



# Crop Progress and Condition

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**Agricultural News:** Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.4. Temperatures cooled over the weekend with rainy conditions, but some areas continue to be dry with spotty storms. Farming activities for the week included planting cover crops, applying insecticide applications to soybeans, and harvesting tobacco, fruit, and corn for silage.

## SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 09/09/18

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	2	14	75	9
Subsoil	3	11	79	7

- Represents zero.

## CROP CONDITIONS for week ending 09/09/18

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Corn	1	3	19	71	6
Cotton	1	2	6	88	3
Hay, Alfalfa	-	7	28	57	8
Hay, Other	3	14	37	39	7
Peanuts	1	2	4	90	3
Soybeans	2	5	21	66	6
Pasture	4	9	31	45	11

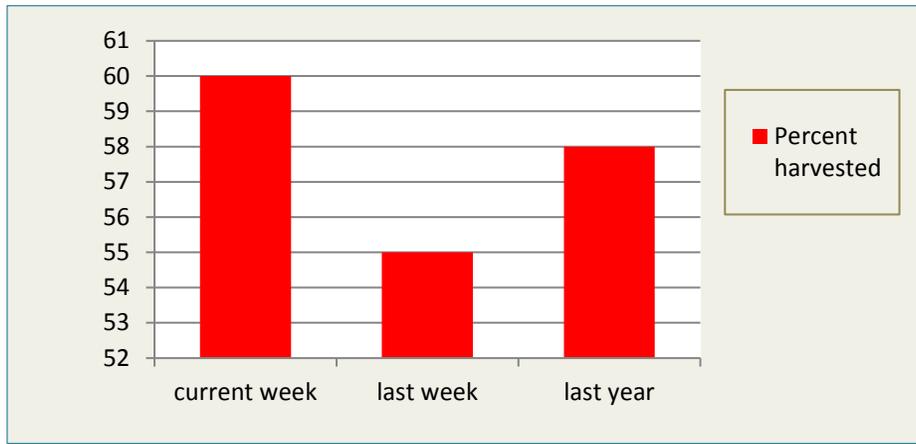
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## CROP PROGRESS for week ending 09/09/18

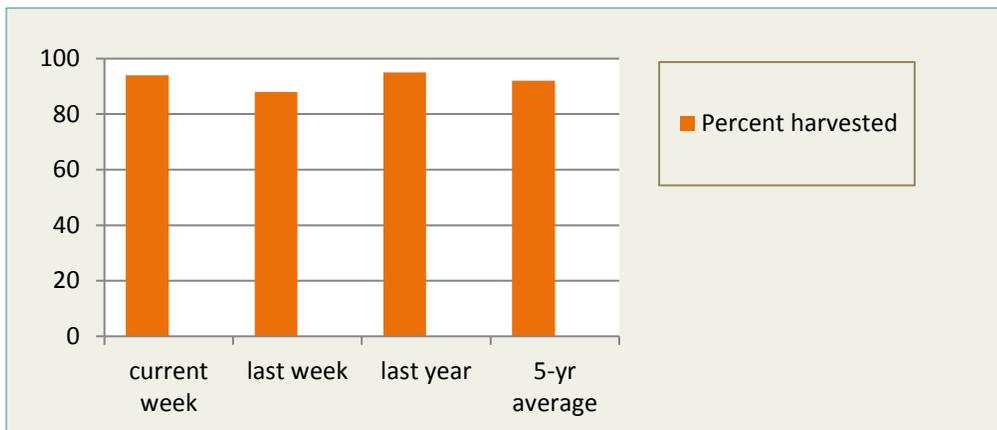
Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	60	55	58	-
Peaches harvested	94	88	95	92
Corn dented	91	84	94	86
Corn mature	73	54	75	62
Corn harvested for grain	29	11	37	24
Corn for silage harvested	71	56	80	66
Cotton bolls opening	37	25	30	33
Peanuts harvested	1	-	-	-
Soybeans setting pods	87	81	89	85
Soybeans dropping leaves	8	2	14	8
Tobacco, Flue-cured harvested	65	58	60	55

- Represents data not available or zero.

**APPLES HARVESTED for week ending 09/09/18**



**PEACHES HARVESTED for week ending 09/09/18**



**Weather Summary- For the week ending September 9, 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 Sep. 8	Mar. 1 to Sep. 8 norm	Last Week	Since Sep. 1	Sep. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	90	66	92	62	78	7	3475	3162	0.76	1.01	0.09	40.95	10.40
Norfolk	90	75	91	73	82	7	3988	3486	1.13	1.19	0.07	43.70	10.35
Richmond	91	72	94	69	82	8	3803	3417	0.11	1.13	0.12	45.59	14.37
Roanoke	90	68	94	63	79	7	3598	NA	0.33	0.33	-0.70	37.84	7.33
Wash/Dulles	89	69	94	57	79	8	3358	NA	0.59	1.03	-0.01	44.52	15.24

\* 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**

**ROCKINGHAM (Doug Horn)**

Four days above 90 degrees to start the week. Rains started Friday afternoon and continued through the weekend. A lot of corn silage has been harvested. Cover crops are being planted after silage harvest.

**WESTERN**

**ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas Stanley)**

The week in Rockbridge was hot and humid ending Saturday afternoon; Sunday was suddenly much cooler and over an inch of rain fell for most of the county. Corn silage harvest is about 50% complete with good yield and quality to this point.

**CENTRAL**

**AMELIA (Laura Siegle)**

While some parts of the county received rain with recent storms, parts to the south remain rather dry. We have diagnosed some disease issues in soybean fields recently which were exacerbated by wet weather now or earlier this spring.

## **SOUTHERN**

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

Still dry in places. Tobacco is still coming out of the field. Beans are maturing. The expected hurricane could do some serious damage to this year's harvest of just about everything.

## **SOUTHEASTERN**

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

Typical early September weather this week. Peanut maturity slated to happen 1-2 weeks earlier this year. Forecast for hurricane activity along the NC coast has growers/producers concerned as they continue to monitor the storms track.

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

Farmers harvesting corn and making some insecticide applications to soybeans this week. Good weather for cutting and curing hay.

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

Good progress made this past week on corn harvest ahead of the wash out week and threat of big storm we have coming up. 80%-90% of strawberry acreage has been bedded with plastic laid, final 10%-20% will be going in on the late side for sure.