



Crop Progress and Condition

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Agricultural News: Farming activities for the month included purchasing hay, taking soil samples, and planning for the new season. Hay supplies are low due to the poor hay production in the fall. Weather conditions have been a mix with warmer weather and rain with some snow.

SOIL MOISTURE and SUPPLIES for week ending 01/26/20

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	-	2	81	17
Subsoil	-	3	91	6
Hay & Roughage	12	38	49	1

- Represents zero.

CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 01/26/20

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Barley	-	-	43	56	1
Winter Wheat	-	-	34	61	5
Pasture	7	31	42	18	2
Livestock	1	5	36	53	5

- Represents zero.

Forage Percent Obtained from Pastures	This Month	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%
Feed Obtained from Pastures	8	-	-

- Represents data not available.

Weather Summary- For the week ending January 26, 2020

City	Temperature						Precipitation				
	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg. dep. from normal *	Last Week	Since Dec. 1	Dec. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1, 2020 to date	Jan. 1, 2020 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	46	25	55	17	35	1	1.46	6.82	1.00	3.96	1.36
Norfolk	49	36	65	29	42	2	0.82	5.42	-0.47	3.34	0.47
Richmond	48	27	62	20	38	2	0.76	6.72	0.93	3.45	0.78
Roanoke	45	25	52	17	35	-1	1.55	6.10	0.94	3.26	0.94
Wash/Dulles	42	24	51	16	33	1	1.58	6.31	0.97	3.33	1.07

* 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)

Temperatures have been a roller coaster ride. The high for the month was 68, with a low of 9. Only 4 inches of snow fell early in the month. A rainfall of 1.3 inches last weekend accounted for over half of the month's total precipitation.

WESTERN

ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas Stanley)

January in Rockbridge was a little warmer and wetter than normal with total precipitation around the county about 3.4 inches, which is more than 30% above long run normals. Hay supplies are tight, especially better quality hay due to poor hay production in the fall.

SOUTHERN

FRANKLIN (Cynthia Martel)

Hay and pasture supply in Franklin County is low. Farmers are buying from out of state. The mild winter so far is helping, but farmers are looking for hay all over the State and other states.

SOUTHEASTERN

GREENSVILLE (Sara Rutherford)

Wheat, oats, and triticale struggling in some low ground areas due to the over saturation of soil. Otherwise, winter crops are doing well. Pastures have not been able to rebound and supplemental feeding is ongoing. The harvesting of trees continues through January. A second round of loblolly pine tree plantings will be taking place in the upcoming weeks around the county.

BRUNSWICK (Cynthia Gregg)

Colder weather and past harvest conditions have reduced hay availability for producers to feed to their livestock, many are looking for hay. Producers are planning for the 2020 crop season. Many are taking soil samples at this time.