



# Crop Progress and Condition

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**Agricultural News:** Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.5. Weather conditions were warm and later in the week conditions became very wet from Tropical Storm Ophelia. Some areas had flooding. There are abnormally dry to severe drought conditions in the State. Farming activities for the week included harvesting corn and tobacco, calving, and feeding hay.

### SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 09/24/23

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	4	10	81	5
Subsoil	11	16	70	3

- Represents zero.

### CROP CONDITIONS for week ending 09/24/23

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Cotton	-	1	10	88	1
Hay, Alfalfa	3	10	33	48	6
Hay, Other	5	17	44	32	2
Pasture	7	14	44	33	2
Peanuts	-	1	9	89	1
Soybeans	2	7	33	53	5

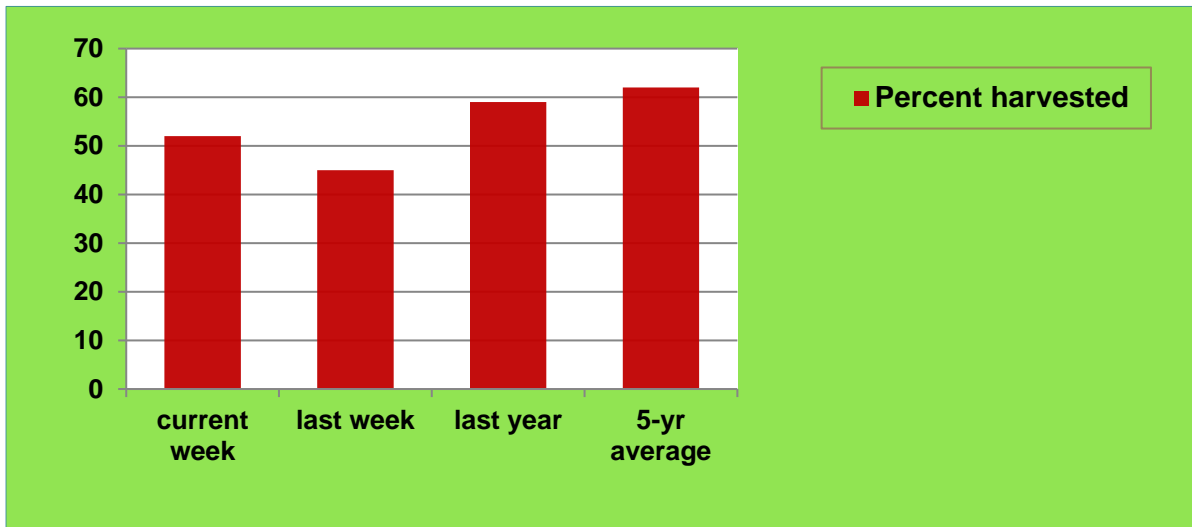
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### CROP PROGRESS for the week ending 09/24/23

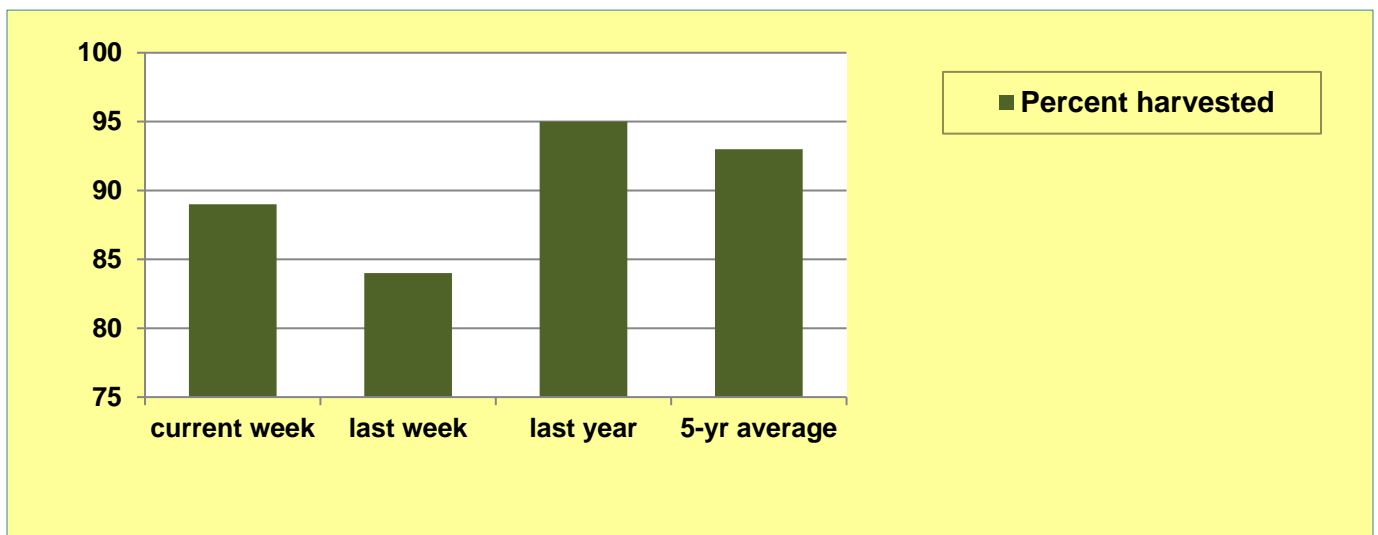
Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	52	45	59	62
Barley planted	16	8	12	13
Corn mature	91	86	-	-
Corn for grain harvested	65	51	65	61
Corn for silage harvested	89	84	95	93
Cotton bolls opening	70	64	74	65
Cotton harvested	2	1	-	1
Peanuts harvested	20	3	17	15
Soybeans dropping leaves	33	22	35	33
Tobacco, Flue-cured harvested	95	93	-	-
Winter Wheat planted	15	8	24	15

- Represents data not available or zero.

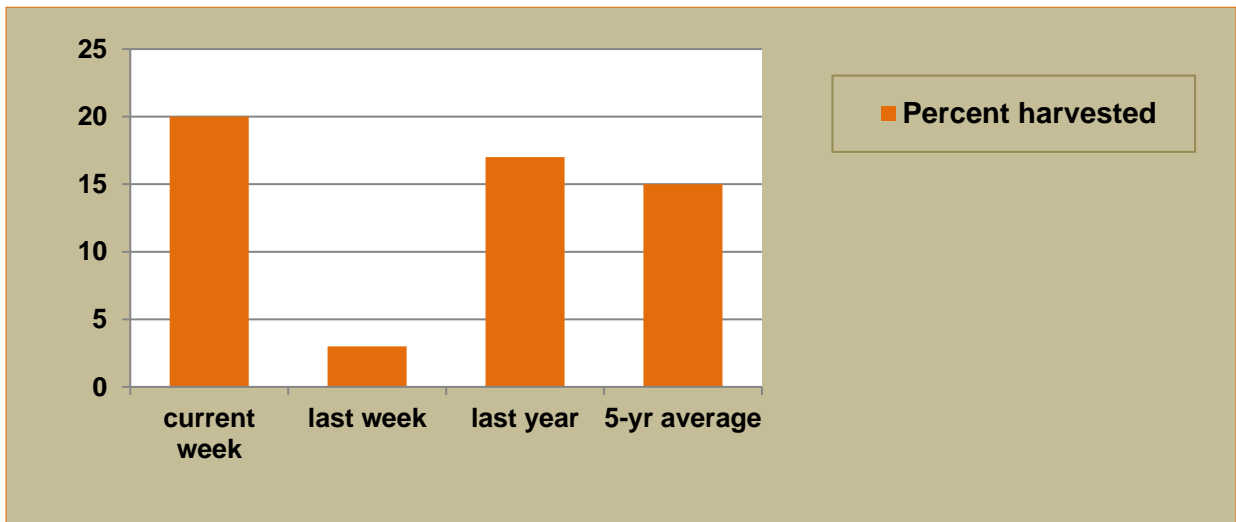
**APPLES HARVESTED for week ending 09/24/23**



**CORN FOR SILAGE HARVESTED for week ending 09/24/23**



**PEANUTS HARVESTED for week ending 09/24/23**



**Weather Summary- For the week ending September 24, 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	75.0	55.4	65.2	-1.1	1.85	3.49	+0.4	35.10	+3.2
Norfolk	78.6	64.9	71.7	-1.0	2.56	2.85	-1.6	40.52	+2.6
Richmond	77.9	60.0	68.9	-0.5	3.59	4.98	+1.2	31.20	-3.5
Roanoke	76.6	56.9	66.7	-1.1	0.65	2.75	-0.5	27.97	-4.9
Wash/Dulles	74.9	56.1	65.5	-1.2	2.87	6.48	+3.4	25.70	-6.6

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