



Crop Progress and Condition

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Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.7. Scattered rains brought needed moisture, but some areas are still dry. Temperatures cooled near the end of the week. Farming activities for the week included harvesting corn for grain and spraying crops with insecticides and fungicides.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 08/25/19

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	8	36	52	4
Subsoil	4	32	62	2

- Represents zero.

CROP CONDITIONS for week ending 08/25/19

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Corn	1	5	27	54	13
Cotton	2	3	7	85	3
Hay, Alfalfa	-	1	39	54	6
Hay, Other	1	10	42	41	6
Peanuts	-	2	5	78	15
Soybeans	1	6	29	51	13
Tobacco, Burley	-	2	44	53	1
Tobacco, Fire-cured	-	3	53	42	2
Tobacco, Flue-cured	-	7	38	49	6
Pasture	5	22	37	34	2

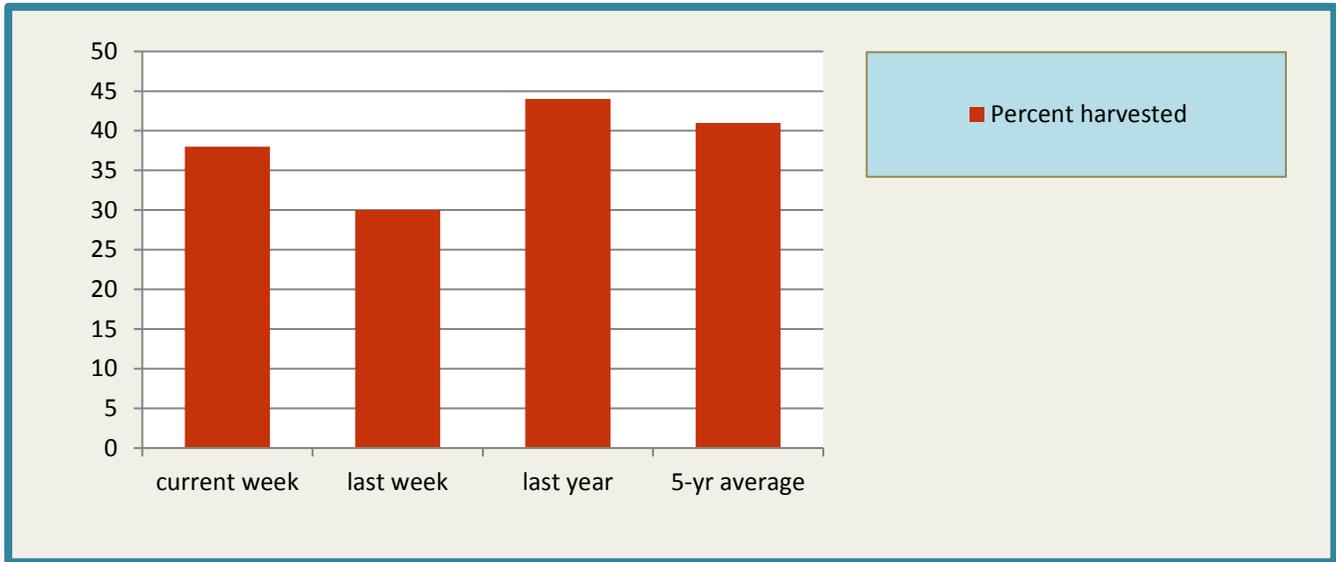
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CROP PROGRESS for week ending 08/25/19

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	38	30	44	41
Corn dough	95	92	92	87
Corn dented	81	73	75	68
Corn mature	34	23	31	26
Corn for grain harvested	5	-	-	-
Corn for silage harvested	48	34	37	35
Cotton setting bolls	90	85	94	95
Cotton bolls opening	11	1	14	10
Soybeans blooming	90	86	90	84
Soybeans setting pods	70	56	68	62
Tobacco, Flue-cured harvested	51	43	47	40

-Represents data not available.

APPLES HARVESTED for week ending 08/25/19



Weather Summary- For the week ending August 25, 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. 24	Mar. 1 to Aug. 24 norm	Last Week	Since Jun. 1	Jun. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	91	66	97	61	79	5	3193	2836	0.73	11.27	0.44	28.57	-0.28
Norfolk	90	74	96	72	82	5	3729	3121	1.78	16.83	4.08	35.57	4.37
Richmond	92	70	99	65	81	5	3560	3073	0.77	13.61	2.08	33.99	4.69
Roanoke	90	68	96	62	79	5	3341	NA	1.82	13.59	3.06	31.33	2.85
Wash/Dulles	89	67	95	61	78	4	3117	NA	1.69	9.68	-0.72	29.56	2.19

* 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)

Hot start to the week and a cool finish. Several rains brought some much needed moisture. Corn silage harvest continued, as soil conditions allowed.

LOUDOUN (Jim Hilleary)

No significant changes from the previous week. Localized rain has helped some, but not all producers.

WESTERN

ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas Stanley)

Hot and dry weather started the week, but a cold front brought at least 1/2 inch of rain to Rockbridge on Friday with much cooler temperatures. The first corn silage was chopped this week, and drought stress on crops has been minimized for now thanks to the change in the weather. Some parts of Rockbridge remain quite dry.

BATH/HIGHLAND (Jennifer Matosky)

Rainstorms throughout the week, colder days and cloudy through the weekend.

CENTRAL

BUCKINGHAM (Jennifer Ligon)

Spotty, severe drought continues throughout Southern and Western Buckingham County.

APPOMATTOX (Bruce Jones)

Scattered thunderstorms provided much needed soil moisture. Dark tobacco harvest well underway with curing (smoking) in process. The hot temperatures really started the visual appearance of corn drying.

SOUTHWESTERN

SMYTH (Andy Overbay)

Hot and dry conditions are beginning to take their toll on pastures and field crops. Our excellent corn crop may suffer from going past optimal harvest stage, due to rapid dry down matched with the demand for custom harvesting. Pastures in drier areas are really beginning to fade. Other areas have seen over 3 inches of rain this week and are doing fine.

SOUTHERN

CHARLOTTE (Joanne Jones)

Scattered thunderstorms brought much needed rainfall to the county.

SOUTHEASTERN

GREENSVILLE (Sara Rutherford)

High temperatures plagued the area most of the week. Insecticide spraying in soybeans and cotton continued this week. Some peanuts in the county are being sprayed to hold back leaf spot. A chance of rain Friday and cooler weekend temperatures should boost morale.

CHESAPEAKE CITY (Watson Lawrence Jr.)

Full soybean canopy with adequate rain since July. Yield potential looks very good. Limited acreage sprayed for corn earworm (CEW) and stink bugs thus far. More acreage has been sprayed with fungicides, given the high yield potential we have now.