



# Crop Progress and Condition

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**Agricultural News:** Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.6. Weather conditions were mostly hot and dry. Some crops are showing signs of heat stress and fall calving has begun. There are abnormally dry to moderate drought conditions in the State. Farming activities for the week included delivering tobacco bales to the buying stations and harvesting corn.

## SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 08/27/23

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	28	27	43	2
Subsoil	24	31	43	2

- Represents zero.

## CROP CONDITIONS for week ending 08/27/23

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Corn	10	10	19	50	11
Cotton	-	1	11	87	1
Hay, Alfalfa	15	15	31	34	5
Hay, Other	13	14	38	33	2
Pasture	17	18	32	30	3
Peanuts	-	1	10	89	-
Soybeans	6	6	27	58	3
Tobacco, Burley	1	6	11	77	5
Tobacco, Fire-cured	1	1	15	72	11
Tobacco, Flue-cured	3	4	16	53	24

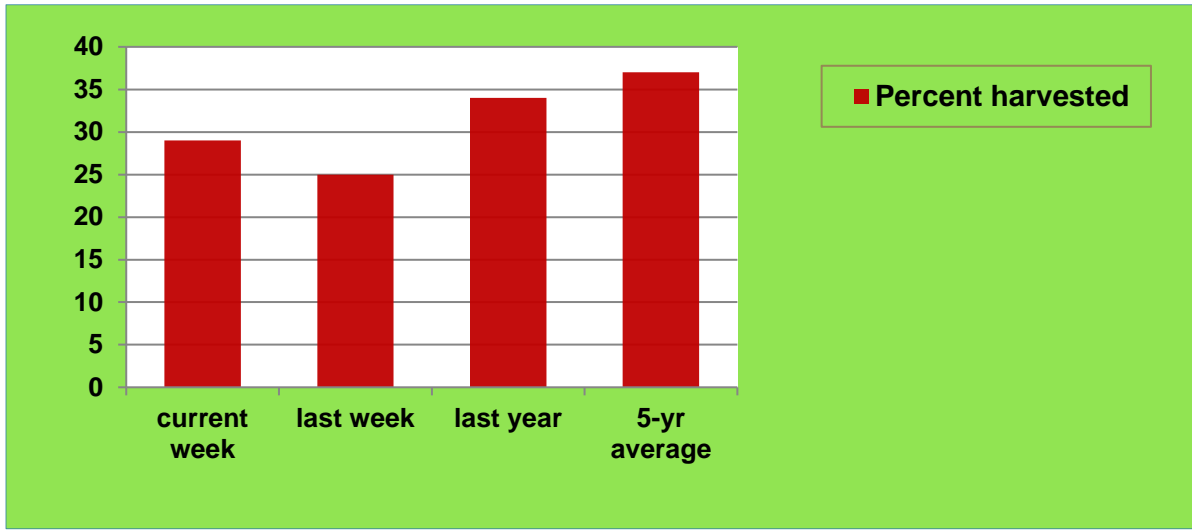
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## CROP PROGRESS for the week ending 08/27/23

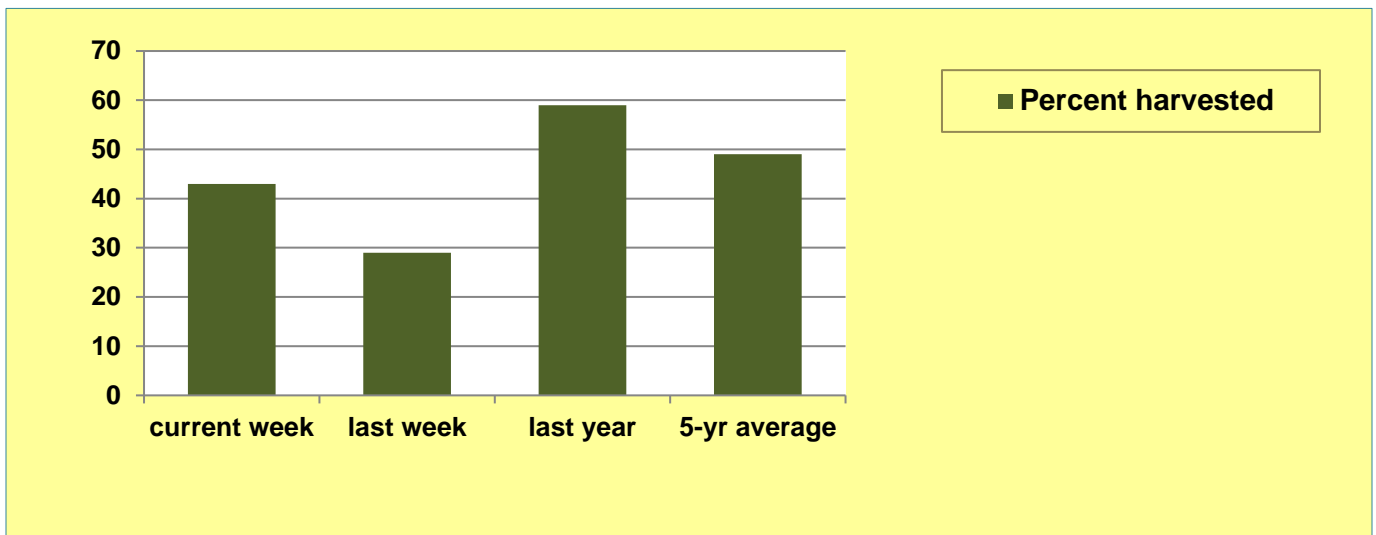
Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	29	25	34	37
Corn dough	95	89	-	-
Corn dented	81	73	93	82
Corn mature	42	27	56	41
Corn for grain harvested	12	3	8	-
Corn for silage harvested	43	29	59	49
Cotton setting bolls	95	91	100	94
Cotton bolls opening	29	15	32	16
Soybeans blooming	92	88	-	-
Soybeans setting pods	77	67	88	75
Tobacco, Flue-cured harvested	57	46	72	53

- Represents data not available or zero.

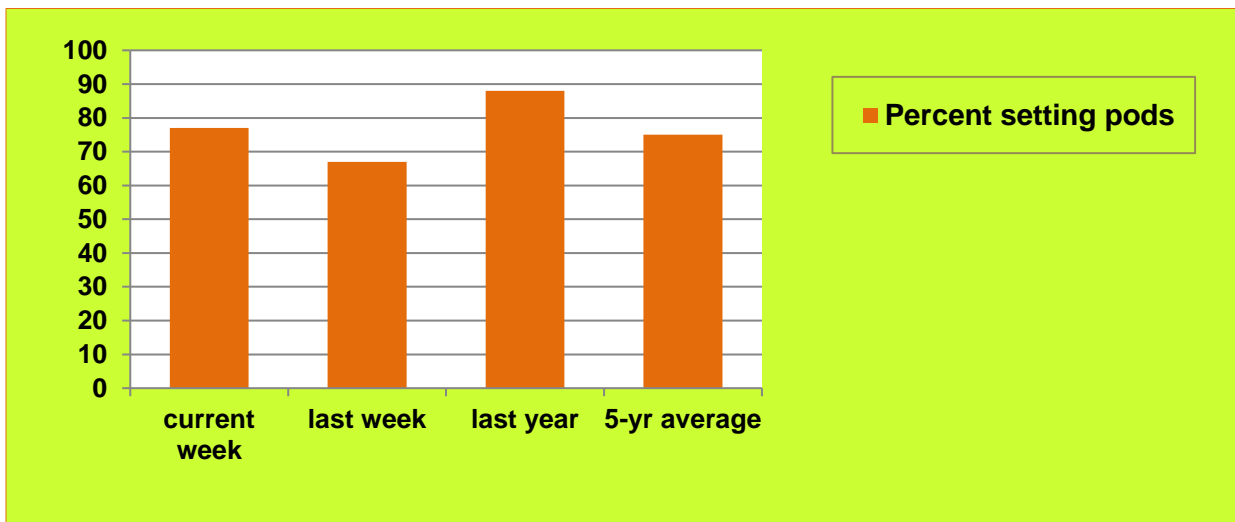
**APPLES HARVESTED for week ending 08/27/23**



**CORN FOR SILAGE HARVESTED for week ending 08/27/23**



**SOYBEANS SETTING PODS for week ending 08/27/23**



**Weather Summary- For the week ending August 27, 2023**

City	Temperature				Precipitation				
	Avg. high	Avg. low	Avg. mean	Avg. dep. from normal *	Last Week	Since June 1	June 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1, 2023 to date	Jan. 1, 2023 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	89.7	66.0	77.9	+4.1	0.00	16.61	+5.8	31.19	+2.8
Norfolk	86.4	73.0	79.7	+1.2	0.00	20.72	+5.0	35.01	+2.1
Richmond	91.1	69.1	80.1	+3.4	0.08	11.29	-2.0	25.97	-4.4
Roanoke	91.9	69.7	80.8	+5.4	0.19	10.80	-1.1	24.85	-4.4
Wash/Dulles	90.4	67.6	79.0	+4.1	0.00	9.23	-2.3	19.21	-9.6

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