



Crop Progress and Condition

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Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.4. Weather conditions were warm with precipitation amounts up from the previous week. The rain has benefitted crops, but some areas are still dry. Farming activities for the week included making hay and harvesting apples.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 07/07/19

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	1	20	72	7
Subsoil	1	13	81	5

- Represents zero.

CROP CONDITIONS for week ending 07/07/19

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Corn	-	2	28	57	13
Cotton	-	4	7	89	-
Hay, Alfalfa	-	-	38	48	14
Hay, Other	-	4	28	57	11
Peanuts	-	-	15	85	-
Soybeans	-	3	31	64	2
Tobacco, Burley	-	3	24	69	4
Tobacco, Fire-cured	-	8	34	54	4
Tobacco, Flue-cured	-	9	28	48	15
Pasture	-	7	37	46	10

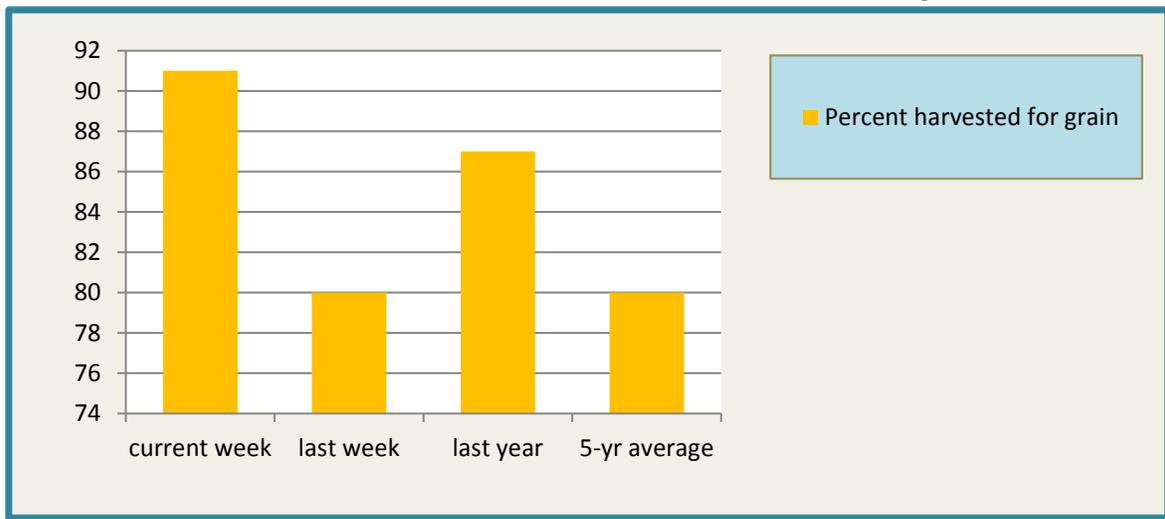
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CROP PROGRESS for week ending 07/07/19

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	2	-	-	-
Barley harvested for grain	95	92	95	-
Corn silking	55	38	53	42
Corn dough	23	4	16	-
Cotton squaring	58	43	65	61
Cotton setting bolls	1	-	4	3
Peanuts pegging	44	27	31	23
Soybeans planted	97	94	90	90
Soybeans emerged	90	87	84	81
Soybeans blooming	15	8	7	-
Winter Wheat harvested for grain	91	80	87	80

-Represents data not available.

WINTER WHEAT HARVESTED FOR GRAIN for week ending 07/07/19



Weather Summary- For the week ending July 7, 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 July 6	Mar. 1 to July 6 norm	Last Week	Since Jun. 1	Jun. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	92	66	94	61	79	5	1914	1647	0.55	4.38	-0.23	21.68	-0.90
Norfolk	91	73	94	67	82	4	2284	1803	0.91	4.70	0.05	23.44	0.24
Richmond	93	71	99	66	82	5	2173	1810	2.80	7.95	3.63	28.32	6.20
Roanoke	92	70	94	66	81	6	2026	NA	0.08	5.62	1.20	23.36	0.90
Wash/Dulles	92	67	95	58	79	5	1837	NA	0.23	2.67	-2.09	22.56	0.87

* 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)

Summer is here. Hot and humid all week with several thunderstorms. Some localized flooding at the end of the week. Northern part of the county is drier. Crops look decent overall.

WESTERN

BATH/HIGHLAND (Jennifer Matosky)

Hot again this week. A few rainstorms came through.

CENTRAL

CAROLINE (Mike Broaddus)

The occurrence of several small thunderstorms during two nights across the county has saved many crops from permanent damage. However, in most of the county the ground is not sufficiently stocked with enough moisture to go many days without additional rainfall.

EASTERN

KING GEORGE (Mike Broaddus)

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

Many areas in these three counties received some much needed rainfall over the past few days, to recover from the period of hot and dry weather that was experienced from the end of June through the first week of July.

NORTHAMPTON (Ursula Deitch)

Potato harvest continues, green bean harvest for Northampton County is complete.

SOUTHWESTERN

GRAYSON (Kevin Spurlin)

The county continues to receive periodic showers. With the area now in early July, the county is yet to see a significant dry spell common most summers. At the same time, it has not been excessively wet meaning that growing conditions for most forage crops has been almost ideal. Hay harvest has had its challenges, but overall, the growing season is ahead of schedule.

SOUTHERN

FRANKLIN (Cynthia Martel)

Rain slowed certain areas of the county down. Some areas seeing rain, others nothing. Topsoil is dry, hot temps are not helping. Vegetables and fruit trees coming into the office with black rot.

SOUTHEASTERN

GREENSVILLE (Sara Rutherford)

Two rain events in the last week have brought much needed moisture back into the county. Almost all tobacco has been topped, pastures are rebounding, and the last few soybean fields have been planted. Grain sorghum has also benefitted from recent rains.

BRUNSWICK (Cynthia Gregg)

Storms this weekend brought spotty showers, wind, lightening, and thunder. Several watches were issued for our area. The rain helped crops. Most crops are looking decent, and all crops were needing rain.