

Rainfall has been limited across the region over the past two weeks. Major rainfall events at five locations in North Carolina were observed during the period of October 12-15 and October 20. These events caused some delays in field operations but weather across the region since October 20 has been good for drying and growers have continued digging and threshing. Weather through October 30 is projected to be dry and relative warm for this time of the year. Growers will make great strides to complete digging during this timeframe. Final harvest will be several weeks later unless major delays are experienced due to rain.

Frost occurred across the northern section of the region on October 23 and 24. The next potential for frost is early during the week of October 30 (November 1 and 2.) Growers will need to cease digging pods and inverting vines on October 28 to avoid potential for freeze damage. This risk is primarily for growers in southeastern Virginia and northeastern North Carolina. However, conditions can shift and growers are encouraged to visit the frost advisory system that is available at <https://products.climate.ncsu.edu/ag/peanut-frost/#advisory>. A freeze is expected on November 2. However, most growers will have completed digging the weekend of October 28 given current field conditions.

Approximately 75% of peanut land area has been dug across the region with 50% harvested as of October 24.

The current yield estimate for the region is 4,000 pounds per acre (4,480 kg/ha).

Table 1. Average heat unit accumulation from September 4 through October 24 at Clinton, North Carolina. This location is central to the V-C Region.

Interval	Growing degree days (DD₅₆)
September 4-12	22.5
September 13-21	13.1
September 22-30	10.2
October 1-9	9.4
October 10-19	6.1
October 20-24	4.3

Peanuts in a wind row waiting to be harvested near Rocky Mount, North Carolina.



Pod shed in a peanut field near Rocky Mount, North Carolina.



Pods in a peanut trailer near Lewiston-Woodville, North Carolina. Quality of the peanut crop in the region has been relatively good. However, some pods were immature and sporadic rainfall has resulted in less than ideal pod colors for the in-shell trade.





Harvesting peanut research trials near Lewiston-Woodville, North Carolina.

