



# Crop Progress and Condition

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**Agricultural News:** Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.4. Weather conditions were wet with heavy rains; many fields have standing water making wheat harvesting, soybean planting and corn sidedressing difficult. Farming activities for the week included marketing fall calves and inspecting crops for damage.

## SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 06/24/18

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	1	3	62	34
Subsoil	1	3	71	25

- Represents zero.

## CROP CONDITIONS for week ending 06/24/18

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Barley	7	15	23	47	8
Corn	2	7	22	51	18
Cotton	3	3	30	59	5
Hay, Alfalfa	-	1	32	64	3
Hay, Other	4	9	30	55	2
Peanuts	3	4	21	61	11
Soybeans	2	6	19	66	7
Tobacco, Burley	-	-	28	71	1
Tobacco, Fire-cured	-	2	65	26	7
Tobacco, Flue-cured	-	3	23	57	17
Winter Wheat	1	9	22	55	13
Pasture	2	8	30	46	14

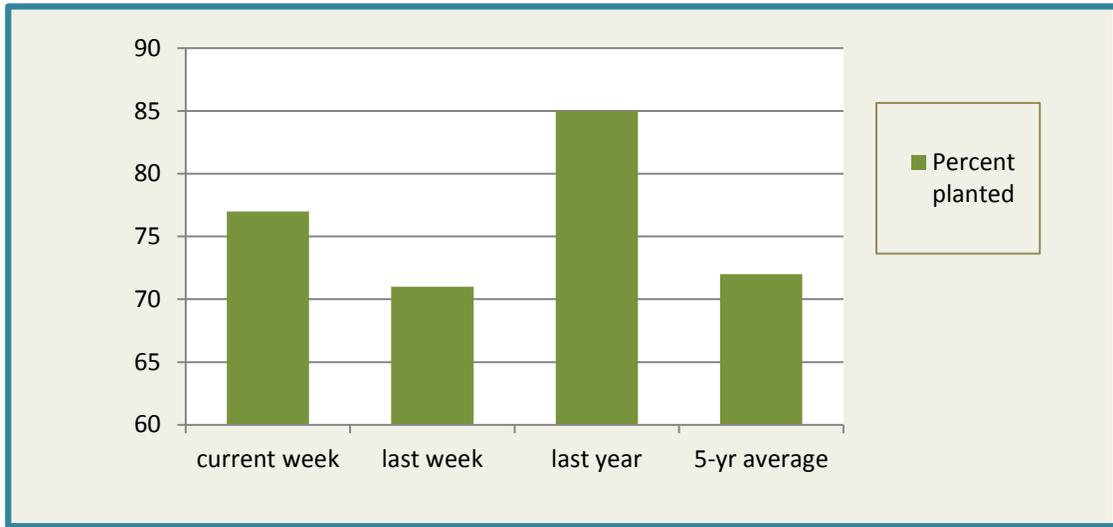
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## CROP PROGRESS for week ending 06/24/18

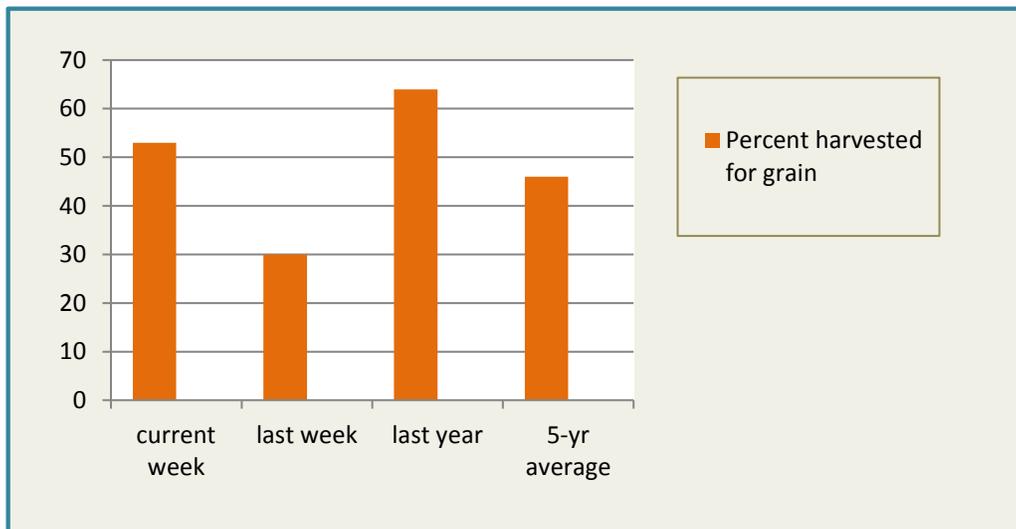
Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Barley harvested for grain	68	43	89	-
Corn emerged	96	94	-	-
Corn silking	7	-	25	-
Cotton squaring	42	27	49	36
Peanuts pegging	10	1	9	7
Potatoes, Summer harvested	9	1	9	9
Soybeans planted	77	71	85	72
Soybeans emerged	66	56	72	60
Tobacco, Burley transplanted	97	94	-	-
Winter Wheat harvested for grain	53	30	64	46

- Represents data not available or zero.

**SOYBEANS PLANTED for week ending 06/24/18**



**WINTER WHEAT HARVESTED for week ending 06/24/18**



**Weather Summary- For the week ending June 24, 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 23	Mar. 1 to June 23 norm	Last Week	Since June 1	June 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	90	67	95	63	79	7	1538	1358	2.55	4.80	2.00	29.65	8.77
Norfolk	91	74	101	72	82	7	1725	1476	2.61	4.33	1.58	24.54	3.39
Richmond	91	71	98	70	81	7	1681	1496	2.75	6.31	3.69	28.42	7.98
Roanoke	91	70	96	67	81	8	1611	NA	2.63	3.01	0.23	27.24	6.45
Wash/Dulles	84	67	94	64	76	4	1372	NA	1.15	4.13	0.93	25.18	5.20

\* 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)**

Another wet week. Standing water present in several fields. Some corn ground still has not been planted. Highly variable crop conditions throughout the county.

**WESTERN**

**ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas Stanley)**

The week was mostly clear with seasonally warm and humid conditions and thunderstorms impacting the northern end of the county Wednesday and Thursday. The entire county received significant rain Friday night into Saturday morning. 1.3 inches rain was measured at Lexington with most of Rockbridge getting as much or more. First cutting of hay was made this week with good yields, but only marginal quality.

**BATH/HIGHLAND (John Benner)**

Crops were negatively affected by heavy rains during the week and weekend. Water is present everywhere; pastures that are not typically wet are muddy. 3/10 of an inch of rain yesterday.

## CENTRAL

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

We have had a number of afternoon and overnight rain showers this week.

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

Recent heavy, driving afternoon thunderstorms are keeping the ground saturated, making wheat harvesting, soybean planting, and corn sidedressing difficult.

### **CHESTERFIELD/GOOCHLAND (Charlotte Maxwell)**

Above average rainfall for the month so far. Some grain farmers have had to reseed due to seeds rotting from heavy rainfall. Crop fields that normally drain well have large volumes of standing water. Cattle producers are finding it difficult to get into fields to bush hog, so forage quality is suffering.

### **GREENE (Sarah Sharpe)**

Extraordinary rain again this week. Some places received 9+ inches in the past week for the second time in a month.

## EASTERN

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

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## SOUTHERN

### **LUNENBURG (Lindy Tucker)**

The rains continue to come. While not overwhelming for the most part, they are making soybean planting and quality hay harvest quite a challenge. Most tobacco is looking peaked in edges and low spots where disease and drowning symptoms are evident. It's been a very interesting season so far.

## SOUTHEASTERN

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

Thunderstorms have slowed or stopped most field activity this week. Most farms received 1 to 3 inches. There are several hundred acres of unharvested wheat and a lot of soybean acres are left to be planted. Wheat yields and test weights are below 2017. The rain delaying soybean planting is beginning to impact yield potential.

### **BRUNSWICK (Cynthia Gregg)**

Late day and evening storms occurred every day last week. Tobacco is starting to bloom and will likely start being topped in the next few weeks. Hay is being finished up. Producers are trying to get the last of the double cropped soybeans planted. Fall born calves are starting to be marketed.