



Crop Progress and Condition

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Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.4. Precipitation amounts were down from the previous week; conditions have been good for making hay and planting crops, but soils are getting dry. Farming activities for the week included applying herbicides and planting cotton, peanuts, and soybeans.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 05/26/19

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	1	25	69	5
Subsoil	-	14	77	9

- Represents zero.

CROP CONDITIONS for week ending 05/26/19

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Barley	-	3	22	68	7
Corn	-	1	18	78	3
Cotton	-	-	19	80	1
Hay, Alfalfa	-	2	24	62	12
Hay, Other	2	3	26	59	10
Peanuts	-	-	4	86	10
Tobacco, Burley	-	1	14	84	1
Tobacco, Fire-cured	-	-	41	51	8
Tobacco, Flue-cured	-	-	31	49	20
Winter Wheat	-	1	19	70	10
Pasture	1	11	29	49	10

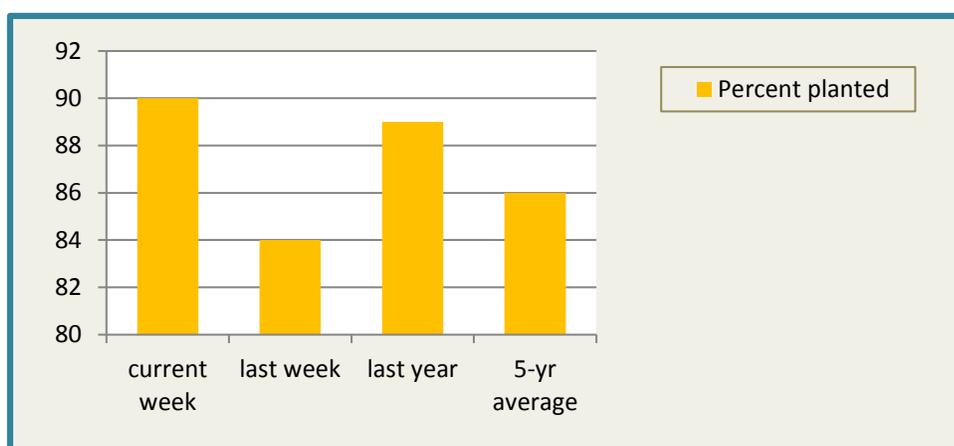
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CROP PROGRESS for week ending 05/26/19

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Barley harvested for grain	5	1	4	8
Corn planted	90	84	89	86
Corn emerged	76	66	80	72
Cotton planted	84	56	81	76
Peanuts planted	76	53	74	67
Soybeans planted	51	35	36	33
Soybeans emerged	35	14	22	-
Tobacco, Burley transplanted	55	34	55	48
Tobacco, Fire-cured transplanted	58	38	60	52
Tobacco, Flue-cured transplanted	78	60	72	75
Winter Wheat headed	93	85	95	93

- Represents data not available.

CORN PLANTED for week ending 05/26/19



Weather Summary- For the week ending May 26, 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 25	Mar. 1 to May 25 norm	Last Week	Since Mar. 1	Mar. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	85	61	91	51	73	9	965	790	0.03	9.32	-1.27	16.97	-0.17
Norfolk	84	65	94	58	75	8	1152	848	0.09	8.82	-1.55	17.32	-0.35
Richmond	86	62	92	54	74	8	1099	894	0.00	10.72	0.32	18.33	1.36
Roanoke	87	63	92	55	75	10	1035	NA	0.13	8.49	-2.39	17.01	-0.17
Wash/Dulles	82	58	89	48	70	7	861	NA	0.32	11.73	1.71	19.19	3.34

* 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)

A good weather week for production with some localized strong-storm exceptions. Conditions were good for hay production and row crops. First cutting hay is available for sale.

WESTERN

ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas Stanley)

A week of clear dry weather allowed a great deal of first cutting hay to be made successfully. Most folks were able to finish corn planting this week as well.

EASTERN

CHARLES CITY (Scott Reiter)

Hot and dry conditions allowed field work to make very good progress this week. However, these conditions have dried out surface moisture, and are causing some concern for soybean germination. Corn has grown noticeably over the past week. Hay harvest made great progress. Other activities included side dressing corn, applying herbicides, and planting soybeans.

SOUTHWESTERN

CARROLL (Steve Pottorff)

Very little rain has fallen in the last week. A great deal of hay has been harvested in the last week.

SOUTHERN

LUNENBURG (Lindy Tucker)

Cole crop harvest is underway. Tobacco, beans, and corn are looking good. First cutting hay is finishing up. Wheat is headed out. Things are a bit dry, but it has been good planting weather.

SOUTHEASTERN

GREENSVILLE (Sara Rutherford)

Planting ongoing. Weed pressure is increasing; Amaranthus species are reaching 2-5" in some cotton fields in the northwest portion of the county. The majority of soils are drying out quickly; no more than a 20% chance of rain any given day in the 10 day forecast. However, morale is steady and optimistic thus far this season.

CHESAPEAKE CITY (Watson Lawrence Jr.)

Farmers still finding soil moisture, but a rain would be helpful. Corn planting completed, and soybean planting underway. Strawberry picking at apex this week. Vegetable crops for small markets are looking good.

SOUTHAMPTON (Josh Holland)

Lack of rainfall is presenting some very dry soil conditions. Many growers are holding off on planting beans until rainfall occurs. Crop conditions are good at the current time, but no rainfall in the forecast could cause conditions to become less favorable.

BRUNSWICK (Cynthia Gregg)

Weather turning hot late in the week caused twisting in young corn plants. Hay has been cut at a rapid pace. Several test plots of crops have been going in as well. Farmer's Markets in the county have opened. Greenhouse tomatoes are looking good.

PRINCE GEORGE/SURRY/SUSSEX (Scott Reiter)

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ISLE OF WIGHT/SUFFOLK CITY (Livvy Preisser)

Crops are looking good, but we need rain.