



Crop Progress and Condition

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Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.3. Field activities for the week included harvesting soybeans and planting winter crops, especially over the weekend as weather conditions improved; the windy weather conditions along with sunshine helped dry fields from the rains earlier in the week. Temperatures were cooler with scattered precipitation; average temperatures went down this week, but precipitation amounts increased. High temperatures were in the mid-60s to 70s, and lows were in the 30s to 40s.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 11/15/15

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	-	10	79	11
Subsoil	-	10	84	6

- Represents zero.

CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 11/15/15

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Barley	-	-	18	70	12
Hay, Alfalfa	-	7	35	55	3
Hay, Other	1	12	36	48	3
Winter wheat	-	1	17	75	7
Pasture	2	18	30	43	7
Livestock	1	5	23	58	13

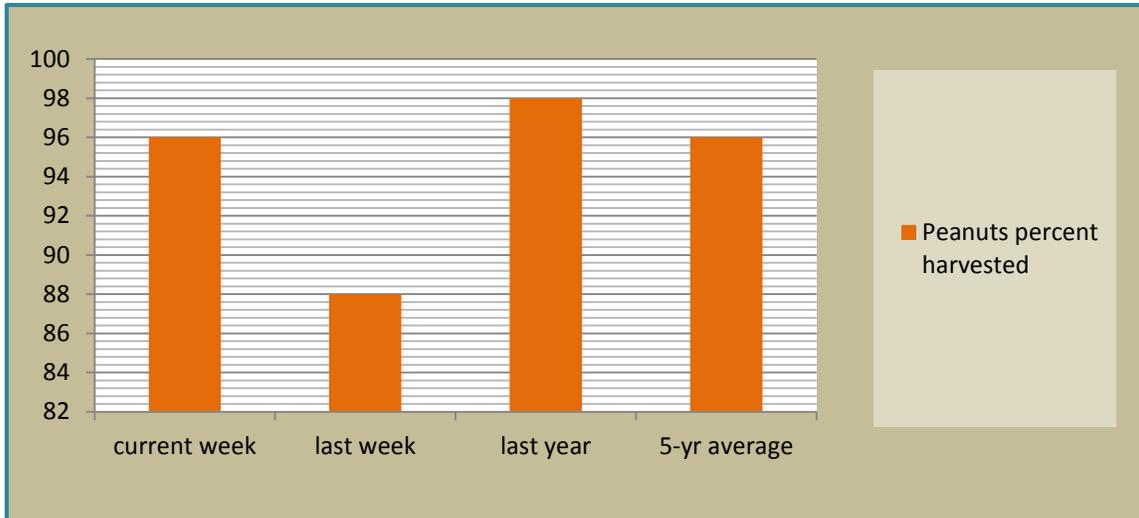
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CROP PROGRESS for week ending 11/15/15

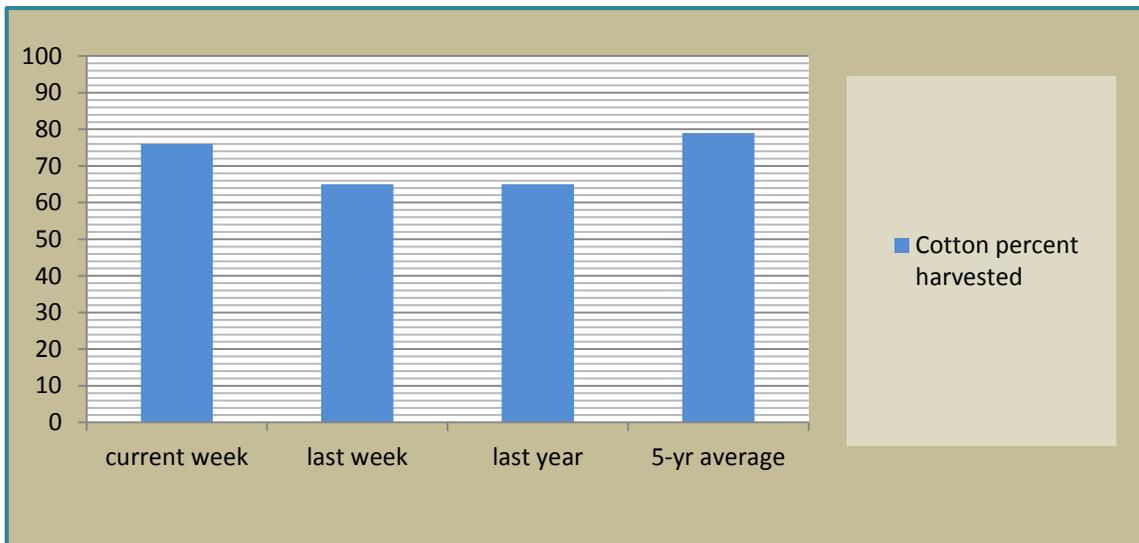
Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Barley planted	95	89	95	98
Cotton harvested	76	65	65	79
Peanuts harvested	96	88	98	96
Soybeans harvested	66	55	70	67
Winter wheat planted	71	63	69	77

- Represents data not available.

PEANUTS HARVESTED for week ending 11/15/15



COTTON HARVESTED for week ending 11/15/15



Weather Summary- For the week ending November 15, 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 Nov. 14	Mar. 1 to Nov. 14 norm	Last Week	Since Sept. 1	Sept. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	61	40	72	32	51	3	4156	3919	2.18	13.61	4.95	38.35	0.00
Norfolk	67	52	74	41	59	5	5053	4418	1.17	11.51	2.52	44.63	3.31
Richmond	62	41	72	32	52	1	4820	4277	1.96	9.29	0.28	41.99	2.75
Roanoke	61	42	72	37	51	2	4379	NA	1.20	15.88	7.44	47.29	9.46
Wash/Dulles	57	39	64	30	49	2	4192	NA	0.82	7.44	-1.31	34.73	-2.21

* 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

ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas A Stanley)

The week in Rockbridge started off with light rain totaling less than .5 of an inch for most of the county followed by windy and warm conditions. Most farmers are current on fieldwork.

CENTRAL

CAROLINE (Mike Broaddus)

Due to over three weeks of damp, rainy weather, soybean harvesting and wheat planting are still in progress.

EASTERN

ESSEX (Keith Balderson)

Rain early in the week delayed soybean harvest again, but combines started rolling on Friday, and good progress was made the rest of the week. Farmers continued soil sampling and started scouting wheat fields for insects and weeds. They also continued to plan for 2016 as low grain prices are creating some concerns.

NORTHAMPTON (Ursula Deitch)

It has finally dried out enough for soybean harvest to pick up within the last week. All weekend, everywhere you looked, combines were harvesting beans. As soon as the beans are harvested, small grains are being planted.

SOUTHERN

FRANKLIN (Cynthia Martel)

Last week farmers were in the fields harvesting late soybeans and working over the weekend to get fields planted with winter crops.

SOUTHEASTERN

CHESAPEAKE CITY (Watson Lawrence Jr.)

Rain prevented fieldwork most of the week. Wind and sun have dried fields and harvesting got underway towards the end of the week. Soybean quality is compromised due to weather; some damage has been reported at elevators.

SURRY (Glenn Slade)

Crops are drying down with cotton pickers and soybean combines on the go. Soybean yields and quality are low, due to excessive moisture early then dry weather in August and September.

SUSSEX (Kevin Wells)

Wet weather has put a stop to harvest season with heavy rains as growers rush to finish the fall harvest. Soybean quality is not good with additional moisture, with discounts at the grain elevators.