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# WEATHER & CROPS



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## WEATHER CONDITIONS AND CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 14, 2010

Dry and cool temperatures across the state allowed farmers to nearly finish up soybean harvest with the exception of some late season soybeans that are too wet to harvest. Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.7. The last corn is being harvested and some late season hay continued to be harvested. Peanut and cotton continued to be harvested. Small grains are off to a good start and some farmers are applying fertilizer and herbicides to barley and wheat.

### TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT

Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
October 17, 2010	6	27	65	2
October 24, 2010	9	24	65	2
October 31, 2010	5	24	65	6
November 7, 2010	5	18	75	2
November 14, 2010	7	29	62	2

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<b>CROP CONDITION PERCENT</b>					
<b>Crop</b>	<b>Very Poor</b>	<b>Poor</b>	<b>Fair</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Excellent</b>
Pasture	18	26	36	20	0
Livestock	2	14	32	41	11
Winter Wheat	0	0	37	55	8
Barley	0	0	33	60	7
Oats	0	0	33	67	0

<b>CROP PROGRESS PERCENT – WITH COMPARISONS</b>				
<b>Crop</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Last Week</b>	<b>Last Year</b>	<b>5 Year Avg.</b>
Soybeans Harvested	70	60	56	63
Winter Wheat Seeded	87	77	68	73
Winter Wheat Emerged	66	54	51	36
Peanuts Combined	96	86	100	98
Cotton Harvested	94	90	65	76
Winter Apples Harvested	89	84	98	99
Oats for Grain Seeded	94	91	94	38

**VIRGINIA WEEKLY WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 14, 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 Nov 13	Mar. 1 to Nov 13 Normal	Last Week	Since Sept 1 **	Sept 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	65	31	71	27	48	-1	4373	3913	0.00	10.08	1.47	42.35	4.20
Norfolk	57	44	61	36	51	-3	5107	4410	0.00	15.19	6.31	48.02	6.98
Richmond	63	36	67	31	50	-1	4994	4269	0.00	9.49	0.54	32.21	-7.07
Roanoke	66	36	73	29	51	2	4600	NA	0.00	9.69	1.34	39.04	1.14
Wash/Dulles	61	33	65	28	47	0	4457	NA	0.00	9.72	1.12	36.23	-0.73

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

\*\* Revised

### REPORTER COMMENTS BY COUNTY

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

#### NORTHERN

##### **FREDERICK (Jeanette Smith)**

Weather has been cool at night and up in the 50's and 60's during the day. No rainfall to talk about. Producers have been feeding.

#### CENTRAL

##### **APPOMATTOX (Bruce Jones)**

Corn and soybean harvest is getting close to completion. Some late season hay is still being harvested. Farmers are waiting on the late season soybeans to dry enough for harvest.

#### EASTERN

##### **ESSEX (Keith Balderson)**

Dry conditions allowed Farmers to just about finish up soybean harvest this week. Relatively warm conditions and good soil moisture have allowed small grains to get off to a good start. Some farmers applied fertilizer and herbicides to barley and wheat during the week. Other activities for the week included pulling soil samples, year end tax planning, and pricing and purchasing inputs for 2011.

#### SOUTHWESTERN

##### **SCOTT (Scott Jerrell)**

Cattle producers are gearing up for VAPAH (Virginia Premium Assured Heifers) sale, the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Other activities include making late applications of P&K to pastures, brush cleanup/control, and equipment maintenance.

#### SOUTHEASTERN

##### **SOUTHAMPTON (John Rudy)**

Most all peanuts harvested and a small amount of cotton to harvest. Soybean harvest is moving along well. Yields are very low with yield averages at about 25 bu/acre. Pastures improving with drying of top soil layer.



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