



Crop Progress and Condition

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Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.6. The weather this week was mostly favorable for farm work and crop progress; many farmers were out on their combines, but some areas still had wet conditions. Farming activities for the week included planting soybeans, scouting fields, and harvesting vegetables.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 07/03/16

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	1	10	79	10
Subsoil	1	9	82	8

- Represents zero.

CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 07/03/16

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	4	13	35	47	1
Grapes	2	31	40	26	1
Peaches	31	21	34	14	-
Corn	1	5	23	59	12
Cotton	-	4	12	83	1
Hay, Alfalfa	-	3	29	62	6
Hay, Other	1	8	35	51	5
Peanuts	-	-	7	92	1
Potatoes, Summer	-	-	9	91	-
Soybeans	-	3	19	61	17
Tobacco, Air-cured	-	-	18	79	3
Tobacco, Fire-cured	-	-	42	41	17
Tobacco, Flue-cured	-	-	23	60	17
Winter Wheat	1	9	29	55	6
Pasture	2	8	38	43	9
Livestock	1	3	19	62	15

-Represents zero.

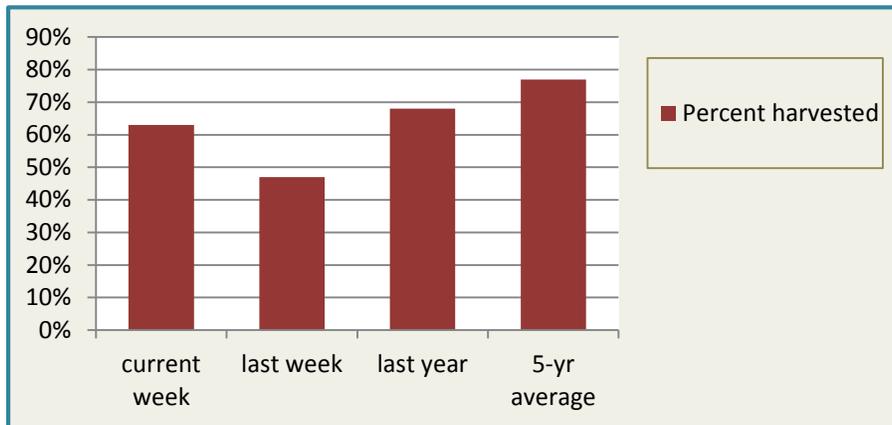
CROP PROGRESS for week ending 07/03/16

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Barley harvested	88	68	88	-
Corn silking	15	2	28	38
Cotton squaring	50	35	63	56
Oats harvested	67	59	63	-
Peanuts pegging	9	4	11	21

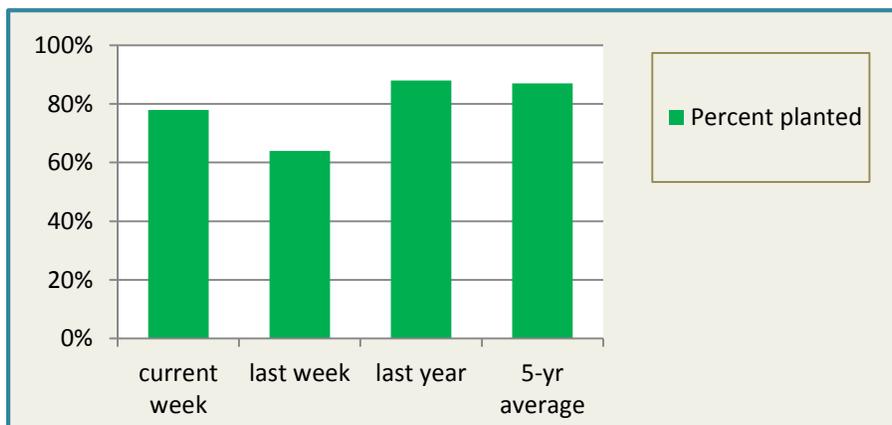
Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Potatoes, Summer harvested	22	10	21	34
Soybeans planted	78	64	88	87
Soybeans emerged	66	50	76	76
Tobacco, Air-cured transplanted	95	92	95	-
Winter Wheat harvested	63	47	68	77

- Represents data not available.

WINTER WHEAT HARVESTED for week ending 07/03/16



SOYBEANS PLANTED for week ending 07/03/16



Weather Summary- For the week ending July 03, 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 July 2	Mar. 1 to July 2 norm	Last Week	Since Jun. 1	Jun. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	83	64	85	60	74	0	1687	1573	1.06	6.44	2.37	26.09	3.98
Norfolk	84	69	90	63	76	-2	1890	1721	1.01	5.34	1.30	27.56	4.97
Richmond	84	66	86	62	75	-1	1784	1731	0.92	7.73	3.93	28.36	6.88
Roanoke	85	66	89	63	75	0	1830	NA	1.03	6.96	3.05	24.69	2.85
Wash/Dulles	85	62	89	56	73	-1	1619	NA	0.06	6.35	2.04	24.02	2.95

* 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 Stanley)

A week of clear skies with seasonably warm temperatures ended with some thunderstorms on Sunday that helped maintain soil moisture for most of Rockbridge. Vineyard operations have noted higher than usual Japanese beetle pressure. Crop conditions overall are good.

CENTRAL

AMELIA (Laura Siegle)

We had a relatively dry week, and many farmers were out on the combines this week. Corn has reached silking in some fields, and the less-mature corn looks excellent. Forages are still growing adequately.

CAROLINE (Mike Broaddus)

Other than a few hard rainstorms, good working weather has been present and for the adverse weather this spring, crops are looking good.

EASTERN

KING GEORGE (Mike Broaddus)

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GLOUCESTER/MATHEWS/MIDDLESEX (David Moore)

Good week! Much of the wheat has been harvested now and soybeans planted. Corn is silking and tasseling. Vegetables are looking better as sweet corn, cantaloupes, beets, squash, and peppers are coming in. Activities include field scouting, wheat harvesting, soybean planting, soybean herbicide spraying, vegetable harvesting, straw baling, and haymaking. Busy time! Rain/moisture conditions have been good and need to continue.

SOUTHWESTERN

SCOTT (Scott Jerrell)

Rains yesterday were much needed. Pastures and hay fields are dormant and showing severe heat and drought stress. Hay yields have been good this spring, with above average harvest. Beginning to see black shank in tobacco fields.

SOUTHERN

LUNENBURG (Lindy Tucker)

Livestock looks good. About all of the small grains are harvested and double crop beans are going in. Hope to finish up planting this coming week.

SOUTHEASTERN

CHESAPEAKE CITY (Watson Lawrence Jr.)

Frequent showers are helping local crops. Farmers' Markets are now being stocked with local summer produce. Wheat harvest is almost complete with disappointing yields and test weights.

BRUNSWICK (Cynthia Gregg)

There are several vegetable crops for producers coming in at the same time. Quite a bit of the same thing was at the local farmer's market. Rain last week slowed some crop planting, and the water has stunted and drowned some crop fields.

PRINCE GEORGE (Scott Reiter)

Wet conditions have prevented the finish of wheat harvest and double crop soybean planting. Some areas have received over 4 inches of rain in the last week. Generally, the soybean crop is 2-4 weeks behind normal growth due to delayed planting in May and June with wet weather. Corn has received timely rain, however some fields have stunted and drowned areas from the same May and June rains.

SURRY (Mr. Glenn Slade)

Recent rains have really slowed field work. Small grain harvest is almost complete. Soybeans are still being planted and replanted. Corn, peanuts, and cotton are growing well where they are not flooded.