



Crop Progress and Condition

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Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.0. Temperatures and precipitation amounts were up from the previous week; some crops are showing signs of stress from the dry and hot conditions. Farming activities for the week included making hay and planting soybeans.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 06/02/19

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	2	20	71	7
Subsoil	1	11	78	10

- Represents zero.

CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 06/02/19

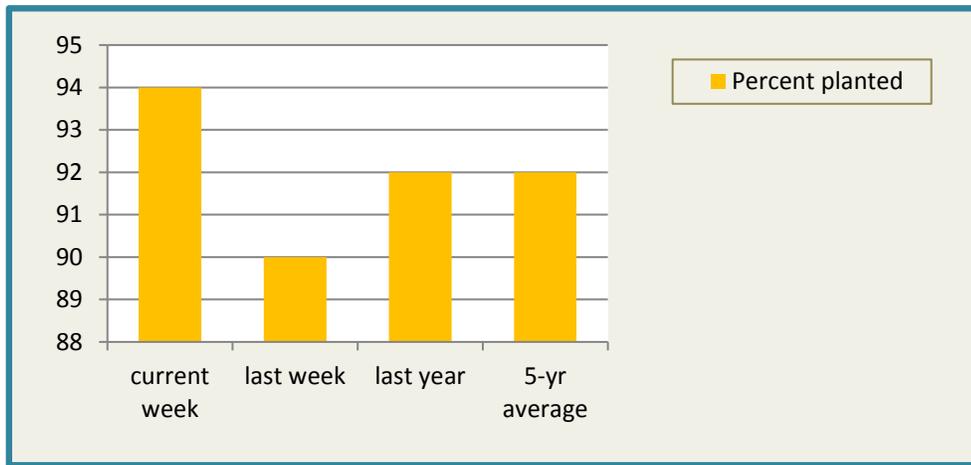
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	6	14	80	-
Barley	-	3	29	63	5
Corn	1	4	24	69	2
Cotton	-	-	15	85	-
Hay, Alfalfa	-	1	18	60	21
Hay, Other	1	4	27	57	11
Peanuts	-	4	10	85	1
Tobacco, Burley	-	-	11	89	-
Tobacco, Fire-cured	-	1	40	59	-
Tobacco, Flue-cured	-	-	31	58	11
Winter Wheat	-	2	20	68	10
Pasture	-	11	27	46	16
Livestock	-	5	24	59	12

-Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 06/02/19

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Barley harvested for grain	28	5	8	16
Corn planted	94	90	92	92
Corn emerged	86	76	86	83
Cotton planted	93	84	92	87
Cotton squaring	1	-	4	2
Peanuts planted	90	76	87	83
Soybeans planted	70	51	44	44
Soybeans emerged	47	35	34	29
Tobacco, Burley transplanted	71	55	65	63
Tobacco, Fire-cured transplanted	77	58	69	67
Tobacco, Flue-cured transplanted	88	78	83	84
Winter Wheat headed	97	93	-	-
Winter Wheat harvested for grain	2	-	-	-

CORN PLANTED for week ending 06/02/19



Weather Summary- For the week ending June 2, 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 June 1	Mar. 1 to June 1 norm	Last Week	Since Jun. 1	Jun. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	88	62	91	60	75	9	1134	898	0.35	0.00	NA	17.32	-0.91
Norfolk	90	70	99	65	80	11	1346	970	2.21	0.73	0.61	19.53	0.93
Richmond	90	68	95	63	79	11	1286	1010	2.49	0.29	0.18	20.83	3.03
Roanoke	88	65	93	60	77	10	1214	NA	0.84	0.04	-0.08	17.85	-0.36
Wash/Dulles	87	64	91	61	76	11	1035	NA	0.69	0.00	NA	19.89	2.89

* 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)

Widely scattered storms, some severe at the end of the week. Corn showing drought stress in the northern section of the county before the rains. Most of first cutting hay has been made. Corn and soybean planting has made good progress.

WESTERN

ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas Stanley)

A week very typical of late May with a lot of first cutting hay being made. Thunderstorms Wednesday disrupted some first cutting hay that was curing in the field, but otherwise most farmers are current on field work.

BATH/HIGHLAND (Jennifer Matosky)

Got hotter this week, but with a constant light breeze and some scattered rainstorms.

CENTRAL

CAROLINE (Mike Broaddus)

Starting to see corn firing up due to lack of rainfall and elevated temperatures.

APPOMATTOX (Bruce Jones)

The hot, dry weather last week stressed the crops. Corn was noticeably twisted and wheat browned considerably. Many farmers started commenting about the ground getting hard, and soybean planting was being challenged. Tobacco planted last week suffered. Earlier planted tobacco looks good, and cultivation will start this week.

EASTERN

KING GEORGE (Mike Broaddus)

Starting to see corn firing up due to lack of rainfall and elevated temperatures.

SOUTHWESTERN

GRAYSON (Kevin Spurlin)

Areas of the county received regular rain during the week, making hay harvest difficult. Other areas have not seen measurable rain for two weeks. Combined with hot, windy conditions, those areas were in need of moisture. Overall, the week provided many with the second week of good hay harvest conditions.

SCOTT (Scott Jerrell)

Receiving localized showers, but getting to the point where we need a good, general rain. Strawberry season is coming to a close, with beans and cucumbers ready to pick this week or next.

SOUTHERN

LUNENBURG (Lindy Tucker)

Received rain in spots this week. Some areas much drier than others. Could use a little more water, otherwise crops are looking pretty good considering this dry spell. Hemp is being planted.

SOUTHEASTERN

GREENSVILLE (Sara Rutherford)

Planting is estimated to be completed by next week, if the weather pattern holds. Some curling in corn under 12" tall on hot afternoons due to lack of rain, and hotter than average temperatures over the past two weeks.

CHESAPEAKE CITY (Watson Lawrence Jr.)

Very dry, but soybean planting still continues. Many fields will need rain to germinate seed. Corn plants are stressed for water. Very hot temperatures this week.