



Crop Progress and Condition

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Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.9. Field activities for the week included haymaking and scouting for pests and diseases. The drier weather conditions were helped with rain during the week in parts of the State. High temperatures were in the 90s, and lows were mostly in the 60s. Precipitation was down from the previous week.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 08/09/15

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	5	31	61	3
Subsoil	3	27	66	4

- Represents zero.

CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 08/09/15

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	6	7	25	59	3
Grapes	3	3	11	81	2
Peaches	12	7	17	63	1
Corn	1	1	13	61	24
Cotton	-	-	12	85	3
Hay, Alfalfa	-	2	26	60	12
Hay, Other	1	9	29	51	10
Peanuts	-	-	25	69	6
Soybeans	-	3	20	59	18
Tobacco, Burley	-	1	31	58	10
Tobacco, Fire-cured	-	4	35	56	5
Tobacco, Flue-cured	3	4	27	47	19
Pasture	2	8	34	45	11
Livestock	1	5	20	58	16

-Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 08/09/15

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	25	17	26	45
Peaches harvested	55	44	50	60
Corn silking	94	89	94	95
Corn doughing	68	52	74	73
Corn dented	41	26	35	43
Cotton squaring	98	97	99	99
Cotton setting bolls	74	60	80	79
Peanuts pegging	88	80	90	84

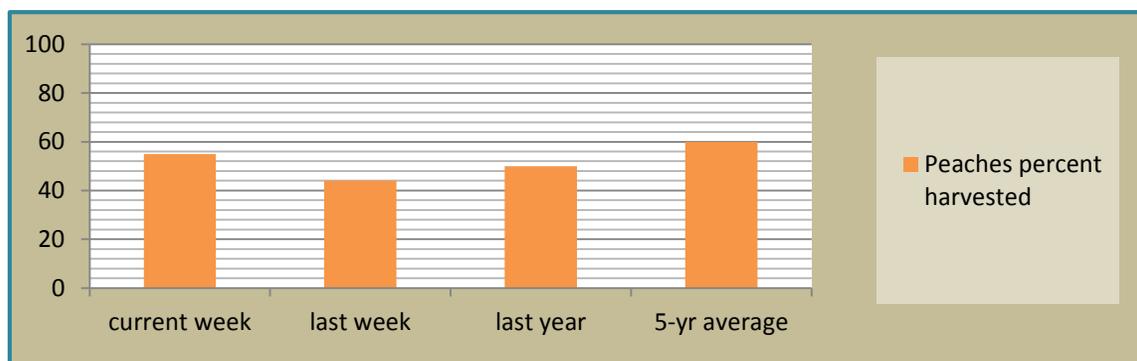
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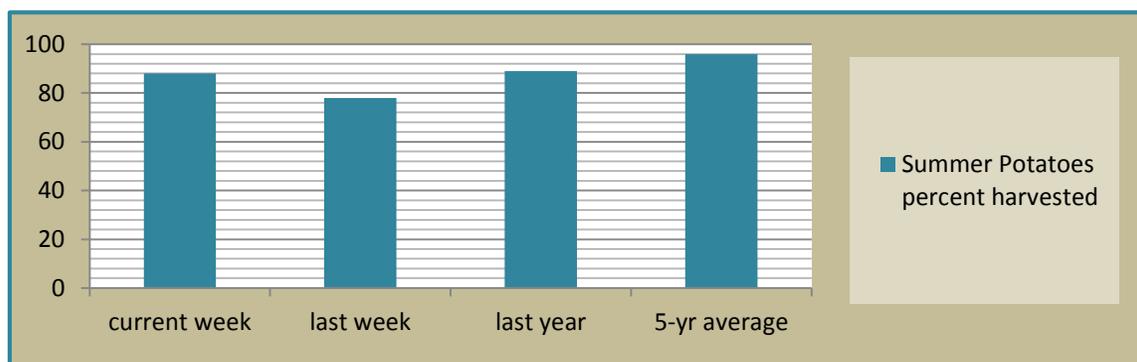
Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Potatoes, Summer harvested	88	78	89	96
Soybeans blooming	57	45	54	65
Soybeans setting pods	37	22	28	31
Tobacco, Flue-cured cut	21	12	18	17

- Represents data not available.

PEACHES HARVESTED for week ending 08/09/15



SUMMER POTATOES HARVESTED for week ending 08/09/15



Weather Summary- For the week ending August 9, 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 8	Mar. 1 to Aug 8 norm	Last Week	Since June 1	June 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	84	63	92	56	73	-2	2642	2453	0.50	9.88	0.74	23.26	-3.78
Norfolk	87	74	93	72	81	2	3062	2693	0.47	16.74	6.48	31.74	2.89
Richmond	89	71	96	66	80	2	3067	2665	1.07	13.01	3.66	31.00	3.81
Roanoke	87	67	93	60	77	1	2793	NA	0.14	13.50	4.85	28.46	1.87
Wash/Dulles	85	65	91	61	75	-1	2632	NA	0.19	12.52	4.01	26.39	1.02

* 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

PRINCE WILLIAM (Paige Thacker)

Much needed rainfall and cloudy conditions have brought relief to the extreme temps and low rainfall.

WESTERN

ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas A Stanley)

Rain forecast to arrive Wednesday night through Friday with a low pressure system failed to materialize disappointing many farmers in Rockbridge. Cooler temperatures the latter half of the week made field work more pleasant but all of Rockbridge is in need of rain. Yield potential of corn has been reduced and pasture and hay growth is being limited by insufficient soil moisture.

CENTRAL

AMELIA (Laura Siegle)

We have received rainfall several days this week, although certain parts of the county have remained dry. The north and eastern part of the county have benefited the most from recent passing storms.

CAROLINE (Mike Broaddus)

Although we had one nightly rain this week of almost an inch, the ground absorbed it quickly and so the soil is almost status quo of last week. Crops appear good and healthy.

CHESTERFIELD (Charlotte Maxwell)

Finally got a little over an inch of rain.

EASTERN

ESSEX (Keith Balderson)

Farmers continued to scout soybeans for insects and diseases. Pest pressure to date has been low. Other activities included attending field days and getting ready for harvest.

GLOUCESTER (David Moore)

Nice rains fell at week's end. Will help fill out all corn and also help set pods on early soybeans. Corn is drying down fast and harvest may begin in the next couple of weeks. Scouting for pests in soybeans has begun and folks are making applications to full season soybeans now of insecticides, fungicides and nutritional. Prescription (insurance) sprays for soybeans are being pushed by agribusiness suppliers. Rain events are a little troublesome to vegetables right now, but harvest continues. Some haymaking continues between showers.

NORTHAMPTON (Ursula Deitch)

It was hot and dry until the end of the week. On Friday we received a much needed rain for our soybean crop. Corn is drying down rapidly and harvest is not too far off. Potatoes are still being harvested; however, everyone is hopeful to finish up this week.

SOUTHWESTERN

CARROLL (Steve Pottorff)

Weather conditions continue to be drier than usual.

SOUTHERN

LUNENBURG (Lindy Tucker)

Got about an inch of rain this week which was a big help, but could use a little more. All in all, things are doing well.

SOUTHEASTERN

SURRY (Glenn Slade)

We had a good growing week with much needed rain on Friday 8/7/15. Totals varied from .7 to 1.5 inches. Double crop soybeans are being sprayed to clean up late emerging weeds, and fungicides going out on peanuts.

SUSSEX (Kevin Wells)

Showers fell over the area giving us relief from dry field conditions. Soybean, peanut and cotton benefitted greatly from the moisture. Growers continue to scout for insect and diseases in cotton, peanuts and soybeans.