

REPORTER COMMENTS BY COUNTY (continued)

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CENTRAL

AMELIA (Joan D Poore)

A good week with scattered showers throughout the area. Heat and humidity soared and at the end of the week temperatures were above average for normal.

APPOMATTOX (Bruce Jones)

Hay harvest continues between rain events. Barley harvest is well underway and wheat harvest will begin soon on the earlier varieties. Tobacco planting has slowed due to wet soil conditions.

CAROLINE (McGann Saphir)

Grain producers are harvesting barley, scouting wheat for diseases and side-dressing corn. Vegetable and small fruit producers are harvesting greens, cleaning up strawberry beds, irrigating summer vegetables (tomatoes, squash, peppers), and getting ready to harvest blueberries. Soil conditions are getting very dry. The last few fronts have not given us much rain, and the recent hot weather has depleted soil moisture. Corn has been showing moisture stress (twisting and wilting).

CHESTERFIELD (Joan D Poore)

There was scattered showers throughout most of the county with exceptions of a few areas that did not receive rain. Heat and humidity were soaring by the end of the workweek with above average temperatures for early June. Overall it was a good week.

FLUVANNA (John Thompson)

Afternoon thunderstorms are helping greatly with water needs; however there has been a lot of hay rained on as well. This will impact an already short first cutting of hay. Our hope is on a good yield for second cutting, and much better quality. Rain is helping corn and beans, combined with the higher temperatures; growth has been great.

HANOVER (Jim Tate)

We received widely scattered rain in varying amounts. In my area most received about an inch total in the last ten days. Sunday evening brought in about three tenths of the total. Surrounding counties are getting much more rain. Pasture and late cutting hay are benefitting greatly. This has been great corn weather with hot and humid conditions. You can almost see the corn growing literally. Cattle are forted up in the shade all day.

SOUTHEASTERN

BRUNSWICK (Cynthia L. Gregg)

Last week a few showers were pretty spotty and fell quickly. Some hay got rained on after cutting. Tobacco is looking pretty good but a little spotty in places. Corn is looking very good overall.

PRINCE GEORGE (Scott Reiter)

Barley harvest started this weekend with disappointing yields in the 50-70 bushel range. Soybean planting continued as the last full season fields are being finished this week. Some areas of the county have received heavier rains from thunderstorms that have limited fieldwork days this week. Growers have been applying herbicides to cotton, peanuts, and soybeans this week as well.

SOUTHAMPTON (John Rudy)

Rain received has been spotty from afternoon thundershowers. All crops are in need of moisture. Wheat looks good and harvest should begin in the next week. Cotton and peanut plantings are complete and early soybeans are finishing. Pastures are looking good.

SURRY (Glenn Slade)

Corn, cotton, peanuts, and soybeans are off to a good start from the recent rains. Small grain harvest has begun, with barley yields and test weights lower than expected.

Sussex (Kelvin Wells)

Rain has been plentiful for crops in our area this week. With warmer temperatures things are beginning to grow. Topdressing nitrogen on corn, soybean planting, herbicide applications on cotton and soybean are going on this week.

SUFFOLK CITY (Rex Cotten)

The area has been getting thunderstorms. The crops are looking better because of the combination of moisture and heat. We are looking forward to a good season.



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WEATHER & CROPS



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WEATHER CONDITIONS AND CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 6, 2010

Humid conditions with sporadic showers appeared across the state keeping the soil moisture levels adequate. The light rain was greatly appreciated by producers with exceptions for those cutting hay. Days suitable for field work were 5.4. The combination of moisture and heat was favorable to the progression of corn, cotton, peanuts and soybeans. Small grain harvest has begun, with variable barley yields and test weights. Farmers' continued applying herbicide applications and cultivating tobacco. Small fruit producers are cleaning up strawberry beds and getting ready to harvest blueberries.

Week Ending	TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
May 9, 2010	13	44	41	2
May 16, 2010	5	41	50	4
May 23, 2010	1	18	75	6
May 30, 2010	2	16	75	7
June 6, 2010	2	15	75	8



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CROP CONDITION PERCENT					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture	1	7	29	56	7
Livestock	1	3	22	56	18
Hay, Other	3	13	37	37	10
Hay, Alfalfa	0	3	21	53	23
Corn	0	2	17	65	16
Winter Wheat	1	3	31	62	3
Barley	1	3	34	58	4
Tobacco, Flue-cured	0	5	24	42	29
Tobacco, Dark Fire-cured	0	10	28	60	2
Peanuts	0	0	7	91	2
Cotton	0	1	9	89	1
Potatoes, Summer	0	0	25	75	0
Apples, All	5	3	71	16	5
Peaches	0	0	40	52	8
Grapes	0	2	38	40	20
Oats	0	0	43	56	1

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT – WITH COMPARISONS				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
Corn Emerged	97	81	87	91
Soybeans Planted	58	42	44	48
Soybeans Emerged	42	28	33	35
Winter Wheat Harvested	3	N/A	3	3
Barley Harvested	29	3	14	13
Flue Cured Tobacco Transplanted	97	93	100	100
Burley Tobacco Transplanted	86	58	80	79
Dark Fire-Cured Tobacco Transplanted	97	85	90	89
Peanuts Planted	95	84	97	97
Cotton Planted	99	98	100	100

VIRGINIA WEEKLY WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 6, 2010

City	Temperature						Growing degree days (modified base 50)		Precipitation				
	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg. dep. from normal *	Mar. 1 to June 5	Mar. 1 to June 5 normal	Last Week	Since June 1	June 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	86	64	88	62	75	8	1203	974	0.61	0.61	-0.01	20.34	1.68
Norfolk	89	72	94	68	80	10	1349	1055	0.38	0.17	-0.41	19.85	0.77
Richmond	91	68	95	61	79	10	1402	1091	0.17	0.17	-0.43	16.97	-1.47
Roanoke	86	66	89	64	76	8	1256	NA	1.73	0.12	-0.51	17.17	-1.49
Wash/Dulles	88	66	90	62	77	10	1217	NA	0.08	0.08	-0.64	16.71	-0.87

* Normal based on 1971-2000 data. Source: NCEP/NOAA Climate Prediction Center <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>. Source: USDA, NASS, Virginia Field Office.

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NORTHERN

FREDERICK (Jeanette Smith)

We received thunderstorms approximately every day. We get the showers, then it clears off, and the rest of the day is good.

ROCKINGHAM (John Welsh)

Dry and hot weather persists in the county. A few areas received some rain during the week courtesy of evening thundershowers. Pastures are browning up and re growth after 1st cut hay is slow to nonexistent.

EASTERN

ESSEX (Keith Balderson)

Scattered showers and thunderstorms during the week continued to keep soil moisture levels mostly adequate. Corn looks very good for the most part; responding to moisture, heat, and nitrogen. Barley harvest is progressing well with variable yields and test weights. Full season soybean emergence has been good.

MIDDLESEX (David Moore)

Barley harvest, soybean planting, corn side dressing, vegetable planting are the activities of the week. Sweet potatoes are being planted. Early sweet corn is tasseling. Barley yields are about average with TW average to below. Intermittent showers and thunderstorms are slowing harvest. Some wheat may be ready by next week. Folks are also beginning to make post herbicide applications on full season soybeans. Tomatoes, cantaloupes, peppers, squash, and sweet corn looks good. Moisture situation is okay for now.

SOUTHWESTERN

MONTGOMERY (Barry Robinson)

Pop-up showers and high temperatures this past week are making disease occurrences more prevalent (across all crops). Most winter grains have been harvested and corn planted, though frequent scattered showers have prevented some from getting in their fields.

SCOTT (Scott Jerrell)

Hay crop appears strong this spring, despite a thin appearance. Good yields have been reported and most farmers I have spoken to are in good spirits. Sporadic showers have been popping up all around the county, but no appreciable amount of rain has fallen.

SOUTHERN

PITTSYLVANIA (Jamie Stowe, Stephen Barts)

Spotty rains continue to delay hay harvest and what is left is over mature. Hay crops and pasture land all are turning up short of what was expected. Pastures are starting to look poor except for abundant clover. Reports of foot rot problems are common in beef cattle now. Cultivating tobacco and applying side dressing occurred this week.