



# Crop Progress and Condition

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**Agricultural News:** Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.7. Weather conditions continue to be hot and dry; rain was limited and pastures continue to deteriorate. Parts of the State are in D0 (abnormally dry) and D1 (moderate drought) conditions. Farmers are giving supplemental feed and hay to livestock. Farming activities for the week included planting small grains, harvesting corn, and sending cattle to market.

## SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 09/15/19

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	25	58	17	-
Subsoil	12	53	35	-

- Represents zero.

## CROP CONDITIONS for week ending 09/15/19

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Cotton	-	5	12	73	10
Hay, Alfalfa	6	14	41	36	3
Hay, Other	2	24	43	28	3
Peanuts	-	6	17	63	14
Soybeans	1	12	40	40	7
Pasture	10	43	34	12	1

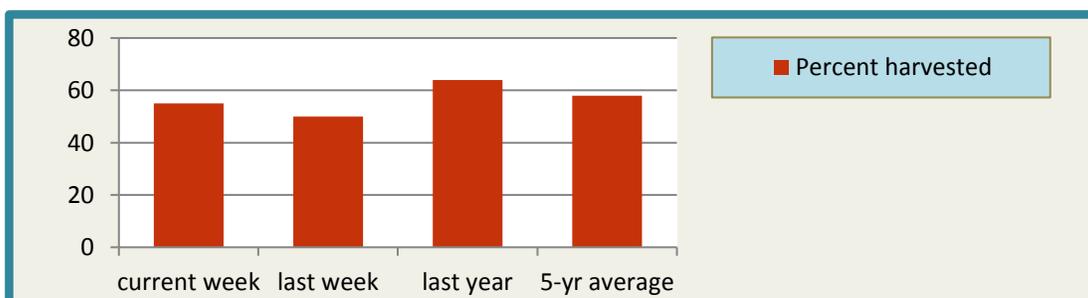
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## CROP PROGRESS for week ending 09/15/19

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	55	50	64	58
Barley planted	1	-	-	-
Corn dented	97	94	94	-
Corn mature	85	75	81	76
Corn for grain harvested	63	45	44	39
Corn for silage harvested	88	79	83	78
Cotton bolls opening	56	41	42	41
Peanuts harvested	2	-	3	1
Soybeans setting pods	95	89	90	90
Soybeans dropping leaves	17	7	14	15
Tobacco, Flue-cured harvested	84	76	74	65
Winter Wheat planted	2	-	-	-

-Represents data not available.

## APPLES HARVESTED for week ending 09/15/19



**Weather Summary- For the week ending September 15, 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 Sep. 14	Mar. 1 to Sep. 14 Norm	Last Week	Since Sep. 1	Sep. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	87	66	97	60	77	8	3686	3278	0.06	0.06	-1.44	28.73	-2.49
Norfolk	84	71	92	69	78	4	4298	3621	1.77	2.96	1.03	38.59	4.44
Richmond	88	68	98	66	78	6	4093	3539	0.01	0.39	-1.38	34.43	2.56
Roanoke	87	67	97	57	77	7	3853	NA	0.74	0.80	-1.01	32.29	0.95
Wash/Dulles	85	63	95	56	74	4	3595	NA	0.01	0.33	-1.50	30.18	0.00

\* 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)**

Above average temperatures and no significant rain. Manure applications continued on corn silage ground. Cover crop planting is well underway on corn silage ground. The first corn grain harvest occurred last week. Heavy populations of dragonflies were noticed migrating through the area.

**WESTERN**

**ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas Stanley)**

Hot and dry describes Rockbridge this week. Pasture conditions have deteriorated rapidly this week. The dry conditions came too late to hurt most corn, but a significant number of livestock are getting supplemental feed and hay now due to poor pasture conditions. Others have sent cattle to market early due to limited grazeable forage.

**BATH/HIGHLAND (Jennifer Matosky)**

Scattered rainstorms throughout the week, upper 50s in the morning and 80s in the afternoon.

**CENTRAL**

**AMELIA (Laura Siegle)**

Though the county received some rain this week, most parts remain very dry.

**CAROLINE (Mike Broaddus)**

Ground is very parched in most places in the county. Small rain events do very little for current 95+ degree days.

**EASTERN**

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**SOUTHWESTERN**

**GRAYSON (Kevin Spurlin)**

Continued hot and dry weather is affecting pasture to the point that some beef producers are starting to feed hay, or are considering selling animals to reduce stocking load on the worst fields.

**SOUTHERN**

**FRANKLIN (Cynthia Martel)**

Franklin County saw a small amount of rain Thursday night in areas and Friday light mist all day. Still not enough to help with dry conditions. Hot, humid weather all last week.

## **SOUTHEASTERN**

### **GREENSVILLE (Sara Rutherford)**

Storms passed through the county Thursday night delivering some rain. The southernmost portion of the county along the state line remains dry. Corn continues to be harvested, and tobacco harvest is nearing completion.

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

Some spotty showers were appreciated last week. Harvest is gearing up. Planting of small grains have begun as fields are harvested. Producers are watching the latest hurricane and the tropics.