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WEATHER CONDITIONS AND CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 20, 2011

Moderate temperatures and rainy weather caused a delay in field activity throughout Virginia. Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.9. Double crop soybean harvests were showing good progress. Many farmers finished soybean harvest. Cotton harvest continued. Majority of corn harvest is complete with exception of a few fields. Burley and fire-cured tobacco farmers continued to prepare for market. Peanut harvest is complete. Wheat planting continued.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT				
Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
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
November 21, 2011	0	7	81	12

SUBSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT				
Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
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
November 21, 2011	6	11	76	7

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CROP CONDITION PERCENT					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture	6	6	29	51	8
Livestock	1	6	31	48	14
Soybeans	0	2	17	66	15
Winter Wheat	0	0	11	82	7
Barley	0	0	19	69	12
Oats	0	0	34	63	3

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT – WITH COMPARISONS				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
Soybeans Harvested	68	52	79	70
Winter Wheat Seeded	84	71	91	81
Winter Wheat Emerged	54	37	79	61
Barley Seeded	97	NA	NA	80
Oats for Grain Seeded	90	88	96	59
Peanuts Combined	100	90	99	99
Cotton Harvested	90	86	96	84
Winter Apples Harvested	95	94	91	98

VIRGINIA WEEKLY WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING November 20, 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. 19	Mar. 1 to Nov. 19 normal	Last Week	Since Sept. 1	Sept. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	61	37	72	21	49	2	4236	3948	0.84	8.56	-0.64	32.20	-6.59
Norfolk	68	47	81	33	58	5	5117	4453	0.36	10.00	0.57	48.31	6.67
Richmond	64	42	75	28	53	4	4832	4312	2.75	14.85	5.34	44.43	4.77
Roanoke	61	39	78	24	50	2	4413	NA	1.10	13.01	4.04	38.10	-0.38
Wash/Dulles	59	41	73	27	50	4	4240	NA	0.39	14.66	5.39	40.02	2.62

* 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)

We had rain showers on Wednesday. Weather is turning cold. Down to 33 degrees last night. Few soybeans left to be harvested and then all is done.

ROCKINGHAM (Matthew Yancey)

There is still corn yet to be combined for grain.

CENTRAL

APPOMATTOX (Bruce Jones)

Small grain crops have benefited greatly from the rainfall. Most field harvest of soybeans is finished and planting of small grain. Dark tobacco continues to be prepared for market.

CAROLINE (McGann Saphir)

Soybean harvest is progressing. Recent rains have slowed field activity. Pastures and hay fields are green. Stockpiled forages are looking good. Cover crops and small grain crops are almost all planted and looking good.

HANOVER (Jim Tate)

Moderate weather and comfortable temperatures this past week. A day or two of light rain. Good progress on harvesting double crop beans. Small grains are beginning to be seen.

EASTERN

ESSEX (Keith Balderson)

Soil conditions are relatively wet following rainfall of 1.5 to 3 inches in the area. Many farmers finished soybean harvest this past week, but there are still some soybeans in the field. Wheat planting is pretty much completed. Private pesticide applicator recertification trainings have begun and will continue through the end of the year.

MIDDLESEX (David Moore)

Very wet. Rain has slowed or halted soybean harvest and small grain planting for this week. More rain forecast for next week. Folks making plans for next year.

REPORTER COMMENTS BY COUNTY (continued)

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SOUTHWESTERN

SCOTT (Scott Jerrell)

Heavy rain events this past week are causing worries for flooding potential with upcoming forecasts. Broccoli harvest is nearing completion.

SOUTHEASTERN

BRUNSWICK (Cynthia L. Gregg)

The rain last week slowed harvest. Hunting season is in full swing on Saturday. Many soybean fields have the initial outside combine area. Fall calving is just about complete and folks are gearing up for breeding season.

PRINCE GEORGE (Scott Reiter)

Soybean harvest progressed early in the week with soybeans finally drying in the field. Most of the area received 2-2.5 inches of rain late in the week. A few soybeans harvested on Sunday at high moisture levels. Wet conditions may prevent much wheat from being planted as crop insurance deadlines approach in the coming week.

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SOUTHAMPTON (John Rudy)

Peanut harvest is complete with some very good yields. Cotton and soybean harvest continues. Cotton yields are at about the county average and soybean yields are above average. Fall plantings continue and are nearly completed.

SUSSEX (Kelvin Wells)

Rainfall has put a halt to fall harvest. Cotton and soybean harvest has progress very well with most growers getting close to the end. Yield remains good. Soil sampling and pesticide training activities are going on now also. Deer hunting gets started next week.



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