



# Crop Progress and Condition

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**Agricultural News:** Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.8. Weather conditions weren't as wet this week; precipitation amounts were down, but the recent rains have increased weed pressure in pastures. Farming activities for the week included harvesting tobacco, fruit, and corn for silage.

## SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 08/12/18

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	-	5	76	19
Subsoil	-	8	83	9

- Represents zero.

## CROP CONDITIONS for week ending 08/12/18

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Corn	2	5	22	66	5
Cotton	1	2	6	89	2
Hay, Alfalfa	-	6	30	60	4
Hay, Other	3	13	33	45	6
Peanuts	1	2	4	90	3
Soybeans	2	6	18	66	8
Tobacco, Burley	-	3	29	65	3
Tobacco, Fire-cured	-	5	51	37	7
Tobacco, Flue-cured	-	2	16	63	19
Pasture	1	8	31	48	12

-Represents zero.

## CROP PROGRESS for week ending 08/12/18

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	34	27	37	-
Peaches harvested	61	50	67	62
Corn silking	95	90	-	-
Corn dough	80	73	76	71
Corn dented	54	37	54	43
Corn mature	5	1	9	-
Corn for silage harvested	9	1	13	-
Cotton setting bolls	75	60	89	85
Cotton bolls opening	1	-	-	1
Peanuts pegging	94	88	94	92

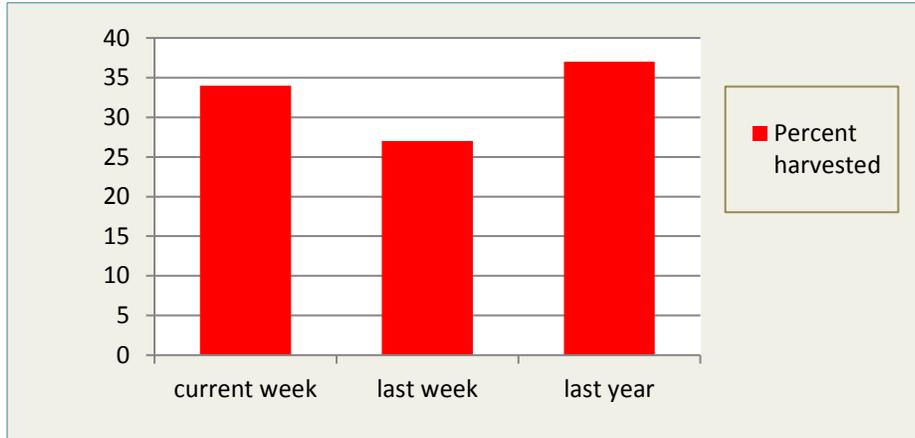
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**CROP PROGRESS for week ending 08/12/18**

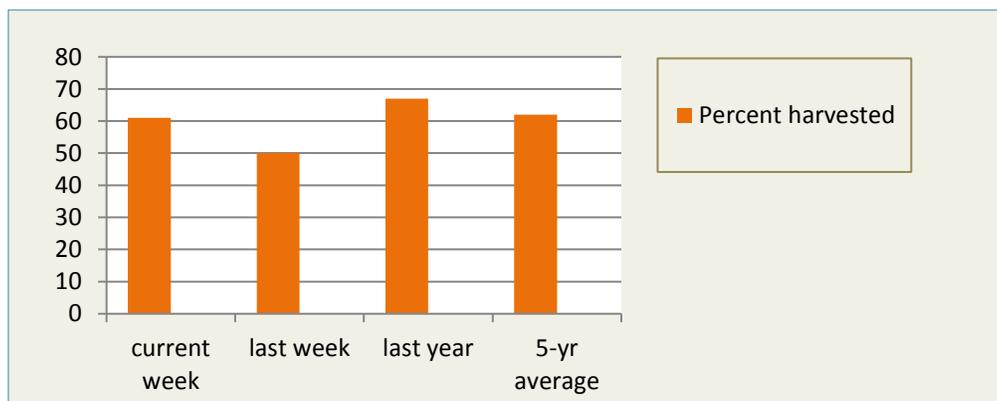
Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Potatoes, Summer harvested	94	85	94	93
Soybeans blooming	68	52	65	63
Soybeans setting pods	43	32	41	37
Tobacco, Flue-cured harvested	24	16	31	24

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**APPLES HARVESTED for week ending 08/12/18**



**PEACHES HARVESTED for week ending 08/12/18**



**Weather Summary- For the week ending August 12, 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 Aug. 11	Mar. 1 to Aug. 11 norm	Last Week	Since June 1	June 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	89	67	91	64	78	3	2791	2527	0.01	12.66	3.22	37.51	9.93
Norfolk	91	76	95	71	83	5	3153	2776	3.72	18.41	7.65	38.63	9.37
Richmond	91	72	95	70	82	5	3028	2744	0.47	19.59	9.80	41.70	14.09
Roanoke	89	69	91	65	79	3	2885	NA	0.45	9.65	0.64	33.88	7.00
Wash/Dulles	90	70	92	68	80	4	2636	NA	0.00	16.83	7.98	37.89	12.12

\* 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)**

Localized rain of varying amounts precludes a standard story for the county. In general, small utility equipment can move across most undisturbed soil/pastures; however, pockets of saturated ground remain. Seeing an increase in pasture/pasture edge weeds such as Yellow Nutsedge, Jointhead Grass, Perilla Mint, and Japanese Stiltgrass.

## WESTERN

### **ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas Stanley)**

A clear and seasonably warm week with rain showers Sunday afternoon to end the week. A few areas of Rockbridge are dry, but most of the corn and hay acres are in fair to good condition. More second cutting hay was made this week.

### **BATH/HIGHLAND (John Benner)**

Wetter than normal conditions this week.

## CENTRAL

### **APPOMATTOX (Bruce Jones)**

Crops responded well to the rain from the previous week. Tobacco condition improved tremendously. Dark tobacco harvest began last week and will gain momentum this week. Most dark tobacco already topped while burley tobacco is just starting to come into top.

## SOUTHWESTERN

### **GRAYSON (Kevin Spurlin)**

Some bottomland tobacco has been flooded in the last couple of weeks resulting in significant losses in those fields. Upland tobacco is doing very well.

### **SCOTT (Scott Jerrell)**

Crop conditions remain the same.

## SOUTHERN

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

Things were a little drier this week, a little less rain overall. Everything is moving along: livestock look good and corn, tobacco, and beans are progressing. The main out-of-the-ordinary issue is that the weed pressure in some pastures and hayland is more excessive this year with the rains. Overall, though, everything is in decent shape.

## SOUTHEASTERN

### **GREENSVILLE (Sara Rutherford)**

The heat in recent days has helped dry out saturated spots in fields. Preventative fungicide spraying in peanuts is underway in prone locations. Sorghum crop in the southwest portion of county looks good, and is still in the vegetative stage.

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

Heat, humidity, and showers last week kept crops going. Producers were pulling and curing tobacco. Several have been scouting crops to check on insects and disease.

### **VIRGINIA BEACH CITY (Roy D. Flanagan)**

Much needed sunshine and dry conditions for a few days allowed some progress to be made on weed control, etc.