



Crop Progress and Condition

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Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 2.7. Cooler temperatures and wet weather conditions continue to limit fieldwork; fields remain wet and freezing rain this week caused power outages. Farmers need drier fields before harvesting can continue. Farming activities for the week included preparing tobacco for market, planting wheat, and harvesting soybeans.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 11/18/18

| | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|---------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| | % | % | % | % |
| Topsoil | - | - | 54 | 46 |
| Subsoil | - | - | 59 | 41 |

- Represents zero.

CROP CONDITIONS for week ending 11/18/18

| Crop | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|--------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| | % | % | % | % | % |
| Barley | 1 | 5 | 23 | 64 | 7 |
| Winter Wheat | 1 | 3 | 17 | 66 | 13 |
| Pasture | 1 | 7 | 38 | 48 | 6 |

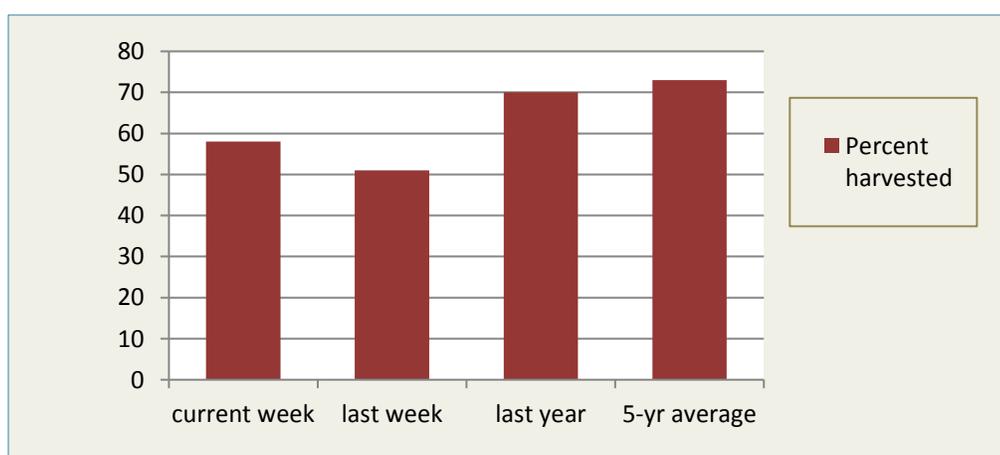
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CROP PROGRESS for week ending 11/18/18

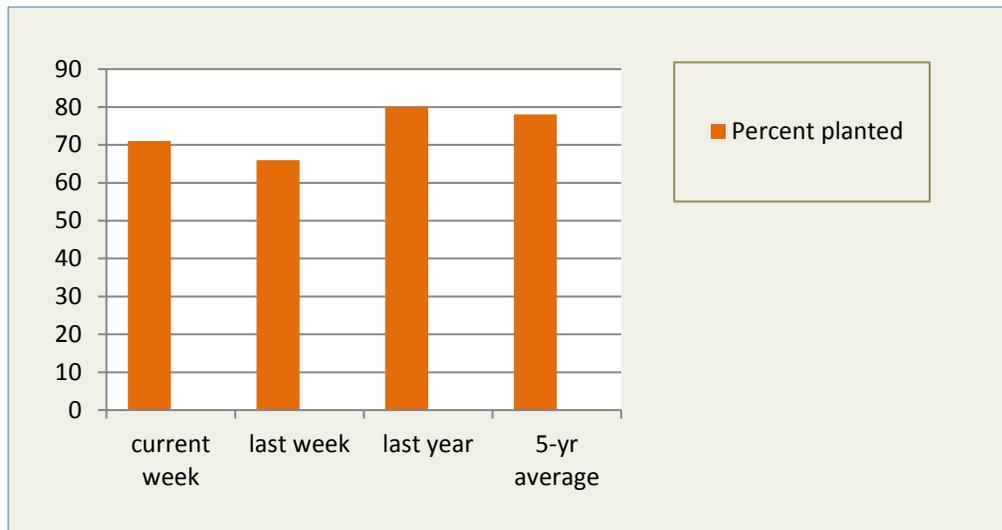
| Crop Stage | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5-Yr Avg |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| | % | % | % | % |
| Barley planted | 92 | 90 | - | - |
| Cotton harvested | 84 | 78 | 85 | 80 |
| Peanuts harvested | 97 | 95 | 99 | 98 |
| Soybeans harvested | 58 | 51 | 70 | 73 |
| Winter Wheat planted | 71 | 66 | 80 | 78 |

- Represents data not available or zero.

SOYBEANS HARVESTED for week ending 11/18/18



WINTER WHEAT PLANTED for week ending 11/18/18



Weather Summary- For the week ending November 18, 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. 17 | Mar. 1 to Nov. 17 norm | Last Week | Since Sep. 1 | Sep. 1 dep. from normal * | Jan. 1 to date | Jan. 1 dep. from normal * |
| Lynchburg | 47 | 31 | 56 | 22 | 39 | -9 | 4381 | 3938 | 2.18 | 19.30 | 10.29 | 59.24 | 20.53 |
| Norfolk | 57 | 41 | 67 | 37 | 49 | -4 | 5285 | 4440 | 2.37 | 9.02 | -0.18 | 51.54 | 9.98 |
| Richmond | 52 | 35 | 59 | 29 | 44 | -6 | 4890 | 4299 | 2.17 | 14.77 | 5.43 | 60.23 | 20.87 |
| Roanoke | 47 | 32 | 58 | 22 | 40 | -8 | 4544 | NA | 2.58 | 18.69 | 9.92 | 56.18 | 17.97 |
| Wash/Dulles | 45 | 32 | 48 | 25 | 39 | -7 | 4220 | NA | 2.43 | 15.74 | 6.70 | 59.40 | 22.05 |

* 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)

Snow and rain this week; the soil is too saturated for field work. Do not expect soil conditions will improve before Thanksgiving.

FREDERICK (Mark Sutphin)

Snow/Ice on 11-15-18.

CENTRAL

AMELIA (Laura Siegle)

More rain this week has delayed soybean harvest in some fields. Soils are saturated, and some low-lying areas near creeks experienced some flooding this week.

CAROLINE (Mike Broaddus)

Recent rainfall has been almost constant, and this is weighing negatively on soybean harvest and seed quality.

CAMPBELL (Todd Scott)

Current weather conditions are making it difficult for farmers to even get equipment out of the shed. This may be the rainiest summer and fall I've seen in my lifetime. It has been a good year for cattle grazers, but crop farmers are hurting.

APPOMATTOX (Bruce Jones)

Farmers are anxious to have a few days of clear weather and drying conditions to get into the fields for grain harvest. Dark and burley tobacco farmers are getting their tobacco prepared for market and sold.

EASTERN

KING GEORGE (Mike Broaddus)

Recent rainfall has been almost constant, and this is weighing negatively on soybean harvest and seed quality.

CHARLES CITY (Scott Reiter)

Very limited field activities this week with 1-3 inches of additional rain. Some small grains have ponding water, and uneven stands. Soybean harvest will need several drying days before it can resume.

SOUTHWESTERN

FLOYD (Jon Vest)

Two day ice storm resulted in up to 3/4" icing and power outages to approx. 87% of Floyd County residences.

CARROLL (Steve Pottorff)

Freezing rain and wind left many in the county without electrical power from Thursday to Sunday.

GRAYSON (Kevin Spurlin)

There remains some significant grazable forage in some pastures that have been stockpiled. Other pastures are running out of grass. This fall has been above average for pasture growth. A significant ice storm occurred mid-week resulting in significant power outages, and widespread damage to limbs and some timber.

SOUTHEASTERN

GREENSVILLE (Sara Rutherford)

Little to no progress made harvesting this week with over 3" of rain in 5 days. Cotton harvest should start back up early next week.

CHESAPEAKE CITY (Watson Lawrence Jr.)

Very little field work this past week due to rain last Thursday, and again Monday. One more week of dry weather should allow farmers to complete soybean harvest and wheat planting for the season. Some strawberry farms are having challenges with weather and plant disease.

BRUNSWICK (Cynthia Gregg)

Rain has slowed harvest. Frost along with rain has slowed small grain progress. Deer season is in full swing. Some fields have standing water and/or significantly wet areas. Several roads were closed late week and into the weekend due to flooding.

PRINCE GEORGE/SURRY/SUSSEX (Scott Reiter)

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