



# Crop Progress and Condition

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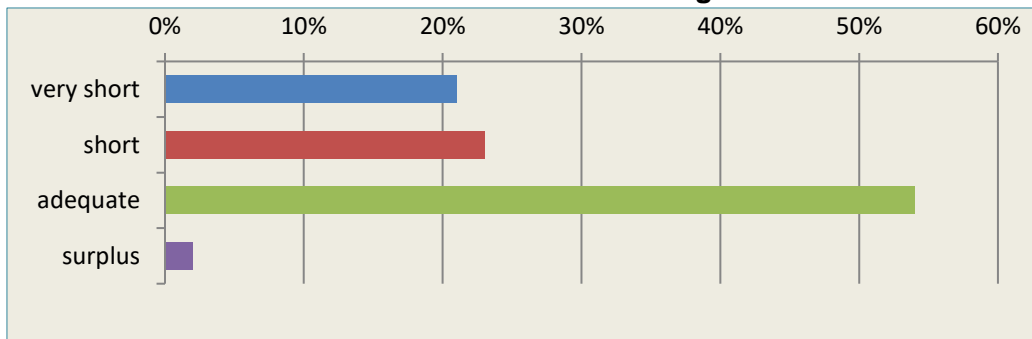
**Agricultural News:** Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.3. Weather conditions were mostly hot and dry, but there were scattered showers. Some crops and livestock are experiencing drought stress. There are abnormally dry to severe drought conditions in the State. Farming activities for the week included harvesting corn and planting strawberries.

## SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 09/10/23

|         | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|---------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
|         | %          | %     | %        | %       |
| Topsoil | 21         | 23    | 54       | 2       |
| Subsoil | 18         | 32    | 47       | 3       |

- Represents zero.

## TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 09/10/23



## CROP CONDITIONS for week ending 09/10/23

| Crop         | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|--------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
|              | %         | %    | %    | %    | %         |
| Corn         | 3         | 8    | 21   | 62   | 6         |
| Cotton       | -         | 5    | 15   | 80   | -         |
| Hay, Alfalfa | 6         | 10   | 39   | 40   | 5         |
| Hay, Other   | 5         | 17   | 42   | 35   | 1         |
| Pasture      | 18        | 19   | 35   | 27   | 1         |
| Peanuts      | -         | 5    | 14   | 81   | -         |
| Soybeans     | 2         | 6    | 26   | 58   | 8         |

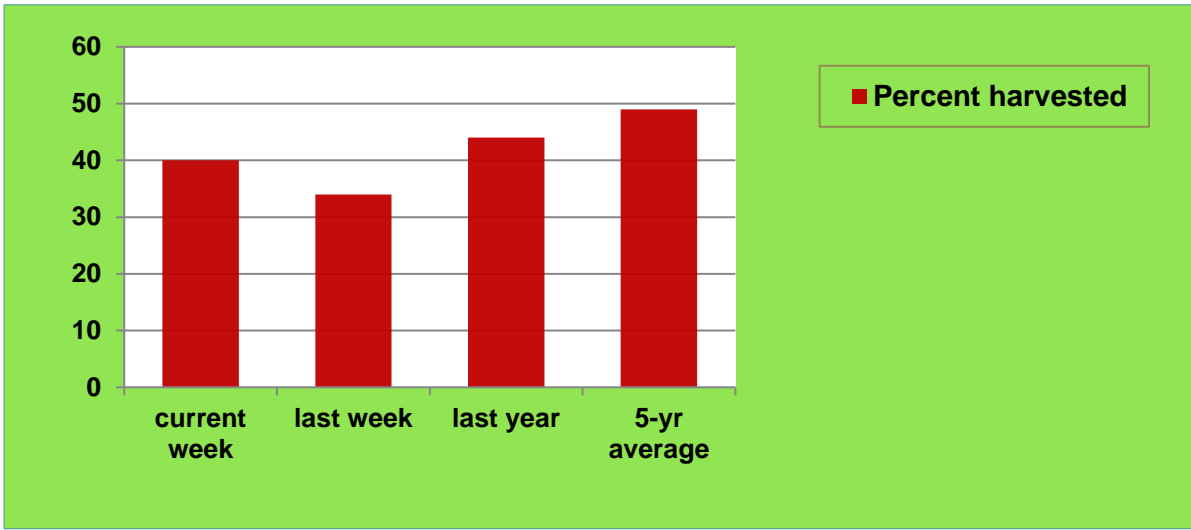
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## CROP PROGRESS for the week ending 09/10/23

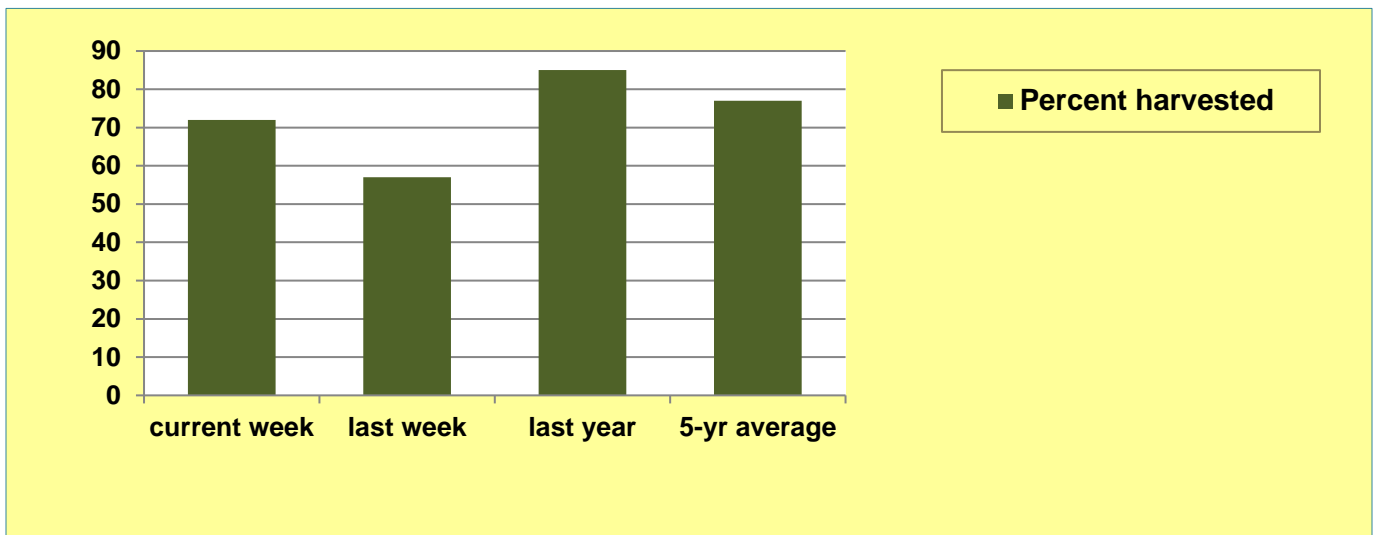
| Crop Stage                    | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5-Yr Avg |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
|                               | %         | %         | %         | %        |
| Apples harvested              | 40        | 34        | 44        | 49       |
| Corn dented                   | 93        | 87        | 99        | 95       |
| Corn mature                   | 78        | 60        | 88        | 73       |
| Corn for grain harvested      | 36        | 25        | 33        | 33       |
| Corn for silage harvested     | 72        | 57        | 85        | 77       |
| Cotton bolls opening          | 56        | 41        | 58        | 40       |
| Peanuts harvested             | 1         | -         | -         | 1        |
| Soybeans setting pods         | 95        | 88        | -         | -        |
| Soybeans dropping leaves      | 13        | 6         | 20        | 13       |
| Tobacco, Flue-cured harvested | 90        | 65        | 89        | 71       |

- Represents data not available or zero.

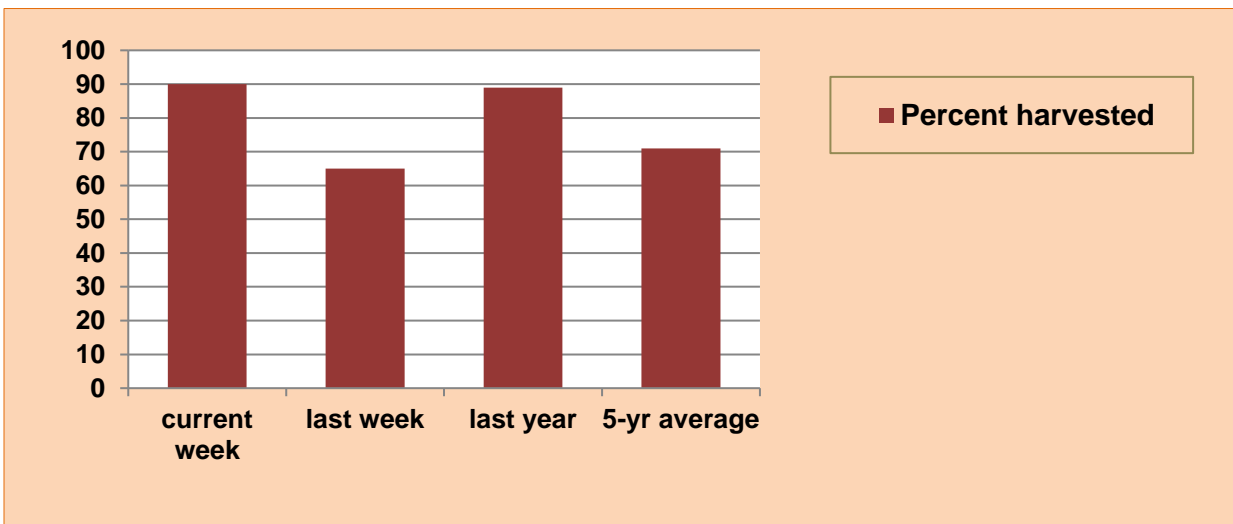
**APPLES HARVESTED for week ending 09/10/23**



**CORN FOR SILAGE HARVESTED for week ending 09/10/23**



**TOBACCO, FLUE-CURED HARVESTED for week ending 09/10/23**



**Weather Summary- For the week ending September 10, 2023**

| City        | Temperature |          |           |                         | Precipitation |               |                            |                      |                                 |
|-------------|-------------|----------|-----------|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|
|             | Avg. high   | Avg. low | Avg. mean | Avg. dep. from normal * | Last Week     | Since Sept. 1 | Sept. 1 dep. from normal * | Jan. 1, 2023 to date | Jan. 1, 2023 dep. from normal * |
| Lynchburg   | 89.0        | 65.7     | 77.4      | +6.6                    | 1.17          | 1.17          | -0.0                       | 32.78                | +2.8                            |
| Norfolk     | 90.4        | 74.7     | 82.6      | +6.3                    | 0.28          | 0.28          | -1.7                       | 37.95                | +2.5                            |
| Richmond    | 95.3        | 70.7     | 83.0      | +9.1                    | 0.65          | 0.65          | -1.0                       | 26.87                | -5.7                            |
| Roanoke     | 89.6        | 67.1     | 78.4      | +6.0                    | 1.50          | 1.50          | +0.2                       | 26.72                | -4.2                            |
| Wash/Dulles | 94.7        | 69.4     | 82.1      | +10.3                   | 1.24          | 1.24          | +0.0                       | 20.46                | -10.0                           |

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