



# Crop Progress and Condition

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**Agricultural News:** Farming activities for the month of March included vaccinating calves and preparing fields for planting. Weather conditions have been windy and dry with some periods of rain. The dry and windy conditions caused some fires. Pastures are greening up. The average high temperatures during the month were in the 60s. The average low temperatures during the month were mostly in the 40s. Monthly precipitation amounts ranged between 2 to 8 inches. There are no drought conditions in the State.

### SOIL MOISTURE and SUPPLIES for week ending 03/24/24

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	2	11	79	8
Subsoil	1	13	81	5
Hay & Roughage	11	27	60	2

- Represents zero.

### CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 03/24/24

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Barley	-	2	47	40	11
Pasture	4	24	35	32	5
Winter Wheat	1	4	39	48	8
Livestock	2	4	36	50	8

- Represents zero.

Forage Percent Obtained from Pastures	This Month	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%
Feed Obtained from Pastures	15	-	-

- Represents data not available.

### Weather Summary- For the week ending March 24, 2024

City	Temperature				Precipitation				
	Avg. high	Avg. low	Avg. mean	Avg. dep. from normal *	Last Week	Since Mar. 1	March 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1, 2024 to date	Jan. 1, 2024 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	59.9	33.4	46.6	-1.2	1.29	3.60	+0.7	12.65	+3.4
Norfolk	59.7	41.9	50.8	-1.1	2.29	7.08	+4.2	13.22	+4.0
Richmond	60.6	36.6	48.6	-1.3	1.63	5.71	+2.6	14.81	+5.8
Roanoke	59.9	36.1	48.0	-1.7	0.86	2.52	-0.2	9.15	+0.4
Wash/Dulles	54.4	32.7	43.6	-2.2	1.08	3.53	+0.8	10.98	+2.7

\*Normals value based on 1991-2020 normals data. Source: NOAA Southeast Regional Climate Center <https://www.sercc.com/>.