



Crop Progress and Condition

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Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 3.1. Weather conditions were mostly wet, but some areas are dry from receiving limited precipitation from the scattered rain showers. Farming activities for the week included scouting for insects and disease, applying herbicides, and harvesting fruit.

SOIL MOISTURE and SUPPLIES for week ending 07/29/18

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	1	15	72	12
Subsoil	-	17	76	7
Hay & Roughage	5	21	71	3

- Represents zero.

CROP CONDITIONS for week ending 07/29/18

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Corn	1	8	28	58	5
Cotton	1	2	9	86	2
Hay, Alfalfa	-	6	34	55	5
Hay, Other	2	11	43	43	1
Peanuts	1	2	6	88	3
Soybeans	1	6	22	66	5
Tobacco, Burley	-	1	36	62	1
Tobacco, Fire-cured	-	5	60	26	9
Tobacco, Flue-cured	-	4	24	57	15
Pasture	1	14	43	37	5

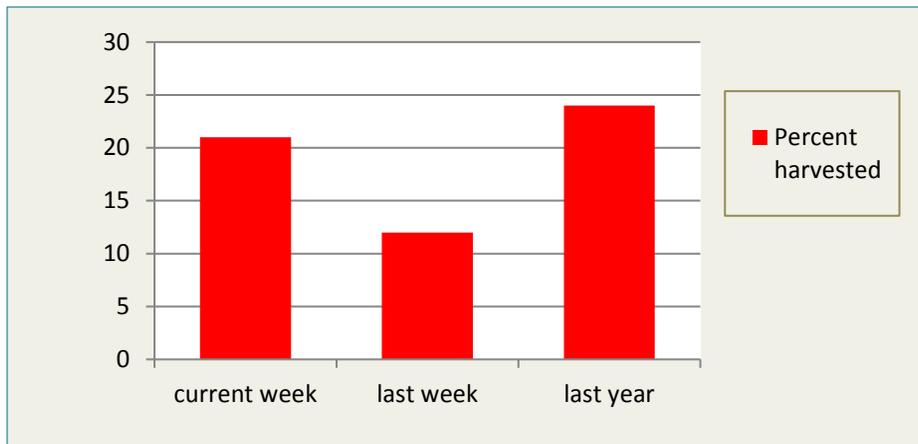
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CROP PROGRESS for week ending 07/29/18

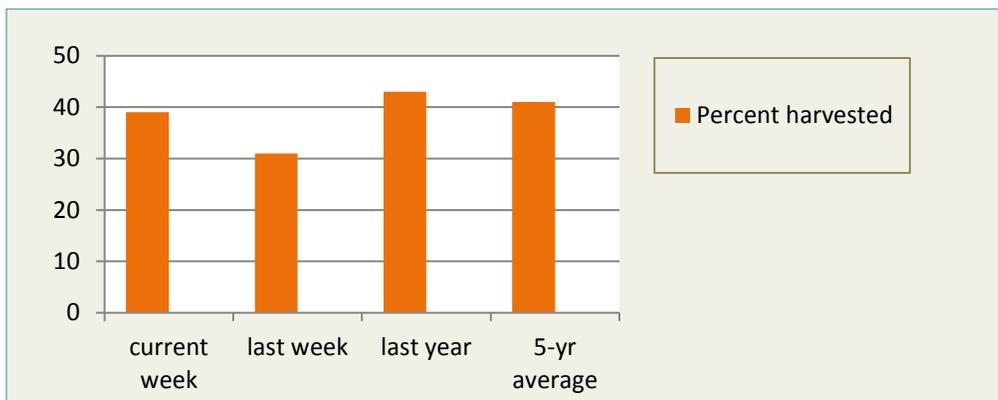
Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	21	12	24	-
Peaches harvested	39	31	43	41
Corn silking	84	78	90	85
Corn dough	60	53	59	50
Corn dented	27	14	26	17
Cotton squaring	90	86	96	92
Cotton setting bolls	45	33	62	48
Peanuts pegging	73	60	75	73
Potatoes, Summer harvested	77	67	79	76
Soybeans blooming	40	30	43	38
Soybeans setting pods	24	15	22	15
Tobacco, Flue-cured harvested	11	2	11	-

- Represents data not available or zero.

APPLES HARVESTED for week ending 07/29/18



PEACHES HARVESTED for week ending 07/29/18



Weather Summary- For the week ending July 29, 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 July 28	Mar. 1 to July 28 norm	Last Week	Since June 1	June 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	85	67	90	64	76	1	2423	2197	2.55	9.27	1.55	34.12	8.28
Norfolk	87	73	93	69	80	1	2721	2403	2.56	11.81	3.50	32.02	5.34
Richmond	85	70	90	65	78	0	2625	2391	1.52	17.94	10.31	40.05	14.71
Roanoke	83	67	90	65	75	-2	2514	NA	2.77	7.68	0.44	31.91	6.59
Wash/Dulles	84	68	90	60	76	0	2261	NA	2.75	13.90	6.63	34.95	10.85

* 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)

All parts of the county received some much needed rain and seasonable temperatures.

WESTERN

ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas Stanley)

Spotty rain showers throughout the week brought rainfall totals ranging from .1 to 1.5 inches to Rockbridge this week. Crop conditions are fair to good generally with a few spots in poor condition badly needing rain.

CENTRAL

CHESTERFIELD/GOOCHLAND (Charlotte Maxwell)

This has been a very odd, wet summer. Hay production is far behind what it normally is and corn is behind in growth as well due to late planting.

SOUTHERN

LUNENBURG (Lindy Tucker)

Still getting rains frequently on the east side at least, the west side of the county has missed many of these rains though. They are still battling some drought and the corn (especially) on the west side is suffering, while the east is fighting to get in the fields to pull.

SOUTHEASTERN

GREENSVILLE (Sara Rutherford)

Localized rainfall from 1"-6" in the last week has brought much needed relief to crops and pasture. Herbicide applications were made over the last three days during a break in the rain. The scouting for insect thresholds is underway to insure timely insecticide application. Forecast for rain every day in the coming week will likely hinder spraying.

CHESAPEAKE CITY (Watson Lawrence Jr.)

Excessive heavy rain this past week has been a negative for most all forage, vegetable and row crops. Most areas received anywhere from 5 to 8 inches.

ISLE OF WIGHT/SOUTHAMPTON/SUFFOLK CITY (Livvy Preisser)

It has rained for the past few weeks here and it doesn't look like we will get a break anytime soon from the rain. For the most part, crops are still looking good with some ponding in fields. Time will tell if yields are effected later on.

BRUNSWICK (Cynthia Gregg)

Rain has been welcome. Some trees are showing stress and dropping limbs and some are even falling. Crops are coming along. Scouting for insects and disease is ongoing.

SURRY/SUSSEX (Dwayne Sanders)

A few areas of water logged soil in crop fields.