



Crop Progress and Condition

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Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.6. Temperatures were up and precipitation amounts were down from the previous week. Fields are still wet and some farmers are having issues with getting equipment on the fields. Early planted beans with fungus are being reported for insurance. Farming activities for the week included planting wheat and harvesting cotton, peanuts and soybeans.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 11/04/18

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	-	1	69	30
Subsoil	-	1	76	23

- Represents zero.

CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 11/04/18

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Barley	-	2	30	68	-
Cotton	3	7	22	54	14
Hay, Alfalfa	-	7	42	46	5
Hay, Other	3	8	35	49	5
Soybeans	3	13	32	47	5
Pasture	-	6	24	51	19
Livestock	-	1	19	70	10

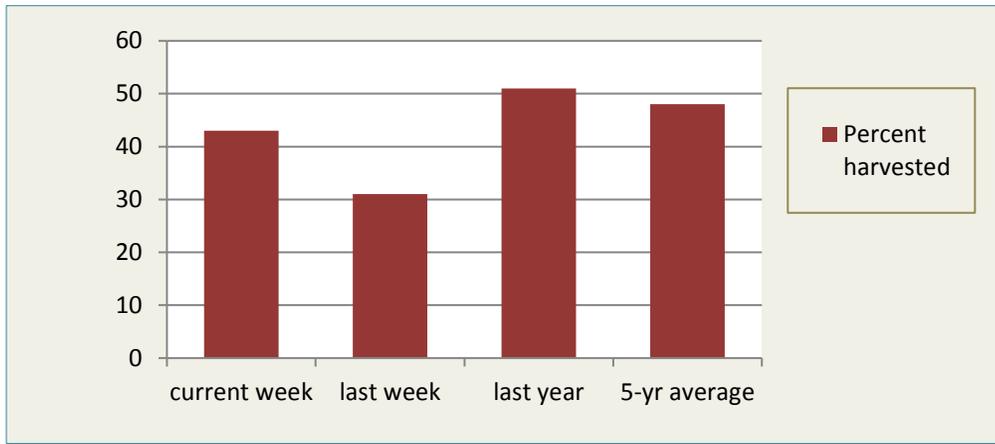
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CROP PROGRESS for week ending 11/04/18

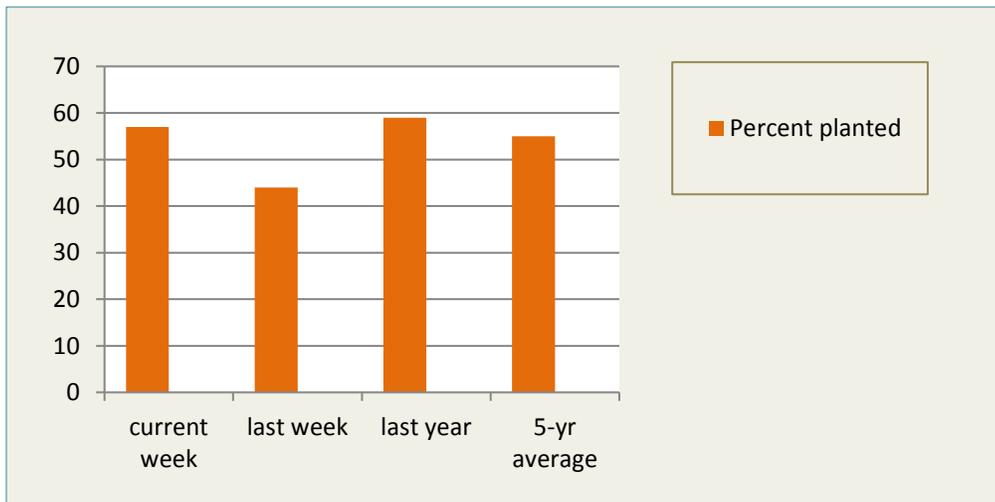
Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Barley planted	86	74	90	86
Cotton harvested	78	51	75	53
Peanuts harvested	93	78	93	88
Soybeans dropping leaves	96	89	97	96
Soybeans harvested	43	31	51	48
Winter Wheat planted	57	44	59	55

- Represents data not available or zero.

SOYBEANS HARVESTED for week ending 11/04/18



WINTER WHEAT PLANTED for week ending 11/04/18



Weather Summary- For the week ending November 04, 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 Nov. 3	Mar. 1 to Nov. 3 norm	Last Week	Since Sep. 1	Sep. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	65	42	72	32	53	1	4345	3860	1.09	15.63	8.05	55.57	18.28
Norfolk	70	52	79	44	61	4	5170	4342	0.02	6.14	-1.73	48.65	8.78
Richmond	68	47	74	40	58	4	4829	4202	0.15	9.20	1.27	54.66	16.71
Roanoke	66	43	76	35	54	2	4504	NA	0.53	15.53	8.24	53.03	16.21
Wash/Dulles	64	43	74	35	54	4	4200	NA	1.39	11.39	3.90	55.05	19.31

* 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)

Tall Fescue and clover are thriving in pastures; Orchardgrass too is doing well, but not as prolific as Fescue. As expected, Bermudagrass, Japanese Stiltgrass and Jointhead leaves have died, leaving brown residue; however, Tall Fescue and clover are filling in to reduce the expected size and number of bare spots in pastures. Saturated soil continues to delay corn and soybean harvests; equipment may not be able to access all fields until the ground freezes.

WESTERN

ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas Stanley)

Rockbridge had seasonally cool temperatures this week with most of the county getting .5 to 1 inch of rain Friday over to Saturday morning. Corn harvest was able to progress Monday - Thursday with some farms reporting low test weights and moisture related quality issues. Other fields have good test weights and excellent yields.

BATH/HIGHLAND (John Benner)

Wet weather persists and temperatures dropped in the middle of the week, but have recovered to mild levels.

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

Fields are still very wet. Most corn has been harvested.

CAMPBELL (Todd Scott)

Rain still continues about every third or fourth day. Corn and soybeans are still too moist to harvest. The fields are wet and hard to get into. Early planted beans are being turned in on insurance for sprouting/fungus in the field. Late beans are still looking ok, but producers need about ten days of dry weather to get in the fields and dry the beans and corn out.

SOUTHEASTERN**GREENSVILLE (Sara Rutherford)**

An estimated 200 lb/acre cotton loss due to rain and wind from Hurricane Michael has been reported in some fields. Farmers are hurriedly harvesting cotton before rain enters the area Friday evening. Winter wheat, behind corn, is already 3-4" tall in some locations. A majority of the county's soybeans are still dropping leaves.

CHESAPEAKE CITY (Watson Lawrence Jr.)

Last week was good for harvesting soybeans and planting wheat. Rain likely by the weekend, and early into next week will likely stop field activity.