

Peanut across the V-C region are close to being dug and harvested. However, considerable variation in progress is the case, due in part to a wide range in planting dates in May and June. Drought during August in some areas contributed to variation in growth and development of peanut. A final contributing factor has been rainfall from both Hurricanes Florence and Michael. Although fields recovered from Hurricane Florence relatively well, rain from typical weather patterns and more recently Hurricane Michael limited field operations in some areas of the region. Unlike Florence, Hurricane Michael moved through the V-C region relatively quickly and limited the amount of rainfall received. The overall estimate is that 95% of land area in the V-C region has been dug and vines inverted with 80% of land area harvested. Heat unit accumulation was excellent across the V-C region during late September and through the first two weeks of October. Warm weather and adequate soil moisture during this period of time allowed peanut planted in mid-June to reach full pod maturity. However, cooler temperatures during the week of October 15 are expected, and a frost warning for October 18 is projected in the northern region of the V-C region. Growers are encouraged to allow 72 hours to pass between digging and vine inversion and freezing temperatures.

Yield potential for the V-C region remains at 4,150 kg/ha (3,700 lbs/acre). Quality is generally good but not optimum. A relatively small percentage of peanut in the lower V-C region have graded Seg 3 (aflatoxin contamination). A more complete assessment of peanut quality will be provided in the next report.

Peanut planted June 8 being dug on October 10 near Gatesville, North Carolina in the upper V-C region.



Peanut being harvested on October 10 near Gatesville, North Carolina in the upper V-C region.



Soil present with pods after digging. This field underwent drought stress in late August but was relatively wet when dug on October 10.



Pod set on peanut planted in early June near Rocky Mount, North Carolina.



Peanut planted on June 5 near Lewiston-Woodville, North Carolina with image recorded on September 6.



Peanut planted on June 5 near Lewiston-Woodville, North Carolina with image recorded on September 24.



Peanut planted on June 5 near Lewiston-Woodville with image recorded on October 8.

