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WEATHER & CROPS



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WEATHER CONDITIONS AND CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 13, 2011

The Commonwealth of Virginia embraced seasonable fall weather. Cool mornings, warm afternoons and cool temperatures in the evening allowed field and farm work to progress this week. Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.10. Soybean, cotton and peanuts harvest continued with yields were mostly good. A majority of the wheat has been planted. Corn harvest is complete in many areas.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT				
Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
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
November 14, 2011	0	10	85	5

SUBSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT				
Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
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
November 14, 2011	5	8	83	4

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CROP CONDITION PERCENT					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture	4	5	25	56	10
Livestock	1	3	21	56	19
Hay, Other	3	5	36	46	10
Hay, Alfalfa	0	2	31	50	17
Soybeans	0	3	21	64	12

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT – WITH COMPARISONS				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
Soybeans Harvested	52	41	69	62
Winter Wheat Seeded	71	57	86	74
Winter Wheat Emerged	37	24	64	47
Oats for Grain Seeded	88	86	94	57
Peanuts Combined	90	83	95	97
Cotton Harvested	86	80	93	78
Winter Apples Harvested	94	84	88	97

VIRGINIA WEEKLY WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING November 13, 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. 12	Mar. 1 to Nov. 12 normal	Last Week	Since Sept. 1	Sept. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	62	31	69	26	46	-3	4190	3908	0.02	7.72	-0.76	31.36	-6.88
Norfolk	62	43	67	32	53	-1	5038	4404	0.00	9.64	0.88	47.95	6.97
Richmond	65	36	70	29	51	0	4776	4263	0.05	12.10	3.27	41.68	2.73
Roanoke	62	34	69	28	48	-2	4367	NA	0.00	11.91	3.70	37.00	-0.75
Wash/Dulles	61	31	69	27	46	-2	4200	NA	0.07	14.27	5.78	39.63	2.94

* 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.

NORTHERN

FREDERICK (Jeanette Smith)

Weather has been cool in mornings, warm in afternoons, dropping temperatures in evening. Producers are harvesting beans.

WESTERN

ROCKBRIDGE (Tom Stanley)

Clear mild weather this week allowed field and farm work to progress rapidly. Pasture conditions remain good with hay feeding taking place only on farms with relatively high stocking rates.

CENTRAL

CAROLINE (McGann Saphir)

Soybean producers are combining beans full-time. Corn crop is in. Small grains and cover crops are still going in after beans. Vegetable farmers have just about finished major field work for the season. Planting beds have been cleaned up and cover crops are planted. Pastures and hay fields look good going into winter.

HANOVER (Jim Tate)

Week of mostly fair weather with limited rain showers. Good progress made in bean harvest and small grain seeding. Early planted small grains are beginning to be seen as green fields. Pastures for cattle mostly still holding up and while growth has slowed the cool seasons grasses are still showing some growth.

EASTERN

ESSEX (Keith Balderson)

Farmers made good progress on harvesting the soybean crop, and yields remain very good. Wheat planting is winding down. Farmers were also busy pulling soil samples and pricing inputs for 2012.

MIDDLESEX (David Moore)

Soybean harvest continues and yields and quality for the most part is very good. Some corn still out but should be done by next week. Small grain and cover crop planting continues. Producers making year end decisions about purchases, seed and fertilizer. Looking forward to another year. Slight showers this week. End of week cool and windy, good for soybean harvest. Should get considerable amount of soybean harvest done in next 5-6 days. Have had killing frost for most of area. Some spots near water still have not had the killing frost.

REPORTER COMMENTS BY COUNTY (continued)

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SOUTHEASTERN

BRUNSWICK (Cynthia L. Gregg)

Soybean harvest seems to be going well. Full season beans are looking pretty good considering the Hurricane and rains. Small grain fields are being planted. Many producers are getting geared up for deer season.

(Southeastern Continued)

CHESAPEAKE CITY (Watson Lawrence)

A good week for soybean harvests. Most wheat has been planted and is germinating well, expecting a good stand.

SOUTHAMPTON (John Rudy)

Cotton, peanuts, and soybean harvest continues. Weather has been cooperating and allowing field access. Fall planting of wheat and other small grains continues.



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