotton, peanut and soybean.