



Crop Progress and Condition

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Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.3. Weather conditions were mostly cool and dry, slowing some crop progress. High average temperatures were mostly in the lower 70s, and low average temperatures were mostly in the 40s. There are abnormally dry and moderate drought conditions in the State. Farming activities for the week included planting crops and looking for frost damage on fruit.

SOIL MOISTURE and SUPPLIES for week ending 5/01/22

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	4	32	63	1
Subsoil	4	26	69	1
Hay & Roughage	11	33	54	2

- Represents zero.

CROP CONDITIONS for week ending 5/01/22

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	4	19	75	2
Barley	-	4	27	66	3
Hay, Alfalfa	-	5	44	48	3
Hay, Other	4	13	46	35	2
Winter Wheat	1	8	28	58	5
Pasture	3	16	42	37	2
Livestock	-	4	31	57	8

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for the week ending 5/01/22

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Corn planted	66	45	60	54
Corn emerged	27	12	26	21
Cotton planted	17	12	15	11
Peanuts planted	9	-	18	8
Soybeans planted	8	1	6	-
Tobacco, Burley transplanted	1	-	2	-
Tobacco, Fire-cured transplanted	1	-	1	-
Tobacco, Flue-cured transplanted	12	3	4	-
Winter Wheat headed	55	29	36	45

- Represents zero or data not available.

Weather Summary- For the week ending May 1, 2022

City	Temperature				Precipitation				
	Avg. high	Avg. low	Avg. mean	Avg. dep. from normal *	Last Week	Since Mar. 1	Mar. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1, 2022 to date	Jan. 1, 2022 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	72.6	45.4	59.0	-0.9	0.13	6.14	-1.2	13.21	-0.5
Norfolk	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Richmond	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Roanoke	70.3	51.1	60.7	-1.1	0.34	5.58	-1.5	12.08	-1.1
Wash/Dulles	66.0	43.4	54.7	-4.5	0.27	4.41	-2.7	10.57	-2.1

*Normals value based on 1991-2020 normals data. N/A – Not available. Source: NOAA Southeast Regional Climate Center <https://www.sercc.com/>.