



Crop Progress and Condition

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Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.6. Weather conditions are getting drier; scattered precipitation has helped some, but pastures are getting dry and crop conditions are declining. Farming activities for the week included harvesting corn for silage and harvesting apples.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 08/18/19

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	11	45	43	1
Subsoil	9	29	62	-

- Represents zero.

CROP CONDITIONS for week ending 08/18/19

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Corn	-	4	30	57	9
Cotton	-	-	6	91	3
Hay, Alfalfa	-	1	38	52	9
Hay, Other	1	9	39	41	10
Peanuts	-	1	2	87	10
Soybeans	-	4	27	60	9
Tobacco, Burley	-	2	35	55	8
Tobacco, Fire-cured	-	5	53	38	4
Tobacco, Flue-cured	-	9	38	48	5
Pasture	3	25	35	33	4

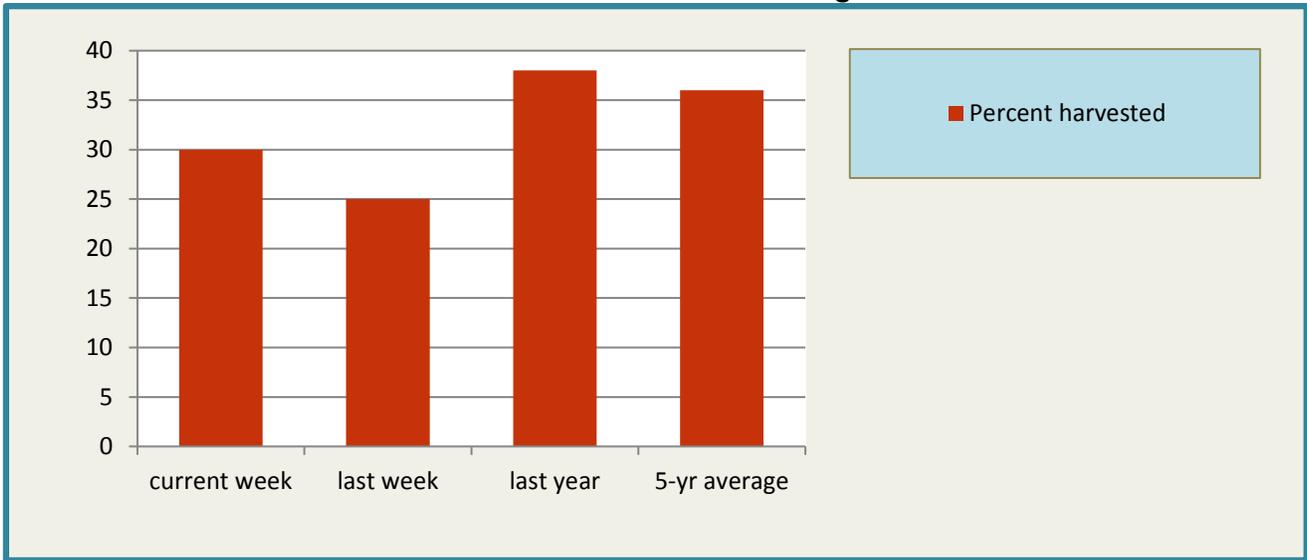
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CROP PROGRESS for week ending 08/18/19

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	30	25	38	36
Corn dough	92	85	85	80
Corn dented	73	61	64	57
Corn mature	23	10	14	13
Corn for silage harvested	34	18	20	19
Cotton setting bolls	85	78	88	91
Cotton bolls opening	1	-	6	4
Soybeans blooming	86	81	79	74
Soybeans setting pods	56	50	53	48
Tobacco, Flue-cured harvested	43	35	37	31

-Represents data not available.

APPLES HARVESTED for week ending 08/18/19



Weather Summary- For the week ending August 18, 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 Aug. 17	Mar. 1 to Aug. 17 norm	Last Week	Since Jun. 1	Jun. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	90	68	94	61	79	5	3014	2671	0.25	9.79	-0.30	27.09	-1.12
Norfolk	88	73	92	70	81	3	3523	2936	0.58	15.05	3.39	33.80	3.63
Richmond	91	71	93	65	81	4	3364	2899	0.45	12.84	2.23	33.22	4.83
Roanoke	91	68	95	60	80	5	3159	NA	0.89	11.38	1.74	29.12	1.39
Wash/Dulles	89	67	94	58	78	3	2937	NA	2.43	7.99	-1.63	27.88	1.58

* 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)

Spotty rains during the week with widespread storms Sunday evening. Corn silage chopping is in full swing in the western part of the county hard hit with dry conditions. Most pastures are overgrazed.

LOUDOUN (Jim Hilleary)

Multiple isolated, but powerful summer storms moved through the county this week. The rain, where present, helped minimize dry topsoil. Otherwise, production status remained mostly unchanged from the previous week.

WESTERN

ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas Stanley)

Rockbridge had a hot, dry week. Pasture and crop conditions declined. Corn looks ok, but is beginning to show some signs of drought stress.

BATH/HIGHLAND (Jennifer Matosky)

A few scattered rainstorms throughout the week. Humid.

CENTRAL

AMELIA (Laura Siegle)

We received some much-needed rain with Wednesday's storm.

CAROLINE (Mike Broaddus)

Very small, spotty rainstorms are not giving enough rainfall to most of the area. Crops are suffering.

BUCKINGHAM (Jennifer Ligon)

Certain spots in the southern and western part of Buckingham County are extremely dry. Hay fields are burnt up, where northern parts of the county are seeing adequate, but not abundant rainfall.

EASTERN

KING GEORGE (Mike Broaddus)

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SOUTHWESTERN

GRAYSON (Kevin Spurlin)

Hot, dry conditions are building, and forage crops are being hampered for the first time all summer. Some areas of the county are going on the third week of limited precipitation.

SCOTT (Scott Jerrell)

High temperatures and scattered showers have left most of the county in desperate need of rain. Corn is beginning to fire up, and pastures have quit growing. Vegetable yields have been good, and producers are preparing for upcoming FSDMA and GAPS audits.

SOUTHERN

LUNENBURG (Lindy Tucker)

Some areas received rain this week, but much of the county is still in need of water. Soybeans are looking good despite the year. Folks have been pulling tobacco pretty hard this week. Hayfields and pastures are dry.

FRANKLIN (Cynthia Martel)

Hot, dry weather is causing crops to suffer. Corn silage chopping is in full swing in Franklin County. Silage is drying out fast. Soybean fields are looking really dry, some fields are not looking good. Pastures are dry! We need steady week of light rain to help everything.

SOUTHEASTERN

GREENSVILLE (Sara Rutherford)

Southwest portions of the county are suffering from 3+ weeks without rain; stressing crops and delaying development. Pastures in areas with recent rains are stable; opposite for rain stricken areas.