



# Crop Progress and Condition

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**Agricultural News:** Days suitable for fieldwork were 3.8. Temperatures were down and precipitation amounts were up from the previous week. Many fields remain wet and need to be harvested, but there continues to be issues with getting equipment on the fields, or cutting wet crops. Farming activities for the week included planting wheat and harvesting cotton, peanuts and soybeans.

## SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 11/11/18

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	-	-	57	43
Subsoil	-	-	71	29

- Represents zero.

## CROP CONDITIONS for week ending 11/11/18

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Barley	-	6	21	67	6
Hay, Alfalfa	-	7	41	48	4
Hay, Other	2	9	37	45	7
Winter Wheat	1	7	16	63	13
Pasture	2	6	30	47	15

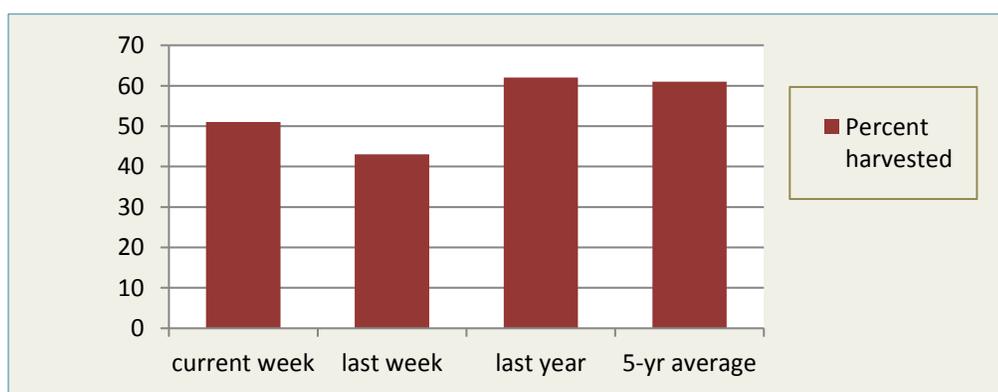
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## CROP PROGRESS for week ending 11/11/18

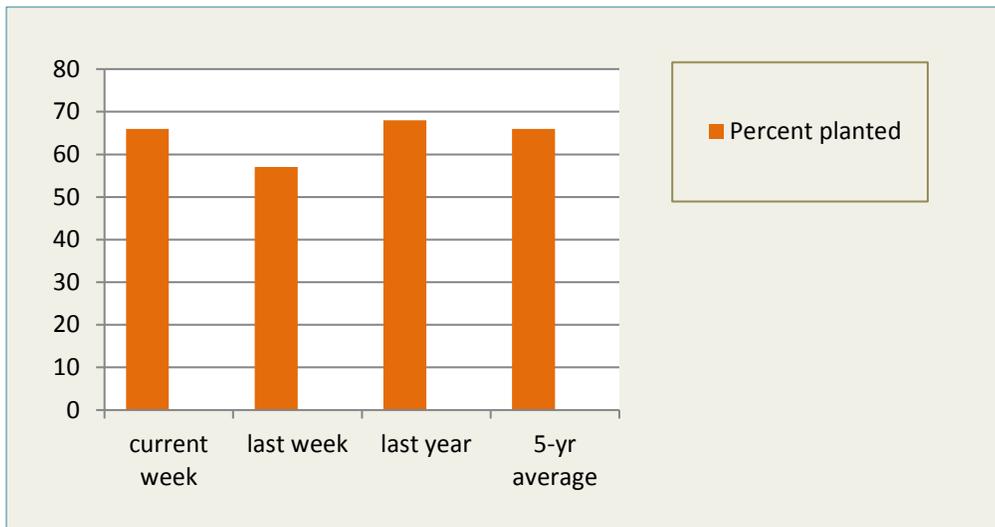
Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Barley planted	90	86	94	92
Cotton harvested	78	66	81	69
Peanuts harvested	95	93	97	94
Soybeans harvested	51	43	62	61
Winter Wheat planted	66	57	68	66

- Represents data not available or zero.

## SOYBEANS HARVESTED for week ending 11/11/18



**WINTER WHEAT PLANTED for week ending 11/11/18**



**Weather Summary- For the week ending November 11, 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. 10	Mar. 1 to Nov. 10 norm	Last Week	Since Sep. 1	Sep. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	58	41	69	28	50	0	4377	3898	1.51	17.14	8.86	57.08	19.28
Norfolk	68	55	83	42	62	7	5258	4392	0.49	6.63	-1.87	49.14	8.53
Richmond	62	46	72	32	54	2	4878	4251	1.89	11.09	2.50	56.55	17.82
Roanoke	59	41	71	26	50	0	4540	NA	0.58	16.11	8.10	53.61	16.13
Wash/Dulles	54	41	61	28	48	0	4220	NA	1.92	13.31	5.05	56.97	20.46

\* 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)**

Cool, wet week. Not much field work due to wet soils. Still have several fields that need to be harvested.

**LOUDOUN (Jim Hilleary)**

The optimal time for planting barley and rye ends within a week, but the soil is and has been saturated. The rain continues impacting yield potential.

**WESTERN**

**ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas Stanley)**

Seasonally cool temperatures with light rain Friday that hampered some corn harvesting, but otherwise field work was able to progress this week.

**BATH/HIGHLAND (John Benner)**

Temperatures staying relatively low. Leaves finally falling.

**CENTRAL**

**AMELIA (Laura Siegle)**

We received another round of heavy rain early in the week; soils are fairly saturated, especially in low-lying areas. Soybean harvest has been underway.

**CAROLINE (Mike Broaddus)**

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## **EASTERN**

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### **CHARLES CITY (Scott Reiter)**

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## **SOUTHWESTERN**

### **SMYTH (Andy Overbay)**

Wet conditions continue to hamper any remaining field work.

## **SOUTHEASTERN**

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

Cotton harvest has been hampered by two rain events this week. There have been an increased number of confirmed reports of Red Imported Fire Ants as well.

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

Good progress made harvesting soybeans, planting wheat, and mowing ditch banks this week. Rain today and next Monday will likely stop all field work till late next week.

### **PRINCE GEORGE/SURRY/SUSSEX (Scott Reiter)**

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