



Crop Progress and Condition

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Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.7. Temperatures warmed up and precipitation amounts were down from the previous week, but scattered. Cool season grasses are flowering. Farming activities for the week included spraying, planting peanuts, weaning calves, and preparing equipment for hay.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 05/05/19

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	-	6	88	6
Subsoil	-	3	90	7

- Represents zero.

CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 05/05/19

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	-	20	80	-
Barley	-	15	26	54	5
Hay, Alfalfa	1	6	41	45	7
Hay, Other	-	10	36	50	4
Winter Wheat	-	5	27	59	9
Pasture	2	13	41	38	6
Livestock	1	7	40	46	6

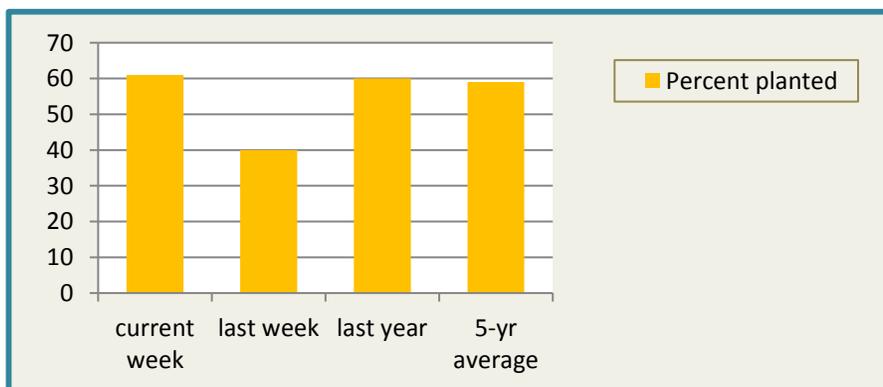
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CROP PROGRESS for week ending 05/05/19

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Corn planted	61	40	60	59
Corn emerged	30	12	27	30
Cotton planted	15	-	20	15
Peanuts planted	15	-	14	9
Soybeans planted	10	1	8	6
Tobacco, Burley transplanted	8	2	7	-
Tobacco, Fire-cured transplanted	6	2	5	-
Tobacco, Flue-cured transplanted	17	4	13	13
Winter Wheat headed	55	24	48	48

- Represents data not available.

CORN PLANTED for week ending 05/05/19



Weather Summary- For the week ending May 5, 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 May 4	Mar. 1 to May 4 norm	Last Week	Since Mar. 1	Mar. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	80	54	85	47	67	8	588	465	0.08	7.66	-0.15	15.31	0.87
Norfolk	83	62	89	53	72	11	715	494	0.00	5.68	-2.20	14.18	-1.06
Richmond	83	60	88	50	71	10	683	541	0.11	7.06	-0.69	14.67	0.43
Roanoke	82	57	89	49	69	9	620	NA	0.83	7.24	-0.71	15.76	1.44
Wash/Dulles	76	52	87	37	64	7	528	NA	1.30	8.67	1.45	16.13	3.13

* 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 were rather warm. Corn planting is in full swing. Earliest planted corn is emerging. Orchard grass is heading.

LOUDOUN (Jim Hilleary)

Heavy rain late Saturday afternoon, and all day Sunday created standing water and saturated fields/pastures. Re-entry likely delayed until Wednesday. Cool season grasses are flowering, some ripening ongoing.

WESTERN

BATH/HIGHLAND (Jennifer Matosky)

Rainstorms throughout the week. Warming up a little more.

CENTRAL

AMELIA (Laura Siegle)

Seeing some emerged corn, and most cool-season forages heading out this week.

APPOMATTOX (Bruce Jones)

Corn planting is well underway. Tobacco land is getting prepared for planting. Limited soybeans planted, but much land has been prepared and burndown sprayed for planting. Hay equipment being prepared for the season. Grass hay is well headed, and harvest will start once the rain forecast is favorable.

EASTERN

CHARLES CITY (Scott Reiter)

A lot of field work activity this week. Spraying, planting corn, planting soybeans, preparing peanut land, applying fertilizer, and cutting and baling hay. Wheat is heading out, and producers are preparing for a below average yielding crop.

SOUTHWESTERN

SMYTH (Andy Overbay)

Pastures and hay fields are improving, but some "green up" is no doubt attributed to weed pressure. Planting is progressing as warm weather prevails, although some wet weather springs are still cropping up in fields.

SCOTT (Scott Jerrell)

Grass beginning to head out, thin and short. Appears there will be reduced hay yields this spring. Hail storm came through the northwestern part of the county on Friday, causing foliage damage to strawberries and some vegetables. Fruit had minimal signs of bruising.

SOUTHERN

CHARLOTTE (Joanne Jones)

Tobacco planting is well underway. Hay harvest will begin once rainfall forecast is favorable. Much field activity for corn and soybeans.

LUNENBURG (Lindy Tucker)

Still a bit dry.

FRANKLIN (Cynthia Martel)

Between rains, farmers are getting fields planted and chopping triticale. Burn downs are almost complete. Some pastures are already eaten down.

SOUTHEASTERN**GREENSVILLE (Sara Rutherford)**

Farmers are busy planting anything and everything they can while conditions are good. Many are trying to catch up from being delayed because of limited access to their fields. Tobacco is being transplanted, and pasture condition and weed problems are still being addressed.

BRUNSWICK (Cynthia Gregg)

Rain this weekend slowed down some planting. Crops are steadily being planted. Fall born calves are being weaned. Some hay is being cut as well.

PRINCE GEORGE/SURRY/SUSSEX (Scott Reiter)

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