



Crop Progress and Condition

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Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 3.7. Hurricane Michael brought heavy rainfall and flooding to parts of Virginia, but some farmers were able to work ahead to get progress made in the fields. Fields were flooded and roads were closed around the State. Farming activities for the week included harvesting corn, cotton, and peanuts.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 10/14/18

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	-	-	53	47
Subsoil	-	1	66	33

- Represents zero.

CROP CONDITIONS for week ending 10/14/18

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Cotton	1	5	26	63	5
Hay, Alfalfa	2	18	40	35	5
Hay, Other	7	16	29	44	4
Peanuts	5	5	11	70	9
Soybeans	3	16	32	47	2
Pasture	1	7	26	51	15

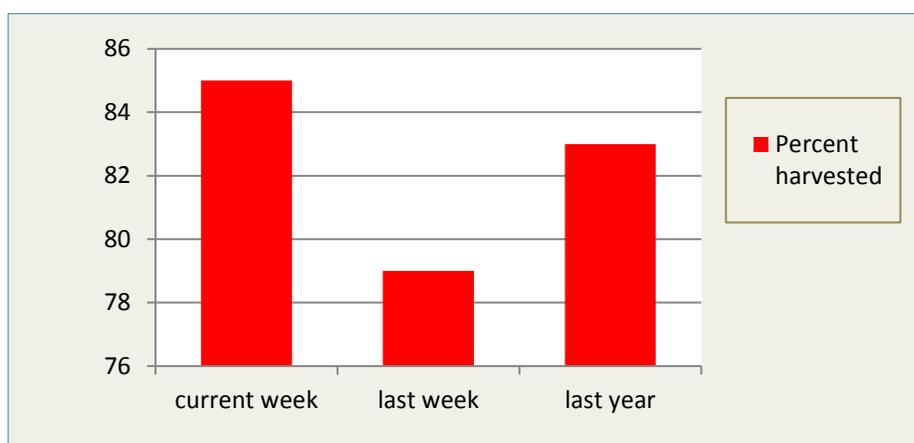
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CROP PROGRESS for week ending 10/14/18

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	85	79	83	-
Barley planted	44	30	52	49
Corn harvested for grain	87	84	89	78
Cotton bolls opening	91	82	97	94
Cotton harvested	12	3	17	9
Peanuts harvested	44	34	54	37
Soybeans dropping leaves	68	48	76	71
Soybeans harvested	10	5	19	11
Winter Wheat planted	22	13	26	20

- Represents data not available or zero.

APPLES HARVESTED for week ending 10/14/18



CORN HARVESTED FOR GRAIN for week ending 10/14/18



Weather Summary- For the week ending October 14, 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 Oct. 13	Mar. 1 to Oct. 13 norm	Last Week	Since Sep. 1	Sep. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	76	59	87	44	67	8	4195	3689	3.15	12.92	7.50	52.86	17.86
Norfolk	82	68	88	58	75	11	4931	4123	0.45	4.33	-1.29	46.84	9.07
Richmond	80	63	87	47	71	10	4639	3996	2.18	6.71	1.12	52.17	16.44
Roanoke	74	61	87	46	68	9	4350	NA	3.50	13.76	8.53	51.25	16.63
Wash/Dulles	76	61	84	40	69	11	4069	NA	1.02	8.38	3.15	52.04	18.47

* 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)

No significant damage from Tropical Storm Michael. The county received about 1 to 1.5 inches of rain. Corn harvest progressing whenever the soil is firm enough to support equipment. No soybeans have been harvested to date.

WESTERN

BATH/HIGHLAND (John Benner)

Good dry week, but with heavy rain on one day.

CENTRAL

CAMPBELL (Todd Scott)

Early planted beans that I have scouted are a total loss. The wet weather and high humidity has caused sprouting/fungus/or rotting in the pods. It has been almost impossible to get in the fields even on weeks of nice weather due to the wet, muddy ground. Silage was extremely hard to harvest on time due to muddy fields. The effects of Hurricane Michael have not been determined, but I suspect there will be significant damage to crops.

EASTERN

CHARLES CITY (Scott Reiter)

Growers raced Hurricane Michael to get many crops in before the storm blew through. Corn, cotton, and peanuts were harvested right up to the rain starting on Thursday. Rainfall of 2-3 inches was received across the county. Strong winds brought down trees to disrupt electric service, but had minimal impact to crops. The main threat now is additional rainfall preventing harvest of peanuts, cotton, and soybeans.

SOUTHWESTERN

BLAND/GILES (Jeannie Layton Dudding)

Hurricane Michael caused high amounts of rainfall, resulting in flooding in many areas.

GRAYSON (Kevin Spurlin)

A cold front and the remnants of Hurricane Michael brought significant rain to the area mid-week. More than 6 inches of rain fell in less than 36 hours in some sections of the county with localized higher amounts. That rain caused major flash flooding, especially of smaller streams and creeks. Farm roads, fences and a few structures sustained damage. Mudslides also occurred in some areas. Overall, the effects were more damaging than those of Hurricane Florence a few weeks ago.

SMYTH (Andy Overbay)

Some minor flooding has been in the county due to the confluence of Hurricane Michael and early fall systems. Some hay was made in anticipation of the rain events, but due to unseasonably warm weather up to this weekend (10/13-14) hay is not hurting too badly due to the weather. Pasture is in very good shape for the most part as long as stocking rates are realistic.

SCOTT (Scott Jerrell)

Cooler temperatures have arrived, bringing rain. Vegetable crops are winding down, and producers are gearing up for the annual heifer sale.

SOUTHEASTERN

GREENSVILLE (Sara Rutherford)

Farmers were busy getting crops out of the field in advance of the rain on Thursday. Other than that, everything else is relatively normal.

BRUNSWICK (Cynthia Gregg)

Over thirty-four roads were closed in Brunswick due to Hurricane Michael over the weekend. Trees fell across roads, drives, and fences. Some cattle got out, but were rounded up fairly quickly. Fences are being repaired. Some soybeans have been completely flooded out and others are leaning badly. Soybeans that took a hit from Hurricane Florence are in worse shape now. Corn still in the fields took a beating as well. Hay and pasture fields were flooded and many still have pools of standing water in them.

PRINCE GEORGE/SURRY/SUSSEX (Scott Reiter)

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