



Crop Progress and Condition

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Agricultural News: This is the last weekly Virginia Crop Weather Bulletin of the year. On January 4th, we will publish the first monthly version for the winter months. We would like to thank our federal, state, and county cooperative partners for their valuable help in providing the information that makes this publication possible. Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.7. Field activities for the week included harvesting cotton and soybeans, and finishing the planting of winter crops. Farmers continue taking soil samples and making plans for the New Year. Temperatures were cooler with a little amount of scattered precipitation; average temperatures were down from the previous week and precipitation amounts decreased. High temperatures were in the upper 60s to 70s, and lows were in the 20s.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 11/29/15

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	-	7	82	11
Subsoil	-	6	85	9

- Represents zero.

CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 11/29/15

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Barley	-	-	15	73	12
Hay, Alfalfa	-	9	40	48	3
Hay, Other	1	13	39	45	2
Winter wheat	-	1	17	71	11
Pasture	2	20	28	44	6
Livestock	1	6	22	59	12

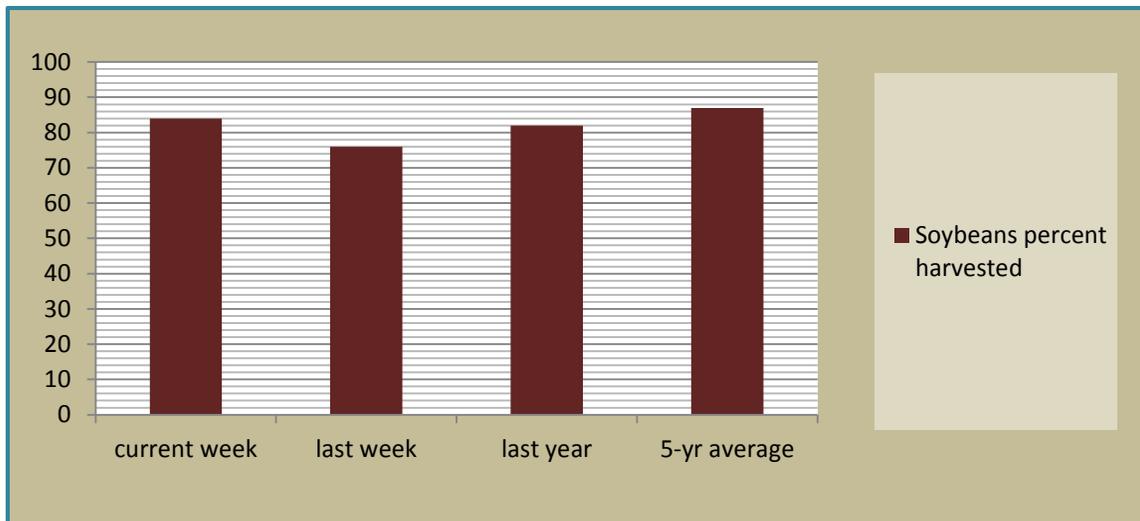
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CROP PROGRESS for week ending 11/29/15

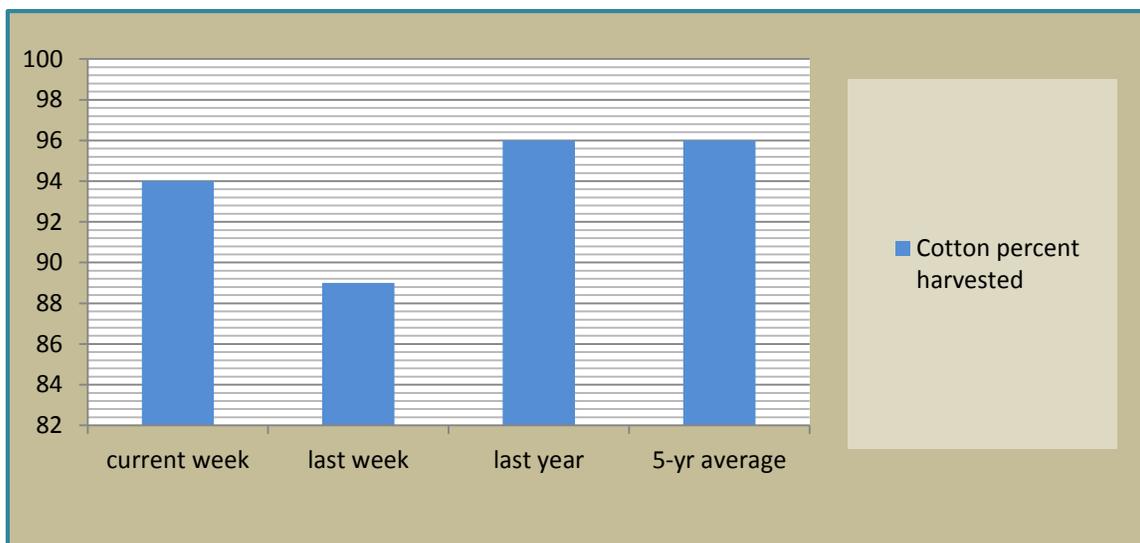
Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Cotton harvested	94	89	96	96
Soybeans harvested	84	76	82	87
Winter wheat planted	87	82	89	92

- Represents data not available.

SOYBEANS HARVESTED for week ending 11/29/15



COTTON HARVESTED for week ending 11/29/15



Weather Summary- For the week ending November 29, 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. 28	Mar. 1 to Nov. 28 norm	Last Week	Since Sept. 1	Sept. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	57	32	69	24	44	0	4231	3979	0.00	14.83	4.68	39.57	-0.39
Norfolk	59	38	70	29	49	-1	5160	4500	0.71	12.47	2.17	45.59	2.99
Richmond	59	34	69	26	46	-1	4914	4355	0.00	10.33	-0.10	43.03	2.44
Roanoke	56	33	68	28	45	0	4447	NA	0.01	17.85	7.94	49.26	9.86
Wash/Dulles	57	33	68	27	45	2	4269	NA	0.02	7.85	-2.34	35.14	-3.47

* 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)

Clear and unseasonably mild temperatures characterized most of the week. Harvest and fall planting activities are essentially complete and while some cattlemen are feeding hay, many have sufficient pasture still available.

CENTRAL

CAROLINE (Mike Broaddus)

Recent rains have soil moistures at field capacity and have hindered the harvest of soybeans and the planting of wheat.

EASTERN

ESSEX (Keith Balderson)

Soybean harvest is virtually done. Farmers continue soil sampling and scouting small grains for pest problems. The winter meeting season is gearing up and producers continue to plan for 2016.

GLOUCESTER (David Moore)

This week was a good week for harvest with dry and sunny conditions for the most part. Soybean yields are average to below average in many places. Some cover crop and small grains are still being planted. Soil sampling, seed purchase, and lime applications continue. Folks are making plans for next year, attending production meetings and working on applicator recertification.

SOUTHERN

FRANKLIN (Cynthia Martel)

The up and down temperatures are affecting animals. Producers are feeding hay and allowing animals to still graze. There are still a few small fields of soybeans and corn standing.

SOUTHEASTERN

BRUNSWICK (Cynthia Gregg)

Warmer temperatures had some folks finishing up in the fields this week. Hunters are out as deer season opened last weekend. Some small grains are showing some yellowing, some due to plant nutrients and other fields need scouting for other potential issues. Bull sales are getting underway for the season. Late fall and winter production workshops and conferences are being planned and are beginning.

SURRY (Glenn Slade)

During the week of Thanksgiving, moisture and foggy mornings limited cotton and soybean harvest. Growers are making slow progress with harvest but small grain planting is almost complete.

SUSSEX (Kevin Wells)

Growers are down to the finish line with the fall harvest with mixed emotions, some good and some not to good. Growers are taking soil samples while others are enjoying deer hunting.