



Crop Progress and Condition

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Agricultural News: This is the last weekly Virginia Crop Weather Bulletin of the year. On January 2nd, we will publish the first monthly version for the winter months. We would like to thank our federal, state and county cooperative partners for their valuable help in providing the information that makes this publication possible. Days suitable for fieldwork were 3.6. Wet fields continue to limit the harvesting and planting of crops, but fescue pastures are thriving. Farming activities for the week included preparing for the winter season, planting wheat, and harvesting soybeans.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 11/25/18

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	-	-	62	38
Subsoil	-	-	73	27

- Represents zero.

CROP CONDITIONS for week ending 11/25/18

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Barley	3	6	17	68	6
Winter Wheat	2	4	16	69	9
Pasture	2	12	37	41	8

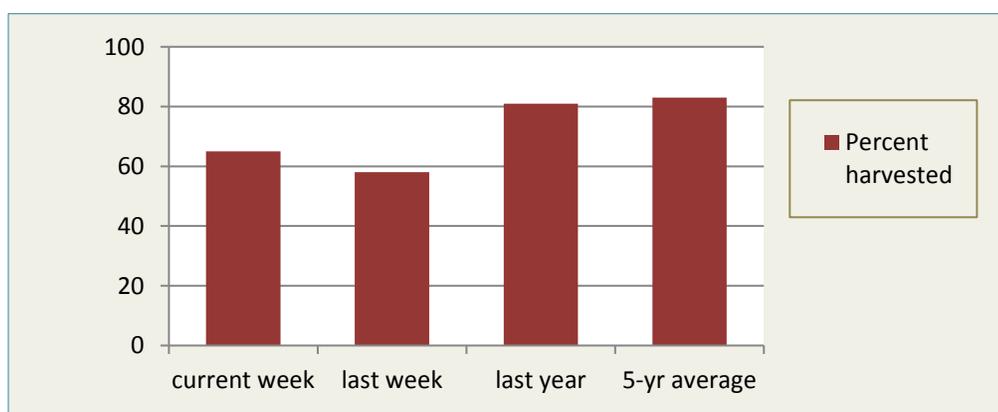
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CROP PROGRESS for week ending 11/25/18

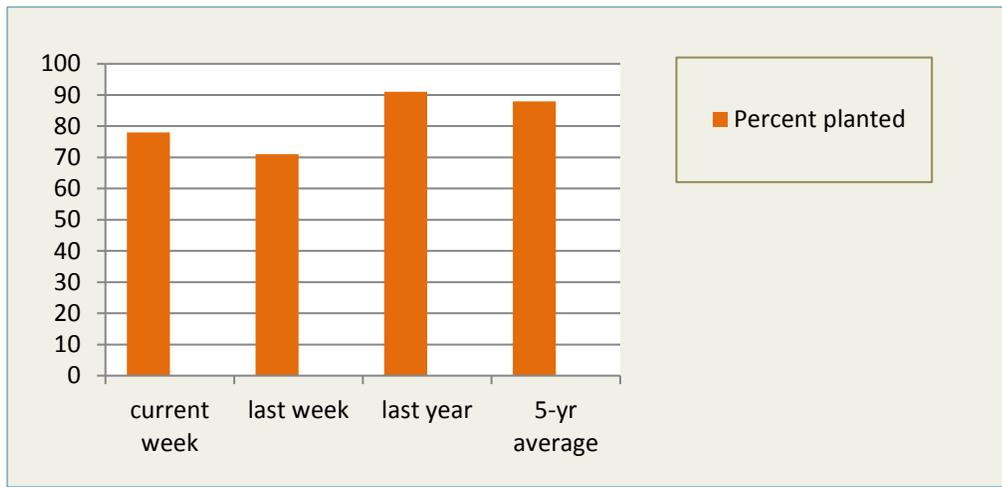
Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Barley planted	94	92	-	-
Cotton harvested	89	84	92	92
Peanuts harvested	98	97	100	100
Soybeans harvested	65	58	81	83
Winter Wheat planted	78	71	91	88

- Represents data not available or zero.

SOYBEANS HARVESTED for week ending 11/25/18



WINTER WHEAT PLANTED for week ending 11/25/18



Weather Summary- For the week ending November 25, 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. 24	Mar. 1 to Nov. 24 norm	Last Week	Since Sep. 1	Sep. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	50	29	63	24	39	-6	4395	3966	1.16	20.46	10.72	60.40	20.93
Norfolk	55	38	63	31	46	-5	5307	4480	1.06	10.08	0.20	52.60	10.52
Richmond	52	32	65	27	42	-6	4910	4337	1.37	16.14	6.12	61.60	21.34
Roanoke	51	33	64	29	42	-4	4558	NA	1.05	19.74	10.25	57.23	18.30
Wash/Dulles	47	29	61	26	38	-6	4229	NA	1.58	17.32	7.48	60.98	22.87

* 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)

Farmers are still having a hard time getting into fields due to wet conditions. Some harvesting was done mid-week before another weekend of rain.

LOUDOUN (Jim Hilleary)

Soil is saturated, precluding useful fieldwork. Fescue pastures are thriving.

CLARKE/PAGE/SHENANDOAH (Bobby Clark)

A lot of corn is not harvested yet, too wet to get into fields.

WESTERN

ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas Stanley)

Most of Rockbridge got over an inch of rain Saturday at the end of an otherwise dry week with temperatures below normal. Some corn remains in the field, but most farmers are current on field work. Pasture availability is above average for this time of year, and hay inventories are generally adequate.

BATH/HIGHLAND (John Benner)

Cold temperatures through the week, but still too wet to support field work.

CENTRAL

CAROLINE (Mike Broaddus)

Continued rainfall is leading to soggy soils and poorer seed quality.

CAMPBELL (Todd Scott)

After talking to several farmers, the soybean and shelled corn guys/gals are struggling. The fields are just too wet to get equipment in, and what they have harvested needs to go through a dryer to get rid of the moisture. Army worms also had an effect on late planted corn. The quality and yield continue to go down as farmers are not able to harvest the crop.

EASTERN

KING GEORGE (Mike Broaddus)

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CHARLES CITY (Scott Reiter)

Soybean harvest and wheat seeding made some progress this week as field conditions improved, but that ended Saturday when another inch of rain fell across the area. Excessive rain has caused drowning of wheat in some wetter spots in fields, and may prevent all planned acreage from being seeded.

SOUTHEASTERN

GREENSVILLE (Sara Rutherford)

Wet fields continue to impede harvest and planting.

ISLE OF WIGHT/SOUTHAMPTON/SUFFOLK CITY (Livvy Preisser)

Continues to be pretty wet.

PRINCE GEORGE/SURRY/SUSSEX (Scott Reiter)

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