



Crop Progress and Condition

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Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.7. Rain and wet soils continue to hamper fieldwork; pastures are struggling. Farming activities for the week included making hay, harvesting wheat, and planting crops as the weather conditions allowed.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 06/10/18

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	-	3	62	35
Subsoil	-	3	72	25

- Represents zero.

CROP CONDITIONS for week ending 06/10/18

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Barley	7	14	24	48	7
Corn	4	9	26	56	5
Cotton	3	5	29	63	-
Hay, Alfalfa	2	7	35	53	3
Hay, Other	8	9	37	44	2
Peanuts	-	2	18	79	1
Tobacco, Burley	-	-	22	77	1
Tobacco, Fire-cured	-	-	63	34	3
Tobacco, Flue-cured	-	1	27	57	15
Winter Wheat	3	10	12	63	12
Pasture	1	11	35	45	8

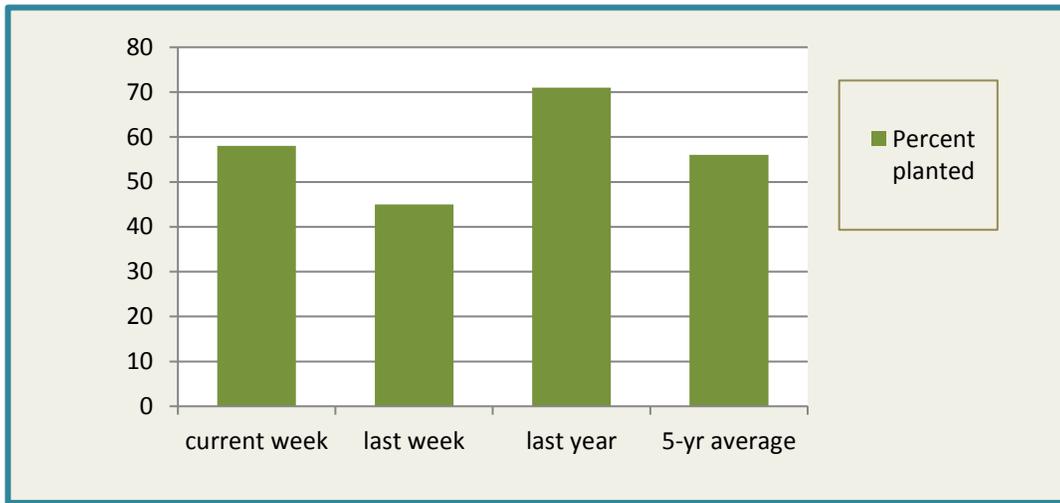
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CROP PROGRESS for week ending 06/10/18

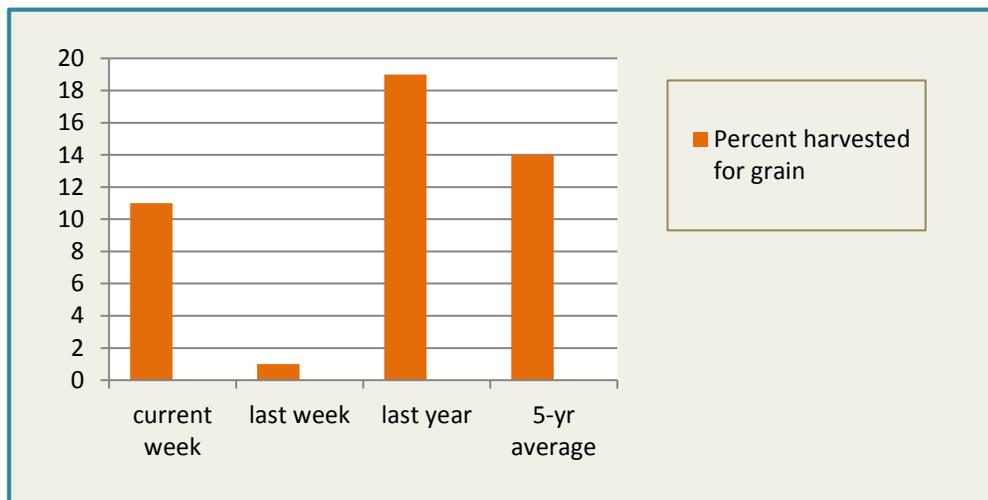
Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Barley harvested for grain	21	9	43	-
Corn planted	95	92	-	-
Corn emerged	89	87	93	90
Cotton planted	98	93	91	93
Cotton squaring	15	5	11	7
Peanuts planted	96	89	91	92
Soybeans planted	58	45	71	56
Soybeans emerged	44	36	49	41
Tobacco, Burley transplanted	81	66	91	75
Tobacco, Fire-cured transplanted	82	70	93	-
Tobacco, Flue-cured transplanted	93	85	93	-
Winter Wheat harvested for grain	11	1	19	14

- Represents data not available or zero.

SOYBEANS PLANTED for week ending 06/10/18



WINTER WHEAT HARVESTED for week ending 06/10/18



Weather Summary- For the week ending June 10, 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 June 9	Mar. 1 to June 9 norm	Last Week	Since June 1	June 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	83	60	88	55	71	3	1199	1058	1.23	2.15	1.05	27.02	7.86
Norfolk	82	66	89	62	74	3	1337	1146	0.30	0.79	-0.26	21.01	1.56
Richmond	83	61	89	58	72	1	1319	1179	1.41	2.95	1.89	25.06	6.22
Roanoke	84	62	89	59	73	4	1257	NA	0.06	0.24	-0.90	24.47	5.36
Wash/Dulles	80	58	88	52	69	1	1064	NA	0.94	2.23	0.94	23.29	5.24

* 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

LOUDOUN (Jim Hilleary)

Rain and wet soil continues to hamper production work. Most hay fields are pending first-cut. Early maturity corn, not in low areas is doing well. Pasture biomass is significant. Do not anticipate an improvement in field conditions for several days.

MADISON (Brad Jarvis)

Flooding waters had a severe impact on local agriculture with many of the corn, soybean, small grain, and hay/pasture fields in the lower basins of the Robinson and Rapidan River. Corn and soybean fields in the flooded bottoms were under water or standing water for 10-12 hours. After field visits to the affected areas, it was determined that 1,000 acres of corn and soybeans were damaged with 400 acres with major damage, and 600 acres of minor damage. The estimated hay crop loss (stored and standing) is \$25,000, but the biggest expense will be the cost for debris removal, nutrient management and sedimentation management.

FREDERICK (Mark Sutphin)

The 3.5+ inches of rain in the last week on top of 8 to 10 inches of rain the two weeks prior has left field conditions very wet, flooding of low lying areas, and heavy disease pressure.

WESTERN

ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas Stanley)

Rockbridge had a 5-day window of clear weather well suited for hay making starting last Sunday. Wednesday night was breezy with no morning dew on many hay meadows accelerating the curing process. Most of the remaining corn acres were planted as well. Thunder shower activity returned Friday.

BATH/HIGHLAND (John Benner)

Very wet week again.

CENTRAL

CAROLINE (Mike Broaddus)

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ORANGE (Brad Jarvis)

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CAMPBELL (Todd Scott)

With the heavy moisture, hay is two to three weeks behind. Quality will be poor. We've also had high moisture and humidity, so we expect wheat to have issues.

EASTERN

KING GEORGE (Mike Broaddus)

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SOUTHWESTERN

SCOTT (Scott Jerrell)

Received a much needed dry week where farmers were able to finish hay. Pastures are struggling, and hay has been around 75% normal yield. Strawberries are winding down, but snap beans and cukes should be ready within a week.

SOUTHERN

LUNENBURG (Lindy Tucker)

Hot and humid. Scattered rains this week made hay production a challenge. Field crops are doing well and soybean planting is starting to catch up to where it should be.

SOUTHEASTERN

CHESAPEAKE CITY (Watson Lawrence Jr.)

Wheat harvest is just getting underway this week. Good soil moisture conditions for tillage and planting soybeans. Hay and alfalfa harvest is very active this week with good drying conditions.

BRUNSWICK (Cynthia Gregg)

Last week was a nice week, and several farm chores including planting were full swing. Some test plots went in last week as well. A storm Sunday evening slowed things down a bit for the beginning of the upcoming week.