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WEATHER & CROPS



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WEATHER CONDITIONS AND CROP SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER 18, 2012

Producers across the Commonwealth took advantage of the cool, dry weather last week to continue with their harvest of soybeans and cotton. Many also made progress on small grain plantings. Days suitable for field work were 5.8. While the dry weather has been beneficial to those trying to complete field work, in some areas, the lack of rainfall is beginning to cause damage to fall pastures. And while soybean harvest and small grain planting took precedence this week, other producers were busy applying fertilizer and herbicides to fields and making lime applications for spring crops. Other activities included soil sampling, recordkeeping, purchasing inputs for 2013 and gearing up for the upcoming hunting season.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT

Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
November 18, 2012	4	24	68	4
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

SUBSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT

Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
November 18, 2012	4	29	64	3
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

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CROP CONDITION PERCENT

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture	2	13	30	52	3
Livestock	0	2	22	59	17
Winter Wheat	0	1	17	74	8
Barley	0	1	10	80	9

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT – WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
Corn Harvested	100	99	100	97
Soybeans Harvested	73	57	63	68
Winter Wheat Seeded	85	72	80	81
Winter Wheat Emerged	66	46	49	55
Barley Seeded	100	98	100	99
Peanuts Combined	100	99	97	99
Cotton Harvested	90	72	89	84
Oats Seeded	95	88	89	76

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VIRGINIA WEEKLY WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING November 18, 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. 17 normal	Mar. 1 to Nov. 17 normal	Last Week	Since Sep. 1	Sep. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	58	32	72	26	45	-2	4253	3940	0.39	4.57	-4.39	27.11	-11.61
Norfolk	59	46	75	43	53	0	4985	4443	0.43	11.09	1.85	43.77	2.48
Richmond	60	37	74	33	49	-1	4824	4302	0.12	8.20	-1.11	33.58	-5.92
Roanoke	57	33	73	27	45	-3	4464	NA	0.41	5.45	-3.34	30.27	-8.04
Wash/Dulles	56	34	70	30	45	-1	4326	NA	1.06	12.64	3.62	32.69	-4.45

* 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)

The weather has been getting cold. Producers are still harvesting crops. We had rainfall one day this week.

CENTRAL

FLUVANNA (John Thompson)

We have been dry and it continues to get worse. The lack of fall rainfall is hurting fall pastures, and will really hurt spring re-growth if we do not get some relief soon.

HANOVER (Jim Tate)

Last week was cool and breezy with no precipitation. It was a fairly uneventful week. Most beans have been harvested and small grain is apparent everywhere and seems to have a better than normal start and cover.

EASTERN

ESSEX (Keith Balderson)

Wheat planting and soybean harvest are winding down. Fall fertilizer and herbicides were applied to some fields during the week. Lime applications for spring crops were also made. Farmers were also busy soil sampling, recordkeeping, and purchasing inputs for 2013.

SOUTHERN

LUNENBURG (Lindy Tucker)

Things are about the same. Producers continued with more bean harvesting.

SOUTHEASTERN

BRUNSWICK (Cynthia L. Gregg)

Small grains were planted a lot last week. The weather has slowed soybean harvest. Producers are trying to get crops in and equipment winterized as deer season starts on Saturday.

DINWIDDIE (Mike Parrish)

Grain Sorghum is 80% harvested – it has been an average yield for the county with 70 bushels per acre so far on the sandy loam soils.