



Crop Progress and Condition

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Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.3. Weather conditions were fairly dry, however the rain that was received was welcomed. Field activities for the week includes, haymaking, vegetable harvest, and crop scouting for pest. High temperatures were in the 90s, and lows were in the 50s. Precipitation is down from previous week.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 08/02/15

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	4	25	64	7
Subsoil	2	23	70	5

- Represents zero.

CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 08/02/15

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	6	7	25	59	3
Grapes	3	3	10	81	3
Peaches	11	7	18	63	1
Corn	1	1	12	60	26
Cotton	-	-	10	87	3
Hay, Alfalfa	-	2	23	61	14
Hay, Other	1	8	28	52	11
Peanuts	-	-	24	70	6
Soybeans	-	3	20	58	19
Tobacco, Burley	-	1	31	58	10
Tobacco, Fire-cured	-	4	26	62	8
Tobacco, Flue-cured	3	4	26	48	19
Pasture	2	7	28	48	15
Livestock	1	5	23	55	16

-Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 08/02/15

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	17	6	17	38
Peaches harvested	44	38	41	49
Corn silking	89	82	90	92
Corn doughing	52	40	63	61
Corn dented	26	13	25	29
Cotton squaring	97	94	94	96
Cotton setting bolls	60	44	58	64
Peanuts pegging	80	65	80	77

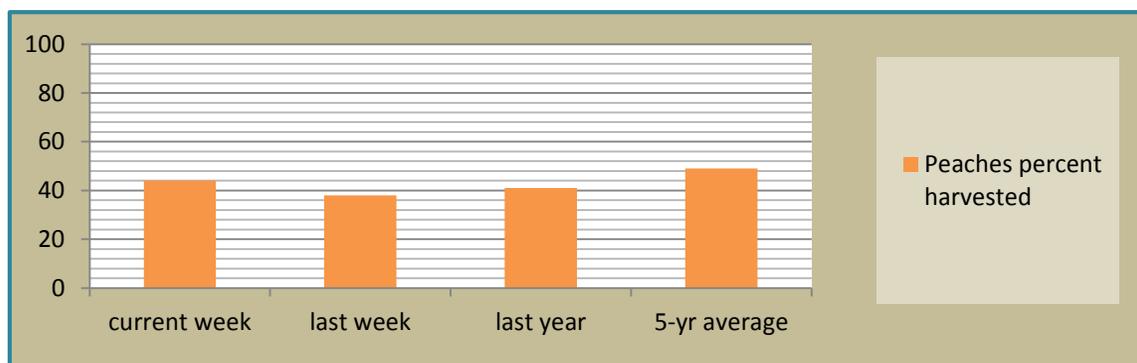
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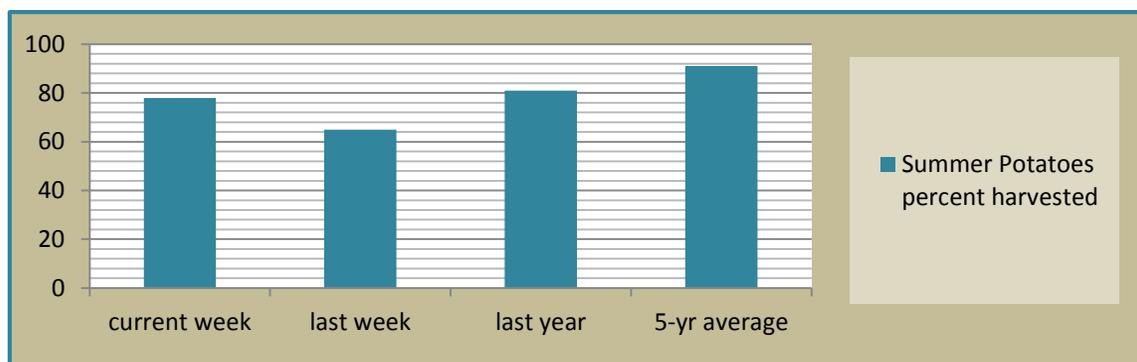
Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Potatoes, Summer harvested	78	65	81	91
Soybeans blooming	45	27	44	53
Soybeans setting pods	22	11	20	20
Tobacco, Flue-cured cut	12	2	8	9

- Represents data not available.

PEACHES HARVESTED for week ending 08/02/15



SUMMER POTATOES HARVESTED for week ending 08/02/15



Weather Summary- For the week ending August 2, 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 Aug 1	Mar. 1 to Aug 1 norm	Last Week	Since June 1	June 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	87	66	89	59	77	2	2482	2281	1.06	9.38	1.08	22.76	-3.70
Norfolk	90	73	96	67	81	2	2857	2501	1.30	16.27	7.19	31.27	3.60
Richmond	90	72	93	67	81	3	2872	2481	0.40	11.38	3.02	29.37	3.15
Roanoke	89	68	94	64	79	3	2611	NA	0.04	13.37	5.56	28.33	2.58
Wash/Dulles	88	68	90	63	78	2	2459	NA	1.54	12.30	4.57	26.18	1.72

* 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)

Rainfall has been very spotty. Some areas are getting dry.

WESTERN

ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas A Stanley)

Showers and thunderstorms Tuesday night brought .5 to 1.0 inch of rain to most of Rockbridge and since most corn is pollinating, this rain was very timely. Field crops are in generally good condition and the remainder of the week being dry, conditions were favorable for hay mowing and curing Wednesday through Sunday.

CENTRAL

AMELIA (Laura Siegle)

Conditions were fairly dry the previous week, but we received some timely rain this week.

CAROLINE (Mike Broaddus)

Due to one good hard night time rain this past week, most of Caroline and King George did not lose any time to work and thus the soil is status quo from last week.

EASTERN

ACCOMACK (Theresa Long)

Potato harvest still in progress. Late due to late planting.

ESSEX (Keith Balderson)

Rainfall during the week was welcome and helped to restore topsoil moisture in areas that had been missing earlier rains. Farmers continued scouting soybeans for pest problems and treating the crop as needed. Field day season will start in full force next week.

GLOUCESTER (David Moore)

Nice rains fell this week and helped soybeans the most. Corn is about made with exception of some late planted fields. Folks are making decisions for insecticide/fungicide/nutritional treatments on beans now as many early season fields are setting pods. Double crop fields still receiving post applications of herbicides. Vegetables still coming in. rains are slowing some harvests. Haymaking continues slowly. Field days are coming up in abundance. Virginia AG-EXPO set for next week. Some plans being made for fall planting. Commodity Prices are not very exciting right now.

NORTHAMPTON (Ursula Deitch)

It has been hot and dry here for the past couple of weeks. Potato harvest is winding down and should be done within the next week or two. Field corn is beginning to dry down. Soybeans look good however they have not set pods yet.

SOUTHERN

LUNENBURG (Lindy Tucker)

Things are well. It's been a good year thus far. A good portion of the west side of the county got rain this week, but the east is showing water stress, especially in the soybeans. Water is flying on tobacco. We could use a little rain at this point. Hay is average - lots of weeds this year. Animals look good overall. Pastures are dry in places, but the grass has held on well this year for the most part.

SOUTHEASTERN

BRUNSWICK (Cynthia Gregg)

Hot weather and a few late day scattered storms this week slowed a few things this week. Some low areas of crops field are showing some damage from early standing water are beginning to show. Some crops have been scouted and some Green Clover Worms, Corn Ear Worms, Kuduz Bugs, and Stink Bugs have been found in Soybeans this week. Some Warm season grasses have been cut this week for a second time for hay.

PRINCE GEORGE (Scott Reiter)

Activities for the week have included spraying soybeans for weeds and a few fields for frog eye leafspot. Vegetable harvest continues with butterbeans being the main crop right now. Hay harvest continued with another week of dry conditions.

SUSSEX (Kevin Wells)

Great weather for our crops with little rain over our area. Growers continue to scout the crops for insect, diseases and weeds. Fall harvest season is just around the corner.