



Crop Progress and Condition

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Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.5. Weather conditions were a mix of rain and even snow in parts of the State, with frost on Tuesday. Soil moisture is high. Farming activities for the week included planting corn, turning out cattle to spring pastures, and cutting rye for silage.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 04/21/19

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	-	1	86	13
Subsoil	-	-	81	19

- Represents zero.

CROP CONDITIONS for week ending 04/21/19

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Barley	-	12	37	48	3
Hay, Alfalfa	-	6	37	56	1
Hay, Other	-	6	34	50	10
Winter Wheat	-	8	30	55	7
Pasture	3	15	41	32	9

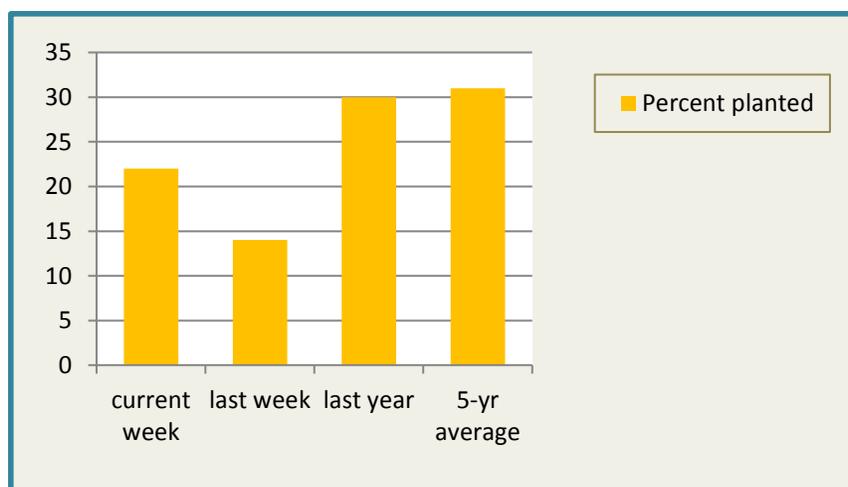
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CROP PROGRESS for week ending 04/21/19

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Corn planted	22	14	30	31
Corn emerged	3	-	-	-
Winter Wheat headed	9	4	12	11

- Represents data not available.

CORN PLANTED for week ending 04/21/19



Weather Summary- For the week ending April 21, 2019

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 Apr. 20	Mar. 1 to Apr. 20 norm	Last Week	Since Mar. 1	Mar. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	73	48	83	33	60	5	358	305	0.96	7.19	1.15	14.84	2.16
Norfolk	78	58	84	48	68	11	437	328	1.15	5.32	-1.01	13.82	0.28
Richmond	77	54	85	43	65	8	422	360	0.47	6.11	-0.06	13.72	1.02
Roanoke	72	50	83	38	61	5	386	NA	3.10	6.25	0.13	14.77	2.36
Wash/Dulles	74	53	81	41	63	10	330	NA	1.39	6.79	1.14	14.25	2.76

* 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)

Temperatures ranged from 33 to 81 degrees during the week. Soil moisture is still rather high making field work difficult. The first rye was cut for silage.

WESTERN

ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas Stanley)

Field conditions started the week very muddy after torrential rains Sunday, but warm sunny days allowed some field work to be accomplished Wednesday and Thursday before a series of rainstorms on Friday brought upwards of 2 more inches of rain to Rockbridge. Soils remain too cold for corn planting at this point.

BATH/HIGHLAND (Jennifer Matosky)

Rained a lot at the beginning and end of the week. Some snow showers on Monday and frost on Tuesday morning. Severe thunderstorms on Friday.

CENTRAL

AMELIA (Laura Siegle)

We had a warm week, and forage regrowth is stronger this week. Some producers were out planting corn this week.

CAROLINE (Mike Broaddus)

All in all, not much to report. Groundwater, sunshine, and temps have all been normal for most of the planting season.

EASTERN

KING GEORGE (Mike Broaddus)

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ESSEX/GLOUCESTER/KING AND QUEEN/KING WILLIAM/MIDDLESEX (Robert Longest)

Corn planting is ongoing, and the earliest planted corn has emerged. Barley and rye have headed, and wheat should begin heading soon. Most crops are not experiencing moisture stress, and some have excess moisture. Current conditions may pose a disease threat to our small grain crops, if conditions continue to be favorable with moisture and humidity. Burndown applications continue as land is continuing to be prepped for corn and soybean planting.

SOUTHWESTERN

GRAYSON (Kevin Spurlin)

Torrential rain fell on Friday with lingering showers on Saturday. Areal flooding occurred during this storm with some minor damage to farm roads, culverts, and water gaps. Cattle are being turned out on spring pasture, and some warmer, drier weather would be welcome to bring along spring forage growth.

SCOTT (Scott Jerrell)

Late rains and cooler temps are slowing crop progress again.

SOUTHERN

FRANKLIN (Cynthia Martel)

Franklin County took a direct hit from an EF3 tornado on Friday. We received lots of damaging wind and rain. Fields prior to storm were looking really good. Farmers are hard at work spreading manure, doing burndown applications, and wheat is over 20 inches tall or more.

SOUTHEASTERN

GREENSVILLE (Sara Rutherford)

Corn planting started in the low-lying areas this week ahead of Friday's anticipated storms. Some of the wheat crop in the county is struggling, but the majority is not.

BRUNSWICK (Cynthia Gregg)

This week quite a bit of land was worked, and/or sprayed for tobacco and other crops. This includes conventional and no till plantings. Ponds are still up, and there are still low areas holding water. Small grains are beginning to head in the county. Tobacco greenhouses are in full swing.