



Crop Progress and Condition

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Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.7. Weather conditions in Virginia are hot and dry; precipitation was down from the previous week. Crops continue to show signs of drought stress. Farming activities for the week included calving, making hay, and harvesting apples, peaches, corn, and tobacco.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 09/11/16

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	19	40	39	2
Subsoil	11	33	54	2

- Represents zero.

CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 09/11/16

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Corn	1	5	32	49	13
Cotton	-	5	28	67	-
Hay, Alfalfa	-	14	31	51	4
Hay, Other	2	18	32	44	4
Peanuts	-	15	17	68	-
Soybeans	1	15	30	41	13
Tobacco, Air-cured	-	10	26	57	7
Tobacco, Fire-cured	-	14	53	24	9
Tobacco, Flue-cured	2	8	32	44	14
Pasture	8	17	34	38	3
Livestock	-	4	25	59	12

-Represents zero.

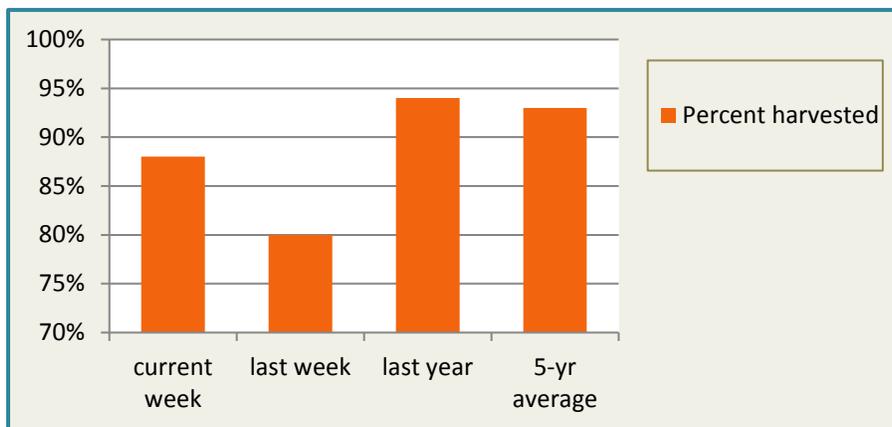
CROP PROGRESS for week ending 09/11/16

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	56	50	61	-
Peaches harvested	88	80	94	93
Corn dough	95	92	-	-
Corn dented	84	76	89	86
Corn mature	59	41	69	67
Corn for grain harvested	25	12	29	28
Corn for silage harvested	64	49	68	70
Cotton bolls opening	24	18	46	40

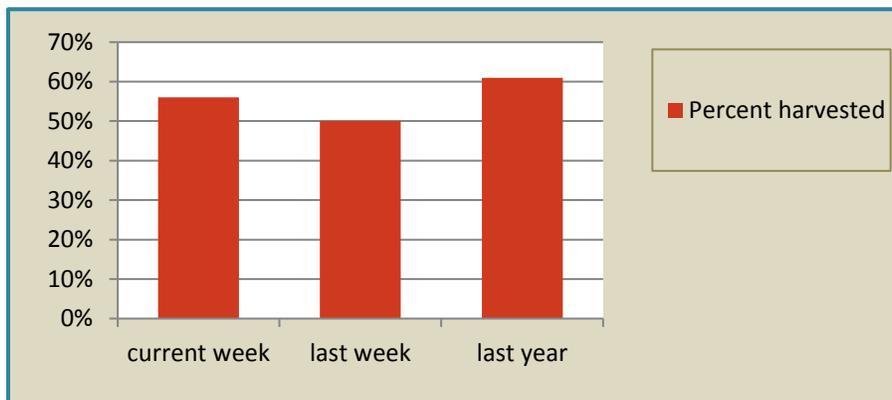
Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Soybeans blooming	95	92	95	97
Soybeans setting pods	83	77	87	88
Soybeans dropping leaves	5	1	16	9
Tobacco, Flue-cured harvested	52	46	60	53

- Represents data not available.

PEACHES HARVESTED for week ending 09/11/16



APPLES HARVESTED for week ending 09/11/16



Weather Summary- For the week ending September 11, 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 Sept. 10	Mar. 1 to Sept. 10 norm	Last Week	Since Sept. 1	Sept. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	90	62	94	55	76	6	3488	3219	0.00	0.00	NA	33.71	2.79
Norfolk	86	71	91	69	79	4	3972	3552	0.31	3.24	1.85	45.61	12.08
Richmond	89	67	94	58	78	5	3719	3476	1.03	1.72	0.44	35.14	3.77
Roanoke	89	66	93	58	78	7	3692	NA	0.00	0.33	-0.93	34.10	3.38
Wash/Dulles	92	66	98	54	79	8	3501	NA	0.00	0.17	-1.13	28.16	-1.48

* 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)

Continued hot and dry. Southern part of the county has only had 1.0 inch of rain in the last 30 days. Silage corn dried down rapidly in the last two weeks.

WESTERN

ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas Stanley)

Another hot and dry week. Soil is very dry. Yield potential for late planted corn suffered badly this week.

CENTRAL

AMELIA (Laura Siegle)

We have had another very dry week. Some corn was harvested this week, and some producers cut hay. In most places, forage crops are in strong need of moisture.

EASTERN

GLOUCESTER/MATHEWS/MIDDLESEX (David Moore)

Some much needed rain fell over the weekend and mid-week. Not everyone got it as amounts ranged from 8 tenths to almost 2 inches total. Corn harvest is progressing. Yields are about average, with yields ranging from about 100 to 175 bushels. Soybeans are really suffering due to hot, dry weather. Recent rains will help a lot, but yield potential has been hurt. Haymaking is slow at this time. Veggies also want for rain and cooler temps. Cukes, squash, cantaloupes, watermelons and sweet potatoes are coming in now. Pumpkin production has been hurt some due to the lack of pollination.

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

Another hot week with only scattered and mostly light showers. Corn harvest continued at a good pace with a wide range of yields, but mostly lower than producers were anticipating prior to harvest. Soybeans continued to show drought stress.

CHARLES CITY/NEW KENT (John Allison)

Soybeans dropping pods, other pods are flat due to drought. Sorghum curling.

NORTHAMPTON (Ursula Deitch)

It continues to be hot and dry. We only received 1 inch of rain from Tropical Storm Hermine and could have used more. Corn harvest is under way and is probably 40% harvested.

SOUTHWESTERN

GRAYSON (Kevin Spurlin)

This week was a great week for harvest activities. The lack of rain and hot temperatures are stressing fall pastures, and may force some grazers to have to sell animals earlier than they would like.

SOUTHERN

PITTSYLVANIA (Jamie Stowe & Stephen)

Conditions have become extremely dry and it is affecting all crops.

HALIFAX (Rebekah Slabach)

The county is still in dire need of rain. The northern end experiences sparse showers, while the southern end is the driest.

LUNENBURG (Lindy Tucker)

It is still very dry. We are in need of rain for soybeans and pastures. Corn harvest has just begun and tobacco harvest is moving along. We've had some cooler days here and there, but still hot and dry overall. Fall calving has begun.

SOUTHEASTERN

CHESAPEAKE CITY (Watson Lawrence Jr.)

Hurricane Hermine brought 4 to 7 inches of rain. Very little damage, only some areas of certain fields of corn were blown down. Almost all harvestable. Farmers are laying plastic for strawberries this week. Some worm sprays continuing for soybean loopers this week.

BRUNSWICK (Cynthia Gregg)

Dry, humid and hot has described the weather of the last week. Some soybean pods are dropping prematurely from the vines. Tobacco is yellowing quickly in the fields. Some late hay is being cut and the quality is questionable on some.