



# Crop Progress and Condition

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**Agricultural News:** Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.9. Despite of the heavy rainfall across the state, crops are doing well and looking better. Farming activities for the week included double crop soybean planting, wheat harvesting, and spraying for weeds in the peanuts and cotton fields.

## SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 06/26/16

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	2	12	77	9
Subsoil	2	9	81	8

- Represents zero.

## CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 06/26/16

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	4	17	41	38	-
Grapes	2	31	37	30	-
Peaches	29	23	38	10	-
Barley	3	10	38	45	4
Corn	1	8	27	55	9
Cotton	-	4	12	83	1
Hay, Alfalfa	-	4	35	55	6
Hay, Other	1	9	37	47	6
Oats	1	3	40	49	7
Peanuts	-	-	8	91	1
Potatoes, Summer	-	-	8	92	-
Soybeans	1	4	21	61	13
Tobacco, Air-cured	-	-	15	82	3
Tobacco, Fire-cured	-	-	42	41	17
Tobacco, Flue-cured	-	-	23	60	17
Winter wheat	1	7	28	58	6
Pasture	2	7	41	42	8
Livestock	1	5	22	59	13

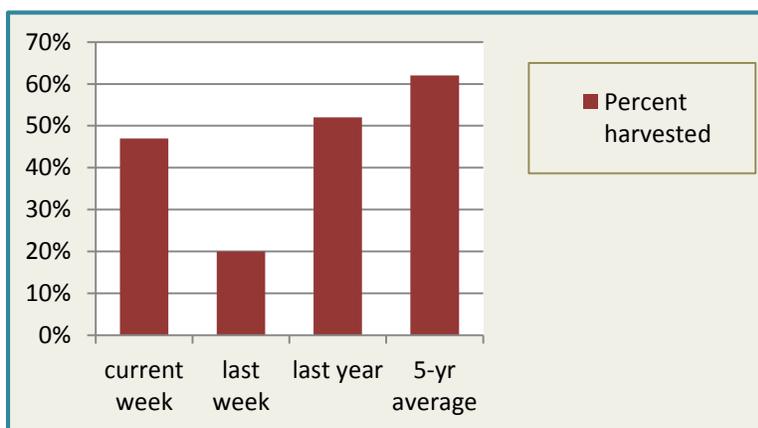
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**CROP PROGRESS for week ending 06/26/16**

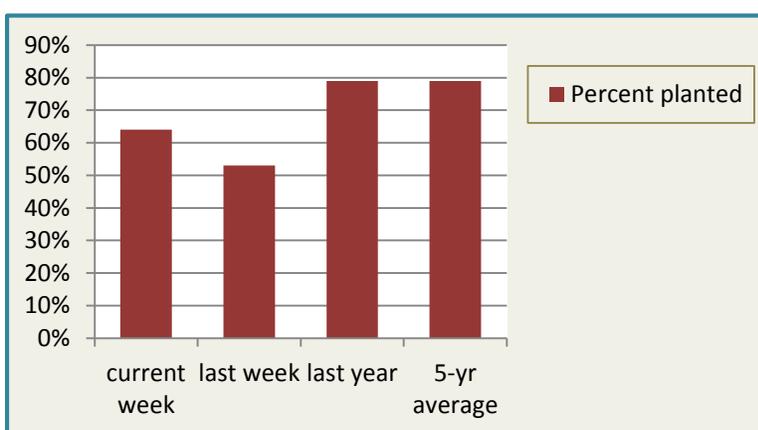
Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Barley harvested	68	49	76	-
Corn emerged	96	92	99	100
Corn silking	2	-	15	22
Cotton planted	96	94	100	100
Cotton squaring	35	25	48	41
Oats harvested	59	50	48	-
Peanuts planted	96	94	99	100
Peanuts pegging	4	-	6	15
Potatoes harvested	10	5	12	17
Soybeans planted	64	53	79	79
Soybeans emerged	50	42	66	66
Tobacco, Air-cured transplanted	92	88	91	95
Tobacco, Fire-cured transplanted	95	85	94	-
Tobacco, Flue-cured transplanted	95	91	-	-
Winter Wheat harvested	47	20	52	62

- Represents data not available.

**WINTER WHEAT HARVESTED for week ending 06/26/16**



**SOYBEAN PLANTED for week ending 06/26/16**



**Weather Summary- For the week ending June 26, 2016**

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 June 18	Mar. 1 to June 26 norm	Last Week	Since Jun. 1	Jun. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	82	61	86	52	72	0	1519	1424	3.67	5.37	2.31	25.02	4.00
Norfolk	85	69	90	60	77	1	1706	1549	0.35	4.32	1.30	26.55	5.14
Richmond	85	66	89	55	76	1	1608	1568	0.90	6.81	3.95	27.44	6.81
Roanoke	83	64	88	54	73	0	1654	NA	2.60	5.92	2.90	23.65	2.73
Wash/Dulles	85	63	89	57	74	2	1457	NA	2.28	6.29	2.88	23.95	3.66

\* 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)**

Two severe thunderstorms Thursday & Friday dumped heavy rain and caused considerable washing in most of the county.

## **WESTERN**

### **ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas Stanley)**

Heavy rains on Thursday brought field work to a halt with most of the county receiving well over 2 inches of rain. Some flash flooding damaged fences and moved hay and some power outages occurred. But otherwise, damage was not severe.

## **CENTRAL**

### **AMHERST (Alyssa Elliott)**

High rainfall events and storms blowing through.

### **CAROLINE (Mike Broaddus)**

Crops looking better, still getting large storms and ground is still very saturated, but all in all crops are doing well.

### **CAMPBELL (Todd Scott)**

Hail in spots damaged gardens and lodged wheat that had not been combined yet.

## **EASTERN**

### **KING GEORGE (Mike Broaddus)**

Crops looking better, still getting large storms and ground is still very saturated, but all in all crops are doing well.

### **ESSEX/KING AND QUEEN/KING WILLIAM (Keith Balderson)**

Wheat harvest and double crop soybean planting were the main activities on the farm last week. Wheat yields continued to be below average, and test weights dropped following rainfall events.

## **SOUTHWESTERN**

### **GRAYSON (Kevin Spurlin)**

Conditions have been nearly ideal for crop growth, particularly corn. Most first cutting hay is in, and regrowth may yield an even better second cutting.

### **SCOTT (Scott Jerrell)**

Good rains this past week, but 90+ degree weather is still stressing many plants.

## **SOUTHEASTERN**

### **CHESAPEAKE CITY (Watson Lawrence Jr.)**

Head Scab has impacted wheat harvest this year with low test weights and some Vomitoxin damage resulting in dockage at buying stations. Some corn acres are being sprayed prior to silking for stink bugs this year following ear damage experienced last year. There is considerable variance in damage according to variety resistance to Head Scab. Soil moisture conditions are very good planting soybeans.

### **BRUNSWICK (Cynthia Gregg)**

There are up and down spots in fields where water has stood during rains. The storms this week had minor flooding in ditches and fields. Corn is silking. Double crops soybeans are being planted. Folks are getting a bit more hay on the ground.

### **SURRY (Mr. Glenn Slade)**

Small grain harvest is well underway. Recent rains have all crops and weeds growing well. Soybeans are going in a fast pace, and peanuts and cotton being spray to control late weeks.