



# Crop Progress and Condition

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**Agricultural News:** Virginia experienced above normal temperatures and precipitation in February. The warm weather has been good for cover crops and there are signs of early growth. Pasture conditions have declined due to the wet conditions. Hay supplies are tight due to poor hay production in the fall. Primary activities for the month include equipment maintenance, purchasing seed and fertilizer, and beginning to fertilize as fields become firm enough.

## SOIL MOISTURE and SUPPLIES for week ending 02/23/20

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	-	-	86	14
Subsoil	-	-	91	9
Hay & Roughage	12	37	50	1

- Represents zero.

## CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 02/23/20

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Barley	-	-	22	75	3
Winter Wheat	-	-	21	74	5
Pasture	6	29	41	23	1
Livestock	1	9	31	52	7

- Represents zero.

Forage Percent Obtained from Pastures	This Month	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%
Feed Obtained from Pastures	9	-	-

- Represents data not available.

## Weather Summary- For the week ending February 23, 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	51	28	57	18	39	1	0.09	11.41	2.29	8.55	2.66
Norfolk	52	35	64	25	43	1	0.72	9.90	0.39	7.82	1.31
Richmond	51	29	64	20	40	0	0.19	10.03	1.16	6.76	0.99
Roanoke	51	31	56	24	41	2	0.08	9.88	1.44	7.04	1.46
Wash/Dulles	50	28	60	18	39	4	0.02	8.46	0.25	5.48	0.36

\* 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.