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Crop Progress and Condition

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Agricultural News: Farming activities for the month of February included getting ready for the growing season and watching for freezes. Weather conditions have been unseasonably warm with rains. Pastures are muddy and some fruit trees and flowers are blooming. The average high temperatures during the month of February were mostly in the lower 60s. The average low temperatures during the month were mostly in the upper 30s. Monthly precipitation amounts ranged between 1 to 3 inches. There are abnormally dry to moderate drought conditions in the State.

SOIL MOISTURE and SUPPLIES for week ending 2/26/23

| | Very Short Short | | Adequate | Surplus |
|----------------|------------------|----|----------|---------|
| | % | % | % | % |
| Topsoil | - | 3 | 86 | 11 |
| Subsoil | - | 7 | 88 | 5 |
| Hay & Roughage | 4 | 21 | 73 | 2 |

⁻ Represents zero.

CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 2/26/23

| Crop/Livestock | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|----------------|--------------|------|------|------|-----------|
| | % | % | % | % | % |
| Barley | - | - | 18 | 70 | 12 |
| Winter Wheat | - | - | 14 | 55 | 31 |
| Pasture | 6 | 21 | 41 | 31 | 1 |
| Livestock | - | 6 | 31 | 55 | 8 |

⁻ Represents zero.

| Forage Percent Obtained from Pastures | This Month | Last Year | 5-Yr Avg |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| | % | % | % |
| Feed Obtained from Pastures | 9 | - | - |

⁻ Represents data not available.

Weather Summary- For the week ending February 26, 2023

| | Temperature | | | Precipitation | | | | | |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| City | Avg. high | Avg. low | Avg. mean | Avg. dep. from normal * | Last Week | Since Dec. 1 | Dec. 1 dep. from normal * | Jan. 1, 2023 to date | Jan. 1, 2023 dep. from normal * |
| Lynchburg | 66.3 | 42.4 | 54.4 | +13.8 | 0.28 | 11.61 | +1.9 | 5.93 | -0.2 |
| Norfolk | 66.3 | 49.6 | 57.9 | +12.2 | 0.00 | 8.27 | -1.1 | 5.21 | -0.9 |
| Richmond | 64.7 | 42.4 | 53.6 | +10.9 | 0.40 | 9.30 | +0.1 | 4.78 | -0.9 |
| Roanoke | 66.0 | 45.9 | 55.9 | +13.3 | 0.23 | 9.43 | +0.5 | 5.45 | -0.4 |
| Wash/Dulles | 60.3 | 35.9 | 48.1 | +10.0 | 0.04 | 8.38 | -0.3 | 3.43 | -1.9 |

*Normals value based on 1991-2020 normals data. Source: NOAA Southeast Regional Climate Center https://www.sercc.com/.