



Crop Progress and Condition

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Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.6. Farming activities included scouting for insect and disease damage, and some haymaking. It was very hot and dry. High temperatures were in the 90s, and lows were in the 60s. Scattered rains continued this week.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 07/19/15

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	1	10	69	20
Subsoil	1	8	77	14

- Represents zero.

CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 07/19/15

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	7	7	24	59	3
Grapes	3	2	10	82	3
Peaches	12	7	19	62	-
Corn	-	1	10	61	28
Cotton	-	-	7	90	3
Hay, Alfalfa	-	2	23	61	14
Hay, Other	1	8	25	55	11
Peanuts	-	-	24	69	7
Potatoes, Summer	-	-	19	81	-
Soybeans	-	3	24	60	13
Tobacco, Burley	-	1	32	58	9
Tobacco, Fire-cured	-	4	29	62	5
Tobacco, Flue-cured	3	3	25	50	19
Pasture	1	9	28	49	13
Livestock	1	5	23	56	15

-Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 07/19/15

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Peaches harvested	25	15	25	30
Corn silking	69	59	73	77
Corn doughing	25	10	22	24
Cotton squaring	84	80	85	86
Cotton setting bolls	23	8	21	28
Oats harvested	90	81	92	-
Peanuts pegging	44	26	49	57

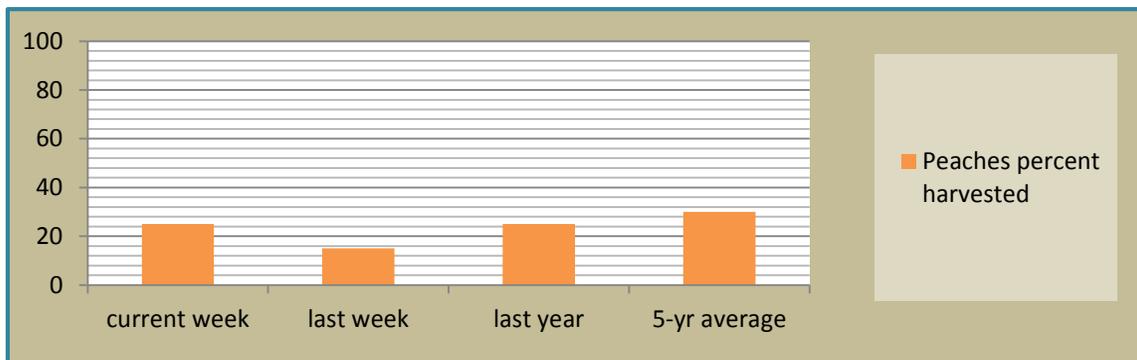
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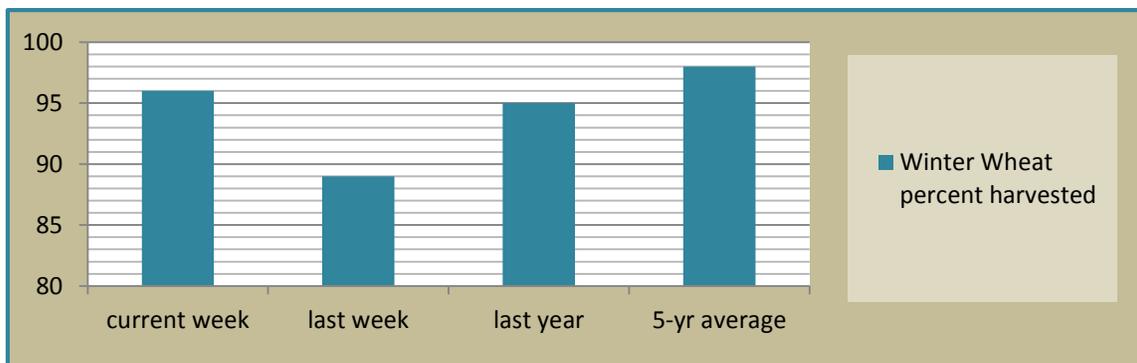
Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Potatoes, Summer harvested	42	33	49	68
Soybeans emerged	95	86	91	94
Soybeans blooming	18	11	22	18
Winter Wheat harvested	96	89	95	98

- Represents data not available.

PEACHES HARVESTED for week ending 07/19/15



WINTER WHEAT HARVESTED for week ending 07/19/15



Weather Summary- For the week ending July 19, 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 18	Mar. 1 to July 18 norm	Last Week	Since June 1	June 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	84	64	89	62	74	-1	2119	1940	0.73	8.32	1.97	21.70	-2.68
Norfolk	85	73	92	71	79	0	2446	2125	3.23	14.97	8.41	29.97	5.00
Richmond	87	69	92	65	78	0	2472	2122	0.95	10.20	4.13	28.19	4.31
Roanoke	86	68	91	67	77	1	2229	NA	1.92	13.33	7.36	28.29	4.32
Wash/Dulles	85	65	90	59	75	-1	2087	NA	0.26	10.75	4.61	24.62	1.62

* 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

FREDERICK (Mark Sutphin)

Occurrence of some scattered hail was reported throughout the county this past week.

PRINCE WILLIAM (Paige Thacker)

Frequent rains and humidity are causing plant disease. Corn beginning to tassel. Extreme temps expected this week.

WESTERN

ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas A Stanley)

Seasonally warm and humid with scattered thunderstorms characterized the week.

CENTRAL

AMELIA (Laura Siegle)

We experienced strong storms and heavy rains early in the week, but high temperatures at the end of the week have dried up most of the excess surface moisture.

CAROLINE (Mike Broaddus)

All crops and forages are looking excellent so far this year as we have had an almost perfect year. I believe there is sufficient moisture in the soil to finish producing the corn crop.

CHESTERFIELD (Charlotte Maxwell)

Dry and hot the past week.

EASTERN

ESSEX (Keith Balderson)

Activities for the week included scouting the full-season soybean crop for pest programs. Growers continued to make post-emergence herbicide applications to the soybean crop, and some producers treated soybeans with fungicides.

GLOUCESTER (David Moore)

Crops are growing well. Some haymaking, veggies coming in and looking good. DC beans are planted; all are up.

NORTHAMPTON (Ursula Deitch)

It has been hot and dry. The majority of the soybeans have been planted. Potato harvest is in full swing.

SOUTHERN

LUNENBURG (Lindy Tucker)

Not too much rain this week. Tobacco has really grown and the majority of the wheat is finally in. Things are looking pretty good overall.

SOUTHEASTERN

BRUNSWICK (Cynthia Gregg)

Storms last week off and on caused some field work delays. Rains were welcomed but high winds caused some tree limbs to fall. Crops are being scouted for insect and disease damage.

SURRY (Glenn Slade)

Recent rains have slowed sprays to control late weeds in soybeans. Peanut and cotton sprays are going out for growth regulators, fungicides, and insects.