

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 24, 2002
 TO: The Board of Supervisors
 FROM: William C. Porter, Jr., Assistant County Administrator
 SUBJECT: Crop Disaster Area Declaration

James City County, along with most of the Commonwealth of Virginia, is experiencing an extreme drought. Based on information from the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service, drought conditions have seriously impacted James City County's 2002 crop yields as demonstrated below:

<u>Crop</u>	<u>Acres Planted</u>	<u>Normal Yield</u>	<u>Disaster Yield</u>
Wheat	927	57 bu/acre	50 bu/acre
Corn	1,637	106	45
Soybeans	2,185	29	12
Hay	2,000	3.0 tons/acre	1.5 tons/acre

As a result of these extreme conditions, the Board of Supervisors has been advised to recommend to the Governor that James City County be declared a disaster area for the agricultural industry and to make available all possible assistance to farmers.

Staff recommends the adoption of the attached resolution requesting the Governor to declare James City County a disaster area for the agricultural industry.

William C. Porter, Jr.

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Attachment