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WEATHER CONDITIONS AND CROP SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER 11, 2012

Even though the week started off with many fields still too wet for field activity, conditions improved by the end of the week and it was an excellent weekend for soybean harvest. The warm, dry weekend weather allowed Virginia producers to work on getting their soybeans combined, as well as, small grains planted. Days suitable for field work were 5.8. As soybean harvest has continued, and in some areas already been completed, the reports from producers are indicating that the crop has been very good to excellent. Many small grains have also gone into the ground, some areas followed by fertilizer, and for the most part emergence has been good. A few areas along the coast, however, will have to reseed their small grains due to Hurricane Sandy. Livestock continue to look good, although some are starting to require more hay in the fields.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT

Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
November 11, 2012	2	19	73	6
November 4, 2012	1	15	70	14
October 28, 2012	2	30	62	6
October 21, 2012	2	24	73	1
October 14, 2012	1	21	74	4

SUBSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT

Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
November 11, 2012	2	22	71	5
November 4, 2012	2	22	62	14
October 28, 2012	3	32	60	5
October 21, 2012	2	25	71	2
October 14, 2012	2	25	70	3

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CROP CONDITION PERCENT

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture	1	10	30	55	4
Livestock	0	3	24	57	16
Barley	0	0	11	82	7

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT – WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
Corn Harvested	99	97	97	96
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	100	96	100	100
Soybeans Harvested	57	47	49	58
Winter Wheat Seeded	72	57	67	72
Winter Wheat Emerged	46	28	33	43
Barley Seeded	98	94	98	98
Peanuts Combined	99	80	88	95
Cotton Harvested	72	49	84	80
Apples, Winter Harvested	100	95	91	94
Oats Seeded	88	78	87	73

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VIRGINIA WEEKLY WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING November 11, 2012

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. 10 normal	Mar. 1 to Nov. 10 normal	Last Week	Since Sep. 1	Sep. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	55	30	71	26	43	-6	4222	3900	0.10	4.19	-4.02	26.73	-10.91
Norfolk	54	41	68	37	47	-8	4949	4394	0.42	10.25	1.71	42.93	2.05
Richmond	57	34	72	29	46	-5	4786	4253	0.03	8.08	-0.51	33.46	-5.44
Roanoke	57	33	72	28	45	-5	4436	NA	0.05	5.05	-2.96	29.87	-7.46
Wash/Dulles	53	33	66	27	43	-5	4300	NA	0.00	11.61	3.32	31.67	-4.73

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

REPORTER COMMENTS BY COUNTY

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

NORTHERN

FREDERICK (Jeanette R. Smith)

Approximately half of our corn and 30% of our soybeans were still in the field when this storm hit. There is at least 40 acres of corn that suffered 90% loss (severe wind damage). Some of the remaining corn and soybean crop likely suffered some (approximating 15-25%) loss but it is not fully viewed from the road (we need to get in the fields to see). Losses on corn will likely be higher once farmers get out in their fields and because of harvest delays and problems with excessive moisture on the corn. Overall Corn and Soybeans have a total value of about \$1,000 per acre this year.

CENTRAL

AMELIA (Joan D Poore)

A cool start to the week - but ended up with a warm weekend Fri - Sun, sunny and clear. Soybean harvest has been strong.

CHESTERFIELD (Joan D Poore)

A cool start to the week but ended with a warm weekend Fri thru Sun. Sunny and clear days. Harvest of soybeans continues.

EASTERN

ESSEX (Keith Balderson)

Producers continued soybean harvest, and many have now finished up. Following a miserable corn crop, the soybean crop has been very good to excellent. Barley and wheat emergence have been good, and for the most part, both crops look good. During the week, farmers were also catching up on recordkeeping, soil sampling, and pricing inputs for 2013.

MIDDLESEX (David Moore)

There is good moisture in the ground after recent rains. Soybean harvest continues with the good cutting days recently. Yields and quality are still good to very good. Wheat planting is about done. Some folks are putting on fertilizers and weed control for small grains. Soil sampling continues as well as seed and supply purchases for next year.

SOUTHERN

FRANKLIN (Cynthia Martel)

There is still a few farmers with corn standing in the fields for shelled corn. Also, beans are still being harvested. Franklin County has already seen a frost. Livestock is starting to require more hay in the fields. Keep up the good work!!

LUNENBURG (Lindy Tucker)

The last few days have been beautiful and everyone has been taking advantage of the chance to harvest beans. Lots of cover crops are in the ground. The rains from the hurricane were helpful and the cool season grasses are green. Livestock look good and are showing their extra fuzz for the winter.

SOUTHEASTERN

BRUNSWICK (Cynthia L. Gregg)

The past week producers worked to get the soybeans combined as well as small grains planted behind the combines. Hay is being moved as well. Tobacco is being transported to the buying stations. Fall calving cows and heifers are soon to be ready to breed for next year.

CHESAPEAKE CITY (Watson Lawrence)

The week started off with many fields too wet for small grain seeding but conditions improved by weekend and grain drills were rolling. It was excellent weather for harvesting soybeans this weekend. Farmers were very busy taking advantage of good weather doing all sorts of field work, mowing ditch banks, fall tillage, but most emphasis was on harvesting soybeans and planting small grains.

VIRGINIA BEACH (Roy D. Flanagan III)

Soybeans are still coming in with very good yields; it is looking like 30%-40% of the wheat seeded right before Hurricane Sandy will have to be replanted.

