



# Crop Progress and Condition

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**Agricultural News:** Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.5. Weather conditions improved this week, farmers are making hay and some corn and soybean crops have been replanted. Farming activities for the week included harvesting barley and wheat.

## SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 06/17/18

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	1	5	78	16
Subsoil	1	2	79	18

- Represents zero.

## CROP CONDITIONS for week ending 06/17/18

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Barley	7	12	23	46	12
Corn	1	7	24	54	14
Cotton	3	5	31	59	2
Hay, Alfalfa	2	7	29	60	2
Hay, Other	12	9	31	47	1
Peanuts	1	5	20	70	4
Soybeans	1	4	19	69	7
Tobacco, Burley	-	2	28	68	2
Tobacco, Fire-cured	-	5	56	31	8
Tobacco, Flue-cured	-	1	27	53	19
Winter Wheat	2	7	16	58	17
Pasture	2	8	35	47	8

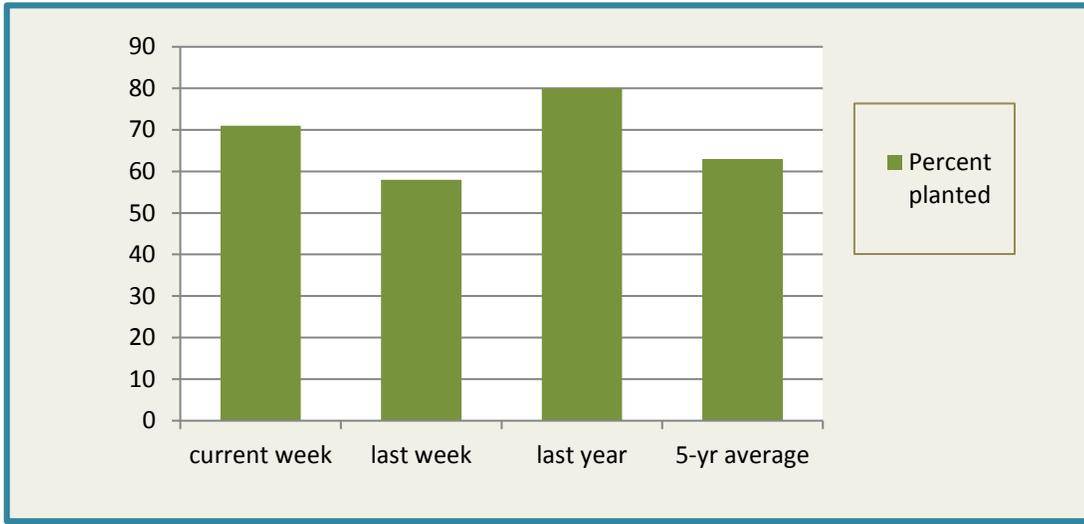
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## CROP PROGRESS for week ending 06/17/18

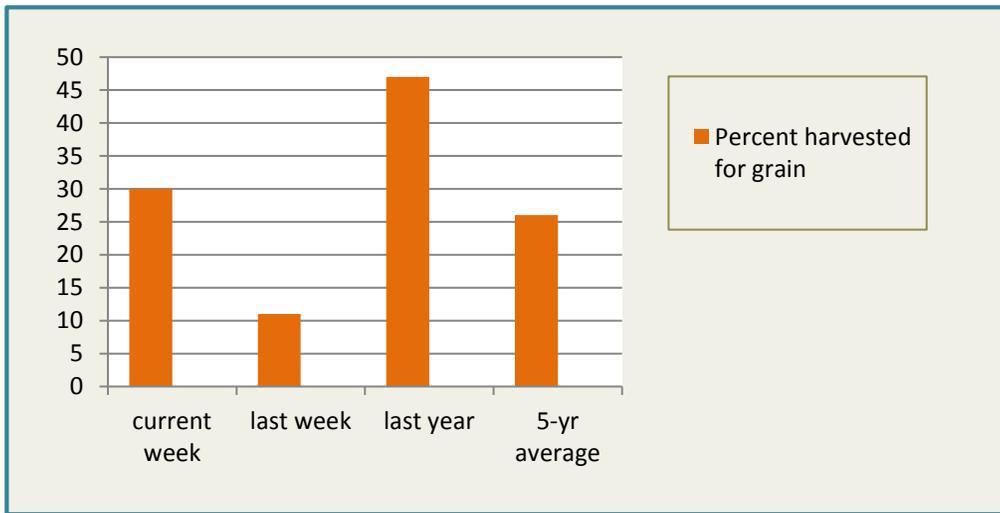
Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Barley harvested for grain	43	21	66	-
Corn emerged	94	89	97	95
Cotton squaring	27	15	36	19
Peanuts planted	98	96	95	97
Peanuts pegging	1	-	1	3
Potatoes, Summer harvested	1	-	-	-
Soybeans planted	71	58	80	63
Soybeans emerged	56	44	64	52
Tobacco, Burley transplanted	94	81	96	85
Tobacco, Fire-cured transplanted	96	82	98	-
Tobacco, Flue-cured transplanted	98	93	97	-
Winter Wheat harvested for grain	30	11	47	26

- Represents data not available or zero.

**SOYBEANS PLANTED for week ending 06/17/18**



**WINTER WHEAT HARVESTED for week ending 06/17/18**



**Weather Summary- For the week ending June 17, 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 16	Mar. 1 to June 16 norm	Last Week	Since June 1	June 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	82	62	89	58	72	2	1352	1206	0.10	2.25	0.32	27.10	7.18
Norfolk	82	68	87	66	75	2	1516	1307	0.93	1.72	-0.17	21.93	1.63
Richmond	83	64	89	60	73	1	1480	1335	0.61	3.56	1.71	25.67	6.08
Roanoke	84	61	90	57	73	2	1412	NA	0.14	0.38	-1.62	24.61	4.61
Wash/Dulles	79	58	86	52	69	-1	1198	NA	0.75	2.98	0.73	24.03	4.96

\* 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)**

Locally wet soil conditions are keeping farmers out of some fields. Some fields have not been planted yet. Several corn fields have areas of yellow corn and lack uniformity. Farmers are still trying to harvest the first cutting of hay.

**LOUDOUN (Jim Hilleary)**

Rain has stopped, ground has dried, producers are making hay.

**WESTERN**

**ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas Stanley)**

Cool temperatures and showers that started the week gave way to clear skies with hot and humid conditions. More first cutting hay was made the last half of the week.

**BATH/HIGHLAND (John Benner)**

Corn replanting nearly all finished. Most successful first plants have emerged and look healthy. Replanting expected to be finished this week.

**CENTRAL****AMELIA (Laura Siegle)**

Wheat harvest and hay are keeping producers busy this week, as conditions have been drier.

**CAROLINE (Mike Broaddus)**

Rainfall has finally ended and has allowed crops to photosynthate and get darker in color.

**APPOMATTOX (Bruce Jones)**

Hay harvest and wheat harvest is progressing rapidly under the high temperatures. Tobacco cultivation and weeding is underway as well. Wet soil earlier led to many weed problems in the organic tobacco fields due to limited cultivation potential. Some farmers are getting second cutting of hay off of the few fields cut early in the season.

**EASTERN****KING GEORGE (Mike Broaddus)**

Rainfall has finally ended, and has allowed crops to photosynthate and get darker in color.

**SOUTHEASTERN****GREENSVILLE (Sara Rutherford)**

Replanted soybeans have emerged. Favorable weather has improved morale.

**CHESAPEAKE CITY (Watson Lawrence Jr.)**

Good soil moisture for crops and pastures. Wheat harvest winding up this week with average yields. Some spotty showers are making hay harvest the usual gamble for SE VA. Farmers Markets are open and busy.

**BRUNSWICK (Cynthia Gregg)**

Last week saw heat and humidity return. Vegetables are coming in. Potatoes, beans, peas, cabbage, other cole crops, and squash are looking good. Double crop soybeans are still being planted. Small grains are being harvested. Hay is being cut, raked and baled. Some tobacco looks as though it will be ready to top in a few weeks.