



# Crop Progress and Condition

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**Agricultural News:** Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.4. Precipitation was down from the previous week, but was spotty; some locations had flooding from the additional rain. Farming activities for the week included preparing equipment for harvesting, making hay and planting soybeans.

## SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 06/16/19

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	-	12	80	8
Subsoil	-	6	83	11

- Represents zero.

## CROP CONDITIONS for week ending 06/16/19

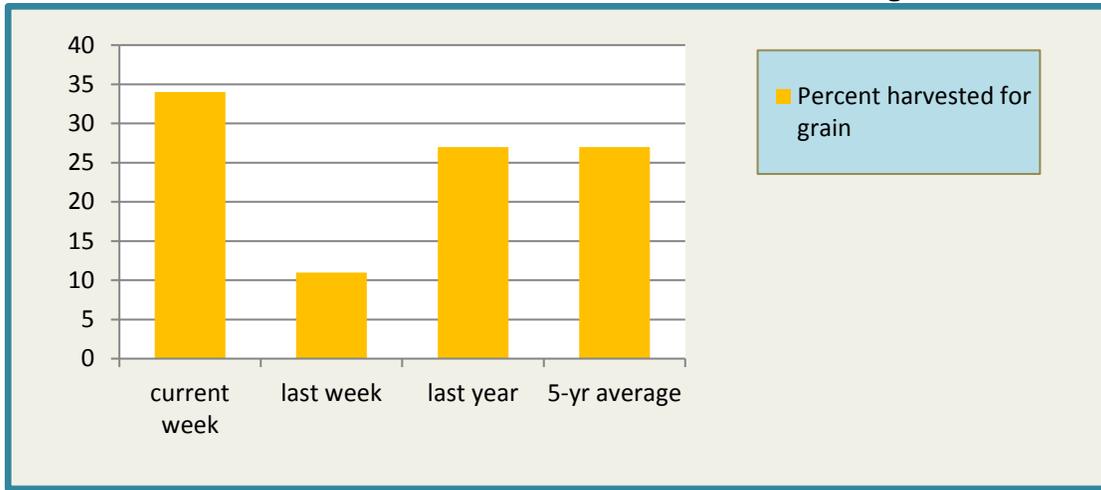
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Barley	-	-	31	66	3
Corn	-	1	24	65	10
Cotton	-	-	15	85	-
Hay, Alfalfa	-	1	25	63	11
Hay, Other	1	3	28	61	7
Peanuts	-	4	10	85	1
Soybeans	-	1	13	80	6
Tobacco, Burley	-	-	25	71	4
Tobacco, Fire-cured	-	1	31	62	6
Tobacco, Flue-cured	-	1	22	60	17
Winter Wheat	-	2	26	64	8
Pasture	-	9	31	49	11

-Represents zero.

## CROP PROGRESS for week ending 06/16/19

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Barley harvested for grain	67	40	40	47
Corn emerged	96	92	93	94
Cotton squaring	15	7	25	21
Peanuts planted	99	94	98	96
Peanuts pegging	4	-	1	3
Soybeans planted	84	80	69	64
Soybeans emerged	73	61	54	51
Tobacco, Burley transplanted	96	82	92	87
Tobacco, Fire-cured transplanted	95	88	94	-
Tobacco, Flue-cured transplanted	98	92	97	-
Winter Wheat harvested for grain	34	11	27	27

**WINTER WHEAT HARVESTED FOR GRAIN for week ending 06/16/19**



**Weather Summary- For the week ending June 16, 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 15	Mar. 1 to June 15 norm	Last Week	Since Jun. 1	Jun. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	78	56	82	50	67	-3	1391	1186	1.47	3.20	1.39	20.50	0.60
Norfolk	81	66	89	56	73	0	1680	1284	0.50	3.23	1.46	21.97	1.82
Richmond	80	62	83	55	71	-1	1594	1313	2.24	5.05	3.31	25.43	5.87
Roanoke	78	58	84	52	68	-3	1481	NA	0.99	4.54	2.69	22.28	2.39
Wash/Dulles	77	57	82	50	67	-2	1295	NA	1.00	1.24	-0.89	21.12	2.27

\* 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)**

Mild temperatures most of the week. Second cutting of alfalfa started. First sweet corn harvest from early plantings. Getting rather dry.

**WESTERN**

**ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas Stanley)**

Showers and cool temperatures started the week, but it ended more seasonally warm and humid. First cutting hay harvest thus far has been successful with good yields.

**BATH/HIGHLAND (Jennifer Matosky)**

Everything is looking good, some rainstorms here and there.

**CENTRAL**

**APPOMATTOX (Bruce Jones)**

Rainfall came as a relief to many farmers. Many farmers had stopped planting soybeans due to the hard, dry soil conditions. Tobacco farmers were able to walk and replant the later planted fields, so stands should be good. I saw quite a bit of combine preparation last week, and saw a little harvest activity this past weekend.

**EASTERN**

**CHARLES CITY (Scott Reiter)**

Very little farm activity this week. Another 1-3 inches of rain over 4 days, on top of the 2-5 inches last week.

**NORTHAMPTON (Ursula Deitch)**

Potato harvest will begin next week - June 24<sup>th</sup>.

## **SOUTHERN**

### **CHARLOTTE (Joanne Jones)**

Farmers are getting ready for wheat harvest with equipment preparations. Tobacco cultivation continues as soil conditions allow.

### **FRANKLIN (Cynthia Martel)**

With the wet weather the week before and wind, the land has dried out again.

## **SOUTHEASTERN**

### **MECKLENBURG (Taylor Clarke)**

Plenty of water damage in tobacco and soybeans.

### **CHESAPEAKE CITY (Watson Lawrence Jr.)**

Rain has yielded to sunny skies, and farmers resumed planting soybeans this weekend. Wheat harvest has been delayed because of rain, but will likely get underway this weekend. More rain is forecast later next week, so much farming is being done in short intensive spurts. Although no significant drag on crop conditions.

### **BRUNSWICK (Cynthia Gregg)**

Continued rain added to the moderate flooding in the county. Several roads were closed. Some ponding was seen in fields. Lower temperatures and lower humidity was much appreciated. Small fruit and vegetable harvest is underway. Harvest of small grains is complete. Hay is being cut, and some was rained on and lost quality.

### **PRINCE GEORGE/SURRY/SUSSEX (Scott Reiter)**

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