



Crop Progress and Condition

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Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.1. Weather conditions were cooler as temperatures have dropped. Precipitation amounts were down from the previous week, but drought conditions continue to diminish. Farming activities for the week included harvesting soybeans, planting wheat, and mowing corn stalks.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 11/10/19

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	3	9	88	-
Subsoil	6	20	74	-

- Represents zero.

CROP CONDITIONS for week ending 11/10/19

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Barley	-	2	28	65	5
Hay, Alfalfa	2	5	36	57	-
Hay, Other	5	30	43	22	-
Winter Wheat	-	2	16	71	11
Pasture	12	40	38	10	-

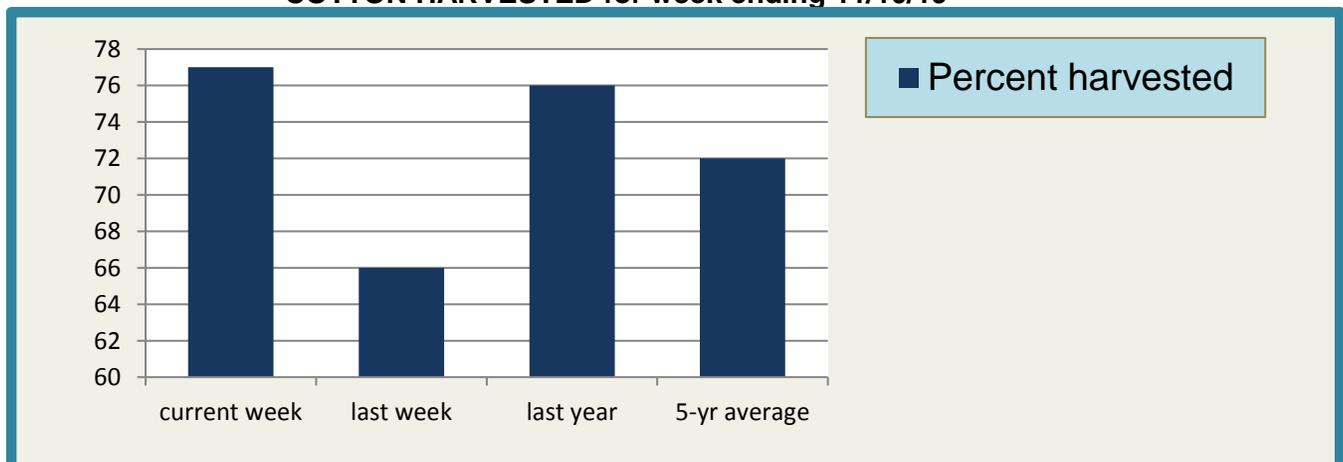
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CROP PROGRESS for week ending 11/10/19

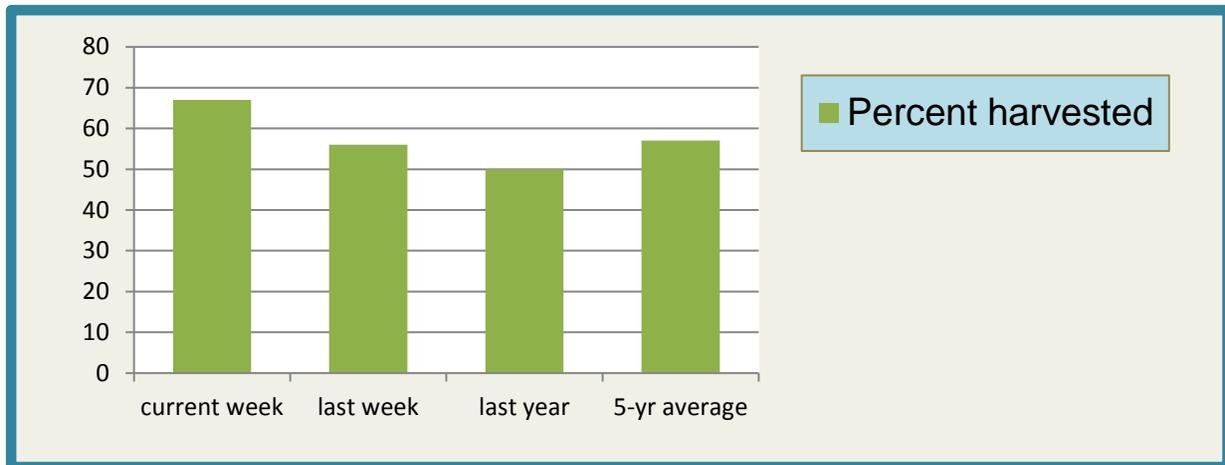
Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	97	94	-	-
Barley planted	93	87	89	91
Cotton harvested	77	66	76	72
Soybeans harvested	67	56	50	57
Winter Wheat planted	82	71	65	64

-Represents data not available.

COTTON HARVESTED for week ending 11/10/19



SOYBEANS HARVESTED for week ending 11/10/19



Weather Summary- For the week ending November 10, 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 Nov. 9	Mar. 1 to Nov. 9 Norm	Last Week	Since Sep. 1	Sep. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	58	31	67	21	45	-5	4474	3893	0.00	6.89	-1.31	35.56	-2.26
Norfolk	62	43	73	36	53	-2	5290	4385	0.19	7.07	-1.34	42.69	2.04
Richmond	61	35	70	27	48	-4	4960	4244	0.04	5.13	-3.41	39.16	0.39
Roanoke	57	32	66	23	45	-6	4664	NA	0.02	7.67	-0.23	39.17	1.87
Wash/Dulles	55	31	65	21	43	-6	4325	NA	0.13	6.52	-1.63	36.36	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.

WESTERN

ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas Stanley)

No precipitation in Rockbridge this week with seasonably cool temperatures, which allowed soybean harvest to proceed rapidly.

BATH/HIGHLAND (Jennifer Matosky)

Pastures are short. Most are considering feeding hay, if they haven't already. Friday was cold and flurrying. The weekend it was warm in the 60s. Short rain showers through the week.

CENTRAL

AMELIA (Laura Siegle)

We are seeing some pasture green-up although stress from the drought has certainly impacted fall recovery.

BUCKINGHAM (Jennifer Ligon)

Rain came too late to help with hay or pasture.

ALBEMARLE (Carrie Swanson)

Dry conditions in August through the middle of October have resulted in little to no stockpiled forage. Many livestock producers will have to feed more hay this winter. Second and third cutting hay production was also affected.

CAMPBELL (Todd Scott)

Farmers are reporting shortages of barley seed for winter double cropping.

EASTERN

CHARLES CITY (Scott Reiter)

Soybean harvest and wheat planting made good progress this week.

SOUTHWESTERN

GRAYSON (Kevin Spurlin)

The drought is largely behind us, but with cold arriving, forage growth is slowing quickly. There is still a concern about forage inventory entering the winter feeding season. Wholesale Christmas tree harvest is in full swing.

SCOTT (Scott Jerrell)

Rainfall has helped with overall topsoil moisture, but combined with cold temperatures, little pasture rebound has been seen. Livestock owners are looking to purchase hay or reduce herd sizes. Heifer producers are gearing up for the annual sale the Saturday after Thanksgiving with approximately 95 head for sale.

SOUTHERN

FRANKLIN (Cynthia Martel)

The moisture has been much needed, but winter crops and cover crops have been slow going in. Soybeans are still in some fields.

SOUTHEASTERN

GREENSVILLE (Sara Rutherford)

Harvesting and planting are again top priorities this week. Rain was minimal this week, but soil moisture levels remain adequate for plant growth.

CHESAPEAKE CITY (Watson Lawrence Jr.)

Warm temperatures and good field conditions allowed farmers to do much field work including harvesting hay, soybeans, planting wheat, and mowing corn stalks.

BRUNSWICK (Cynthia Gregg)

Colder temperatures and frost have caused final leaves to drop on soybeans and late planted cotton. Small grains are coming up nicely. Combines are running full harvesting soybeans and grain sorghum.

PRINCE GEORGE (Scott Reiter)

Soybean harvest and wheat planting made good progress this week.