



Crop Progress and Condition

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Agricultural News: Farming activities for the month of March included preparing and fertilizing fields. Weather conditions were mostly warm with some cold periods. Freezing temperatures have caused some damage to fruit trees. The average high temperatures during the month of March were mostly in the lower 60s. The average low temperatures during the month were mostly in the upper 30s. Monthly precipitation amounts ranged between half an inch to 2 inches. There are abnormally dry to moderate drought conditions in the State.

SOIL MOISTURE and SUPPLIES for week ending 3/26/23

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	5	26	66	3
Subsoil	10	17	69	4
Hay & Roughage	3	25	71	1

- Represents zero.

CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 3/26/23

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Barley	-	-	53	44	3
Winter Wheat	-	1	34	59	6
Pasture	2	20	40	35	3
Livestock	-	5	37	51	7

- Represents zero.

Forage Percent Obtained from Pastures	This Month	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%
Feed Obtained from Pastures	16	-	-

- Represents data not available.

Weather Summary- For the week ending March 26, 2023

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, 2023 to date	Jan. 1, 2023 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Norfolk	67.7	43.4	55.6	+3.1	0.00	1.39	-1.7	7.02	-2.4
Richmond	70.4	41.7	56.1	+5.6	0.04	0.60	-2.8	5.52	-3.7
Roanoke	70.7	43.0	56.9	+6.5	0.12	1.36	-1.6	7.05	-1.9
Wash/Dulles	66.3	38.6	52.4	+6.0	0.83	1.57	-1.4	5.20	-3.3

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