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WEATHER CONDITIONS AND CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 6, 2011

Showers slowed fieldwork throughout Virginia. Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.2. Peanut and cotton harvest continued although rainy weather interrupted the harvest. Soybean harvest is in full swing. Tobacco farmers continued to prepare their crop for market. Growers continued to plant small grains and cover crops. Harvest of greens, sweet potatoes, and other fall vegetables continued.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT				
Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
October 9, 2011	2	19	71	8
October 16, 2011	1	12	67	20
October 23, 2011	1	8	78	13
October 30, 2011	0	8	77	15
November 7, 2011	0	7	76	17

SUBSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT				
Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
October 9, 2011	6	17	68	9
October 16, 2011	6	15	66	13
October 23, 2011	6	10	73	11
October 30, 2011	5	8	76	11
November 7, 2011	5	7	75	13

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CROP CONDITION PERCENT					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture	4	5	26	53	12
Livestock	1	3	22	56	18
Hay, Other	3	6	23	55	13
Hay, Alfalfa	0	2	25	54	19
Soybeans	0	3	19	62	16
Peanuts	0	3	16	58	23
Cotton	0	11	60	27	2

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT – WITH COMPARISONS				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
Corn for Grain Harvested	91	89	100	93
Soybeans Harvested	41	29	58	49
Winter Wheat Seeded	57	53	74	61
Winter Wheat Emerged	24	23	51	35
Barley Seeded	92	87	99	95
Oats for Grain Seeded	86	82	90	NA
Peanuts Dug	94	85	95	98
Peanuts Combined	83	55	84	92
Cotton Harvested	80	60	88	72
Winter Apples Harvested	84	80	83	92

VIRGINIA WEEKLY WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING November 6, 2011

City	Temperature						Growing degree days (modified base 50) 1/		Precipitation				
	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg. dep. from normal *	Mar. 1 to Nov. 6	Mar. 1 to Nov. 6 normal	Last Week	Since Sept. 1	Sept. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	58	32	64	27	45	-6	4145	3872	0.27	7.71	-0.07	31.35	-5.97
Norfolk	61	44	67	38	52	-4	4992	4359	0.85	9.73	1.69	48.04	7.68
Richmond	60	37	65	31	49	-4	4723	4218	0.62	12.06	3.97	41.64	3.44
Roanoke	59	34	65	31	47	-5	4323	NA	0.46	11.94	4.44	37.03	NA
Wash/Dulles	57	33	65	28	45	-5	4161	NA	NA	14.21	6.49	39.57	3.60

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

REPORTER COMMENTS BY COUNTY

Comments are based on comments reported by extension agents, farmers, commodity specialists, and other knowledgeable individuals.

WESTERN

ROCKBRIDGE (Tom Stanley)

Seasonally cool temperatures and clear weather with a light rain Thursday night marked the week. Field work progressed largely unimpeded.

CENTRAL

AMELIA (Joan D Poore)

Harvest continues for corn and soybeans. Yields have been above average on corn for most of the county. Soybeans - too soon to determine. Monday Oct 31 was 28 - 30 degrees, second day of killing frost.

APPOMATTOX (Bruce Jones)

Soybean harvest continues at a rapid pace. Beans are having to be put into on-farm storage due to moisture. Wheat planting continues. Dark tobacco farmers are preparing their crop for market, but many are having difficulty getting tobacco out of the barn due to the colder temperatures.

CAROLINE (McGann Saphir)

Corn harvest is in except for a few wet spots that still need to be cleaned up. Grain farmers are full into harvesting soybeans and planting small grains and cover crops. Pastures and hayfields are looking good going into winter. There is plenty of stockpiled forage, and most farmers got a last cutting of hay in the past few weeks. Vegetable farmers are still cleaning up planting beds and sewing cover crops.

CHESTERFIELD (Joan D Poore)

Harvest of corn and soybeans continue. Corn yields are below what was expected due to Hurricane Irene and Tropical Depression Lee. The corn yields were expected to be average to above average, but a lot of it blew down from the storms. The corn yields are still good, county average, just not what was expected from the growing season.

CENTRAL (Cont'd)

HANOVER (Jim Tate)

Good week with mostly good weather. Rain on Friday but some field work still occurred over the weekend. Small grains are starting to be visible emerging as one drives the roads. Wet field conditions are still inhibiting double crop bean harvest but farmers are smiling at yields..

EASTERN

ESSEX (Keith Balderson)

As weather and soil conditions allowed, farmers spent the week harvesting soybeans and planting wheat. Soybean yields have been very good. Vegetable farmers continued harvesting greens, sweet potatoes and other fall vegetables. Some farmers also began taking soil samples for next spring's crops.

SOUTHWESTERN

GRAYSON (Kevin Spurlin)

Frosty mornings were the norm last week as most farming operations gear down for the winter. Beef calf marketing is wrapping up. Overall, pastures have more forage than average for the first week of November.

SCOTT (Scott Jerrell)

Tobacco grading has started, with good color but less than expected yields. Heifer sale participants are finalizing paperwork and veterinary work.

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SOUTHEASTERN

SOUTHAMPTON (John Rudy)

Rains are slowing the cotton and peanut harvest. Regular season soybeans are ready for harvest and late beans are shortly to follow. We need an extended dry period to complete harvesting. Small grain planting continues. Frosts last week will help in the dry down. Pastures are improving.

SURRY (Glenn Slade)

Showers have slowed field work. Peanut harvest almost complete with yields of 4000 pounds on many farms. About 60% of the cotton is harvested with variable yields 500-1500 lbs/acre. We need good dry spell to get soybeans in.

SUSSEX (Kelvin Wells)

Recent rain showers have slowed down the fall harvest. Peanut harvest is almost complete, cotton and soybean harvest has picked up. Small grains planting have increase on fields that were planted to corn and peanut.

CHESAPEAKE CITY (Watson Lawrence)

We continue to get about 3-4 days of suitable weather for harvesting soybeans followed by rain which interrupts field work. Most small grains have been planted earlier than normal this year due to wet weather stalling soybean harvest but allowing some field tillage and drilling of wheat. Overall harvest progress is good and soybean yields and quality are good



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