



Crop Progress and Condition

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Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.0. Weather conditions were generally less hot with spotty rains; temperatures were down and precipitation amounts were up from the previous week. Some areas continue to be drier with crops showing signs of stress. Farming activities for the week included making hay, scouting crops for pests, and harvesting apples.

SOIL MOISTURE and SUPPLIES for week ending 07/28

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	7	26	67	-
Subsoil	4	23	72	1
Hay & Roughage	1	33	63	3

- Represents zero.

CROP CONDITIONS for week ending 07/28/19

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Corn	1	6	26	53	14
Cotton	-	1	6	83	10
Hay, Alfalfa	-	1	28	60	11
Hay, Other	2	8	29	53	8
Peanuts	-	-	2	79	19
Soybeans	2	6	29	51	12
Tobacco, Burley	-	-	23	68	9
Tobacco, Fire-cured	-	3	44	46	7
Tobacco, Flue-cured	-	2	50	32	16
Pasture	2	16	33	43	6

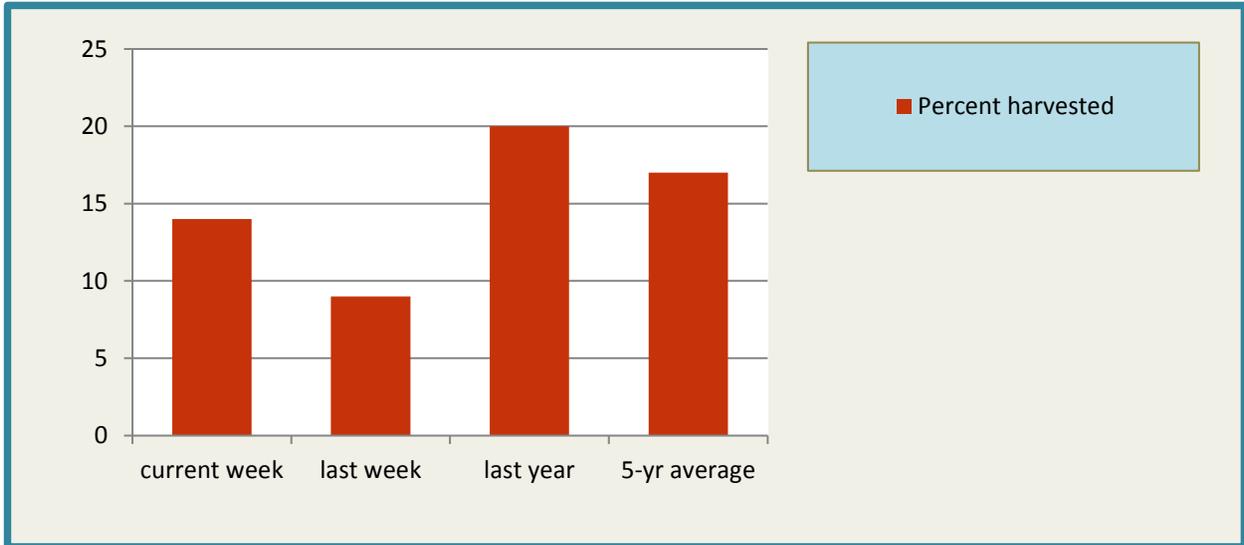
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CROP PROGRESS for week ending 07/28/19

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	14	9	20	17
Corn silking	89	81	83	83
Corn dough	68	54	59	50
Corn dented	27	9	25	19
Cotton squaring	92	88	89	92
Cotton setting bolls	44	32	43	48
Peanuts pegging	82	74	71	71
Soybeans blooming	57	46	39	37
Soybeans setting pods	31	23	23	17
Tobacco, Flue-cured harvested	15	2	10	-

-Represents data not available.

APPLES HARVESTED for week ending 07/28/19



Weather Summary- For the week ending July 28, 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 27	Mar. 1 to July 27 norm	Last Week	Since Jun. 1	Jun. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	86	63	98	58	75	0	2465	2171	1.63	7.38	-0.22	24.68	-1.02
Norfolk	88	73	100	68	80	1	2914	2375	2.42	8.30	0.17	27.04	0.54
Richmond	89	68	100	64	78	0	2775	2363	0.43	10.90	3.44	31.28	6.06
Roanoke	85	64	95	58	74	-3	2594	NA	4.12	10.01	2.86	27.75	2.53
Wash/Dulles	89	65	100	59	77	1	2388	NA	0.76	5.15	-2.00	25.03	0.97

* 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 week of excellent production agriculture weather.

WESTERN

ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas Stanley)

Cooler temperatures and steady rain Tuesday brought between 1/2 and 1.2 inches of rain to most of Rockbridge this week. This was welcome relief from the previous week's heat, and with much of the corn tasseling, the rain was very timely.

BATH/HIGHLAND (Jennifer Matosky)

95% no precipitation, morning heavy dews.

CENTRAL

CAROLINE (Mike Broaddus)

Extremely high air temperatures with lack of adequate rainfall has caused the decline of many crops in the county.

APPOMATTOX (Bruce Jones)

Harvest of the Connecticut binder tobacco started this past week, with more farms planning to harvest this week. The majority of dark tobacco is now topped, and burley tobacco topping is beginning.

EASTERN

KING GEORGE (Mike Broaddus)

Extremely high air temperatures with a lack of adequate rainfall has caused the decline of many crops in the county.

CHARLES CITY (Scott Reiter)

Widespread rains covered the county this week, though amounts varied. Most activities this week were herbicide applications, and scouting crops for pests. Second cutting of hay has started.

SOUTHWESTERN**GRAYSON (Kevin Spurlin)**

Some farmers are still trying to finish first cutting hay due to challenges dodging rain for most of the summer. Others, who harvested hay early in the season, have benefited from the ideal growing conditions and started making second cutting this week. This summer has been almost ideal weather for growing corn locally, and the crop is 7 to 10 days ahead of schedule.

SOUTHERN**FRANKLIN (Cynthia Martel)**

Still dry in the county; rain showers are hit or miss. Pastures, that are over-crowded, are not having recovery time because of dry conditions.

SOUTHEASTERN**GREENSVILLE (Sara Rutherford)**

Rain on Tuesday blanketed the county, bringing some much needed relief with it.

BRUNSWICK (Cynthia Gregg)

Storms and rains last week slowed down some field work. Some of the first tobacco has been baled over the past couple of weeks. Some hay was cut late in the week, and baled over the weekend. Hot weather has slowed down vegetable production.

PRINCE GEORGE (Scott Reiter)

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