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WEATHER & CROPS



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WEATHER CONDITIONS AND CROP SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER 25, 2012

Dry conditions across Virginia allowed producers to continue with soybean and cotton harvest, as well as, apply fertilizer and herbicides to small grain fields. For many, soybean harvest is winding down, although producers in a few areas are still a couple of weeks from completion. Days suitable for field work were 6.4. As another week has passed with virtually no rainfall, soil moisture levels across the state are becoming a concern. With the cooler temperatures and the end of harvest, producers are turning their focus to autumn farm activities such as preparing fall heifers for breeding, winterizing machinery, and taking soil samples.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT

Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
November 25, 2012	6	35	57	2
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

SUBSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT

Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
November 25, 2012	6	32	60	2
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

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CROP CONDITION PERCENT					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture	2	14	33	49	2
Livestock	0	5	24	56	15
Winter Wheat	0	1	29	58	12
Barley	0	0	12	77	11

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT – WITH COMPARISONS				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
Soybeans Harvested	83	73	74	77
Winter Wheat Seeded	90	85	85	86
Winter Wheat Emerged	77	66	60	69
Cotton Harvested	94	90	92	90
Oats Seeded	100	95	91	78

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VIRGINIA WEEKLY WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING November 25, 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. 24 normal	Mar. 1 to Nov. 24 normal	Last Week	Since Sep. 1	Sep. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	57	30	67	21	43	-2	4280	3966	0.00	4.57	-5.15	27.11	-12.17
Norfolk	55	45	64	37	50	-1	5006	4480	0.01	11.10	1.19	43.78	1.69
Richmond	59	37	68	30	48	0	4856	4337	0.00	8.20	-1.80	33.58	-6.39
Roanoke	56	32	63	28	44	-2	4491	NA	0.00	5.45	-4.11	30.27	-8.53
Wash/Dulles	55	32	62	27	43	-1	4346	NA	0.00	12.64	2.85	32.69	-5.32

* 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

AMELIA/CHESTERFIELD (Joan D Poore)

We have very little ground moisture, temperatures are normal.

HANOVER (Jim Tate)

It was another dry week. We have had no rain since Sandy and that moisture is pretty much gone with the fall winds. The dryness is a serious concern. Temps have begun their seasonal dips with several overnight freezes now. Day time temps still vary between some days upper 60's and some days lower 40's.

EASTERN

ESSEX (Keith Balderson)

Soybean harvest is complete and the crop was very good. Dry conditions during the week allowed farmers to apply fertilizer and herbicides to small grain fields. Other activities included taking soil samples, winterizing equipment, and recordkeeping.

MIDDLESEX (David Moore)

It has been very dry and the county needs some rain. Soybean harvest is winding down and yields have been good to excellent.

SOUTHERN

FRANKLIN (Cynthia Martel)

Soil is becoming dry and we need some rain. I have still seen corn and soybeans standing in a few fields waiting to be harvested. Cold weather is here!

LUNENBURG (Lindy Tucker)

Bean harvest is over halfway complete. Yields are solid in most places. Hunting season has hindered some attention to crops, as it always does. Animals look good but pastures are looking a little short. Cover crops are popping up everywhere. We could use some rain. Temperatures are dropping.

SOUTHEASTERN

BRUNSWICK (Cynthia L. Gregg)

Hunting is in full swing. Producers were combining soybeans and planting small grains. Producers are also preparing for the breeding of the fall calving heifers.

DINWIDDIE (Mike Parrish)

Top soil moisture is low and wheat is slow to germinate. Tuesday's rain is needed for pasture and small grains.

VIRGINIA BEACH (Roy D. Flanagan III)

The weather was good for field work this past week, some areas are just now drying out to allow equipment in for small grain planting. Soybean harvest is still in full swing and would need one or two more weeks of good picking weather to be complete.