



Crop Progress and Condition

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Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.8. Virginia had spotty rain this week; crops are progressing with drier weather during the latter part of the week. Farming activities for the week included spraying soybeans with herbicides, applying fungicides over corn, and making hay, as weather conditions allowed. Heat has begun to limit grazing.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 07/10/16

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	2	14	78	6
Subsoil	1	12	82	5

- Represents zero.

CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 07/10/16

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	4	10	30	55	1
Grapes	2	29	38	30	1
Peaches	35	20	30	15	-
Corn	1	5	23	58	13
Cotton	-	4	12	83	1
Hay, Alfalfa	-	2	27	65	6
Hay, Other	1	8	35	51	5
Peanuts	-	-	6	94	-
Potatoes, Summer	-	-	9	91	-
Soybeans	-	3	20	62	15
Tobacco, Air-cured	-	-	25	70	5
Tobacco, Fire-cured	-	-	49	37	14
Tobacco, Flue-cured	-	-	22	61	17
Pasture	2	7	38	45	8
Livestock	1	3	19	62	15

-Represents zero.

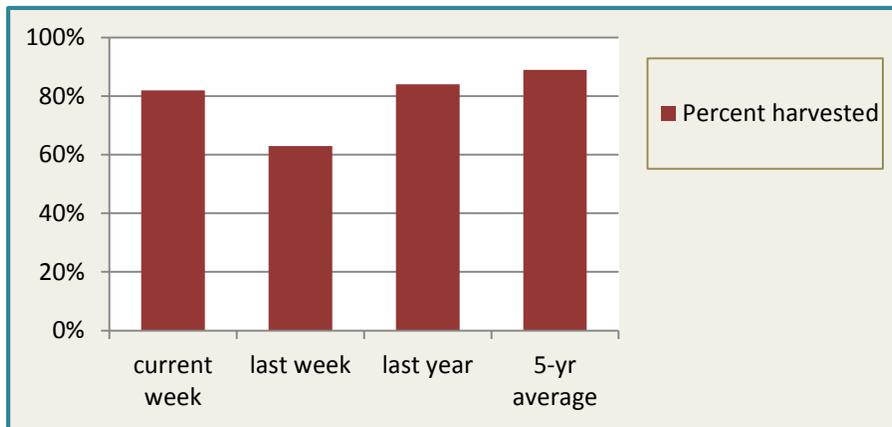
CROP PROGRESS for week ending 07/10/16

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Barley harvested	96	88	95	-
Corn silking	40	15	51	56
Cotton squaring	58	50	76	74
Cotton setting bolls	5	-	6	4
Oats harvested	80	67	77	-
Peanuts pegging	25	9	22	32

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Potatoes, Summer harvested	26	22	30	51
Soybeans planted	90	78	95	93
Soybeans emerged	82	66	84	85
Soybeans blooming	5	-	8	7
Winter Wheat harvested	82	63	84	89

- Represents data not available.

WINTER WHEAT HARVESTED for week ending 07/10/16



SOYBEANS PLANTED for week ending 07/10/16



Weather Summary- For the week ending July 10, 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 9	Mar. 1 to July 9 norm	Last Week	Since Jun. 1	Jun. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	82	66	88	62	74	0	1855	1740	0.51	6.95	1.88	26.60	3.47
Norfolk	88	73	94	65	81	2	2091	1906	2.09	7.43	2.31	29.65	6.12
Richmond	86	70	93	63	78	1	1970	1909	1.08	8.81	4.05	29.44	6.97
Roanoke	83	69	90	64	76	0	2010	NA	1.11	8.07	3.27	25.80	2.97
Wash/Dulles	85	69	91	63	77	2	1800	NA	0.94	7.29	2.16	24.96	3.07

* 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)

The week started with afternoon and evening rain and the other six days were hot and humid within seasonal norms. Field crops are in good shape for the most part while summer heat has begun to curtail grazing activity and rates of gain in livestock.

CENTRAL

NELSON (Michael LaChance)

Some hay is being second cut.

EASTERN

GLOUCESTER/MATHEWS/MIDDLESEX (David Moore)

Things looks good, rain is still needed for crops by the end of this week. Soybean planting and wheat harvest is completed. Vegetable harvest is proceeding. Haymaking is a slow process.

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

Producers finished up wheat harvest and double crop soybean planting. Most of the corn has pollinated and while yield potential is very good, more rainfall is needed to ensure those yields. Other activities included applying fungicides to corn and post-emergence herbicides to soybeans.

SOUTHWESTERN

GRAYSON (Kevin Spurlin)

The county is experiencing nearly ideal growing conditions. Corn progress may be two weeks ahead of schedule. The only challenge to recent weather patterns is that it has been hard to get hay made dry.

SOUTHERN

HENRY (Melanie Barrow)

Henry County received anywhere from 2" to 3 1/2" in a 24 hour period from July 7-8, depending on location.

SOUTHEASTERN

CHESAPEAKE CITY (Watson Lawrence Jr.)

Farmers are busy spraying soybeans with herbicides. Corn has good growth and is tasseling now. Some fungicides are being flown over corn now. Frequent rain is hampering alfalfa and hay harvest.

BRUNSWICK (Cynthia Gregg)

Spotty storms last week made work hit and miss. Everything is still progressing with crops and such.

PRINCE GEORGE (Scott Reiter)

Dry weather late in the week finally allowed wheat harvest to wrap up. Planting and applying herbicides to soybeans were the wide spread activities for this week. Warmer temperatures and sunshine have made a noticeable difference in crop growth this week.