



Crop Progress and Condition

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Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.3. Weather conditions are getting dry in areas; rain is needed, but planting is coming along and hay is being cut. Precipitation amounts varied. Farming activities for the week included planting corn, cotton, peanuts, potatoes, and soybeans.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 05/13/18

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	5	36	58	1
Subsoil	6	29	65	-

- Represents zero.

CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 05/13/18

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Barley	1	3	19	64	13
Corn	-	-	38	55	7
Hay, Alfalfa	-	12	41	47	-
Hay, Other	4	14	31	50	1
Winter Wheat	1	4	16	66	13
Pasture	4	27	35	26	8

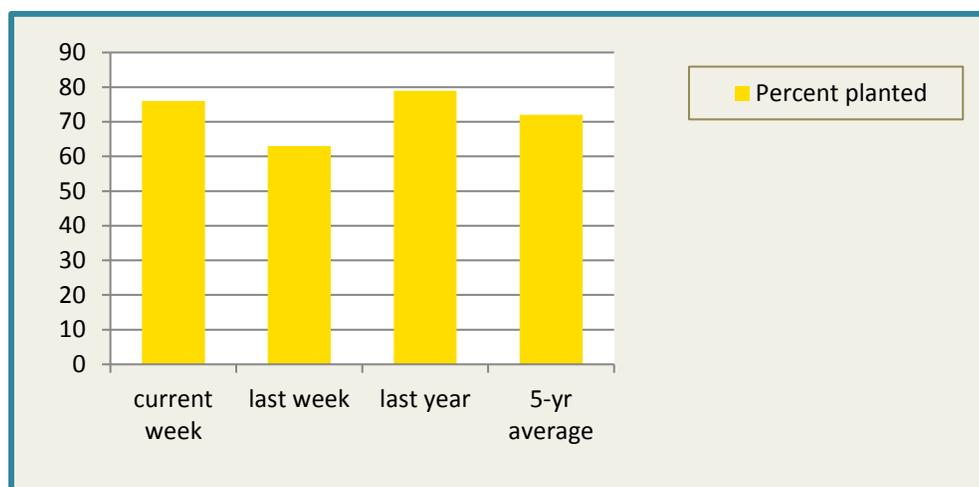
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CROP PROGRESS for week ending 05/13/18

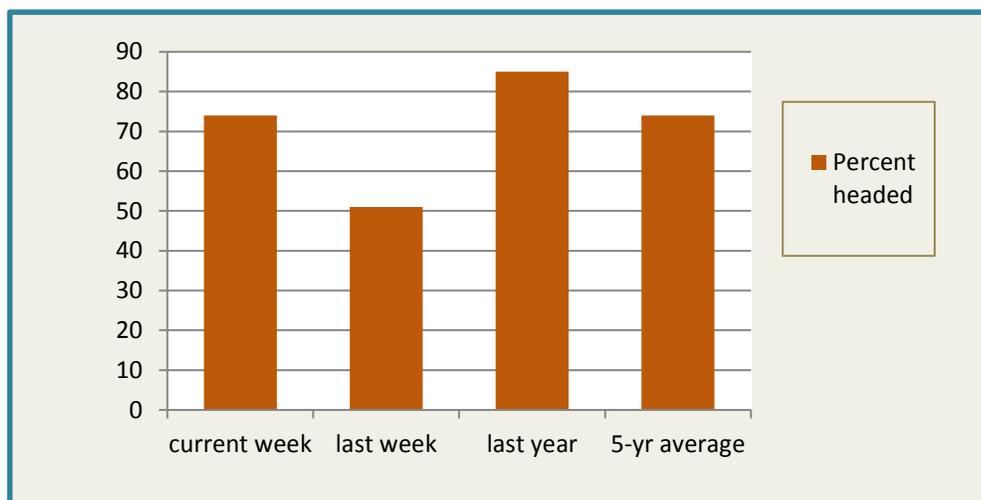
Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Corn planted	76	63	79	72
Corn emerged	52	31	47	48
Cotton planted	37	22	39	36
Peanuts planted	32	16	37	28
Potatoes, Summer planted	88	84	96	-
Soybeans planted	17	9	17	14
Soybeans emerged	2	-	-	-
Tobacco, Burley transplanted	18	8	12	10
Tobacco, Fire-cured transplanted	20	6	18	16
Tobacco, Flue-cured transplanted	37	14	29	39
Winter Wheat headed	74	51	85	74

- Represents data not available or zero.

CORN PLANTED for week ending 05/13/18



WINTER WHEAT HEADED for week ending 05/13/18



Weather Summary- For the week ending May 13, 2018

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 May 12	Mar. 1 to May 12 norm	Last Week	Since Mar. 1	Mar. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	81	54	91	48	67	6	566	576	0.52	8.39	-0.44	17.05	1.55
Norfolk	75	59	93	52	67	3	608	615	3.01	10.30	1.50	15.54	-0.64
Richmond	82	56	93	51	69	6	622	665	0.36	6.27	-2.43	12.12	-3.03
Roanoke	83	56	93	50	70	8	596	NA	0.12	7.53	-1.54	14.85	-0.45
Wash/Dulles	79	53	90	46	66	6	477	NA	0.00	5.88	-2.28	12.37	-1.68

* 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)

The soil is dry. A few spotty showers were insignificant. A lot of corn was planted last week. The corn planted the first of May has emerged.

WESTERN

ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas Stanley)

Some showers started an otherwise dry week with above average temperatures the last three days. Significant progress was made planting corn and applying manure.

BATH/HIGHLAND (John Benner)

Small grains are getting ready to come off. Corn to follow right behind.

CENTRAL

AMELIA (Laura Siegle)

Some parts of the county received rain from last week's storm, while others remained more dry. Many producers cut hay this week.

CAMPBELL (Todd Scott)

I talked to an eighty year old farmer and he said this is the driest and coldest winter/spring he has ever seen. Hay fields are at 50% for first cutting. Pastures are poor and things are dry.

SOUTHWESTERN

SCOTT (Scott Jerrell)

Higher temperatures and winds continue to dry out the ground. Coupled with little rain, we are entering a critical stage of soil moisture. Cracks are developing in topsoil levels, and many farmers are holding off on planting corn due to little moisture. There are still some farmers supplementing cattle with feed to reduce the impact on their pastures.

SMYTH (Andy Overbay)

Recent rains and warmer weather have helped rejuvenate fields and pastures. Hay cutting (especially small grains) is in full force to beat the expected storms of the coming week.

SOUTHERN

LUNENBURG (Lindy Tucker)

We need rain. Everything is thirsty. Planting is coming along.

SOUTHEASTERN

BRUNSWICK (Cynthia Gregg)

Tobacco that has been planted is coming along nicely. Some corn is up over six inches and looking good. Planting is going full swing. Thursday evening's thunderstorm had varying amounts of rainfall across the county from .1 to about .6 of an inch. A few spots had standing water in fields where the rain came quickly, but most was dried up by Friday afternoon. Hay is being cut, raked, and baled at a fast pace as right now it is drying well, overall.

GREENSVILLE (Sara Rutherford)

Field spraying for scouted weeds occurring. Waiting on adequate rain to water in new plantings. Above average temperatures forecasted for three consecutive days next week. Pastures are rebounding more with warm season grasses taking off.

CHESAPEAKE CITY (Watson Lawrence Jr.)

Corn acreage has been planted with good stands. Farmers will begin planting soybeans this week. A cool, slow start to vegetable season.