



# Crop Progress and Condition

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**Agricultural News:** Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.5. Weather conditions in Virginia improved with rain this week; precipitation was scattered and helped with moisture levels, but some areas received very little or no rain. Farming activities for the week included making hay, harvesting fruit, and planting cover crops.

## SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 09/25/16

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	20	42	34	4
Subsoil	16	35	47	2

- Represents zero.

## CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 09/25/16

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Corn	1	6	36	44	13
Cotton	-	4	42	54	-
Hay, Alfalfa	1	15	40	41	3
Hay, Other	5	22	36	34	3
Peanuts	-	16	15	69	-
Soybeans	1	15	35	39	10
Pasture	11	24	37	25	3
Livestock	-	5	26	57	12

-Represents zero.

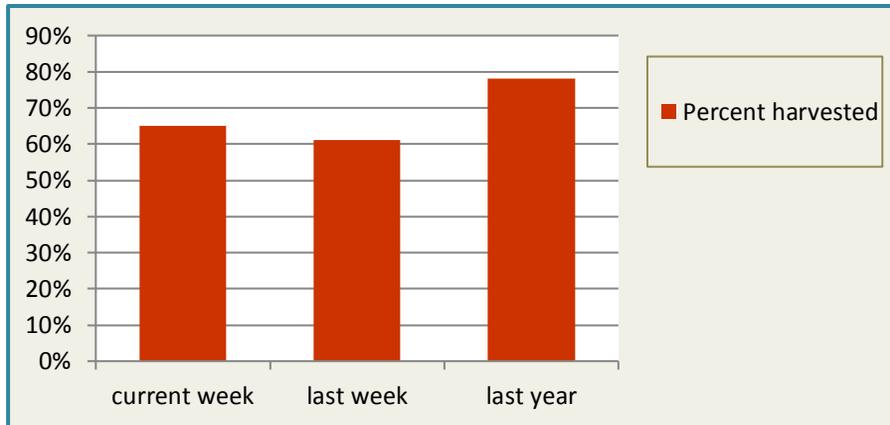
## CROP PROGRESS for week ending 09/25/16

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	65	61	78	-
Corn dented	94	91	95	94
Corn mature	82	69	87	85
Corn for grain harvested	55	41	57	57
Corn for silage harvested	86	76	87	85
Cotton bolls opening	54	38	76	74

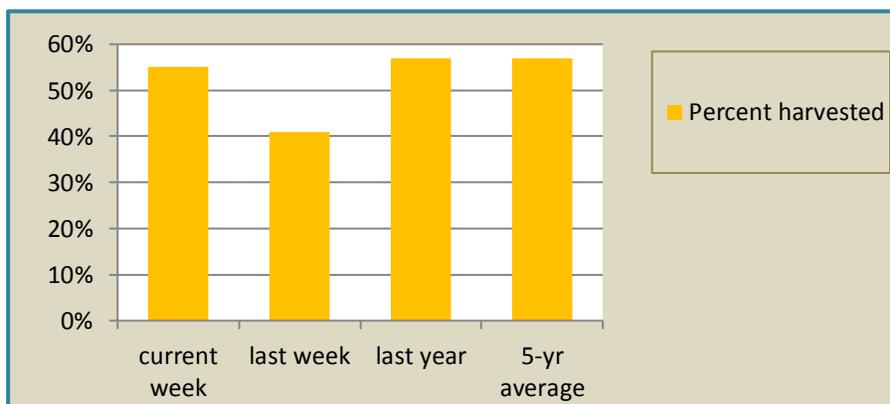
Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Soybeans setting pods	92	89	96	98
Soybeans dropping leaves	27	13	38	31
Tobacco, Flue-cured harvested	69	63	78	74

- Represents data not available.

### APPLES HARVESTED for week ending 09/25/16



### CORN FOR GRAIN HARVESTED for week ending 09/25/16



### Weather Summary- For the week ending September 25, 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. 24	Mar. 1 to Sept. 24 norm	Last Week	Since Sept. 1	Sept. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	83	62	90	59	73	7	3810	3469	1.58	1.58	-1.45	35.29	2.62
Norfolk	81	69	87	65	75	4	4333	3853	9.91	13.15	9.89	55.52	20.16
Richmond	81	67	88	64	74	6	4057	3747	2.25	3.97	0.82	37.39	4.01
Roanoke	86	63	91	60	74	8	4023	NA	0.83	1.16	-1.89	34.93	2.29
Wash/Dulles	83	63	91	56	73	7	3825	NA	0.23	0.40	-2.67	28.39	-2.80

\* 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)

Finally received some rainfall Monday. Measurements ranged from 0.5 to 1.5 inches across the county.

## CENTRAL

### **AMELIA (Laura Siegle)**

We received some much-needed rain this week, although much of it came all at once. I expect that our pasture and hayland ratings will improve in the coming weeks with the onset of some moisture and incoming cooler temperatures.

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

Due to a large rain this week, soil moisture has returned to adequate levels, and this will greatly assist producers' double crop soybeans and moisten the ground for upcoming wheat planting.

### **NELSON (Michael LaChance)**

Hay making continues unhampered by wet weather. Apples, grapes, and late season peaches continue to be harvested. Some vineyards wrestle with disease damaged grapes due to wet conditions earlier in the year. Winter squash and pumpkins are reaching maturity. Plasticulture strawberry transplants have been set out and are rooting. Sunday has begun a trend of cooler weather which will benefit fruit not yet harvested.

### **APPOMATTOX (Bruce Jones)**

Appomattox County received a much needed rainfall last Monday with many locations receiving in excess of 2.5 inches. This was the first substantial rainfall in over 2 months. Timely planted corn is yielding well, but later planted corn suffered in the dry weather. 100 percent of the dark tobacco is harvested with curing proceeding well. There is still much burley and flue cured tobacco in the field. Most of this has greened since the rain. Soybean harvest is proceeding well with about 10% harvested.

## EASTERN

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

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

Much needed rainfall fell during the week, helping to restore topsoil moisture. The moisture helped double crop soybeans, pastures and hay fields, and will allow seeding of cover crops and small grains. Corn harvest started back up late in the week, and some producers started planting cover crops.

## SOUTHWESTERN

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

Hot, with little to no rain again.

## SOUTHERN

### **HENRY (Melanie Barrow)**

Received some much needed rain, albeit not much, less than 1/8". However, cooler weather and moisture is expected 9/26/2016.

## SOUTHEASTERN

### **SOUTHAMPTON (Livy Preisser)**

We had a lot of rain here over the past week, but we are starting to dig peanuts. Cotton is looking good, time will tell if the rain did a lot of damage to it.

### **PRINCE GEORGE (Scott Reiter)**

Rainfall covered the county this week with totals from 2-5 inches. Most field activity was stalled this week with 4 days of showers and wet soil conditions. Soybeans and forages will benefit the most from the moisture. Hopefully, this will help seed size on the later planted soybeans. Farmers have reported strong corn yields and should wrap up most harvest within another week.

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

Tropical depression Julia brought much needed moisture, too much in some areas. Totals ranged from 4" to 8". The rains stopped field work, but it may be too late to improve yields.