



Crop Progress and Condition

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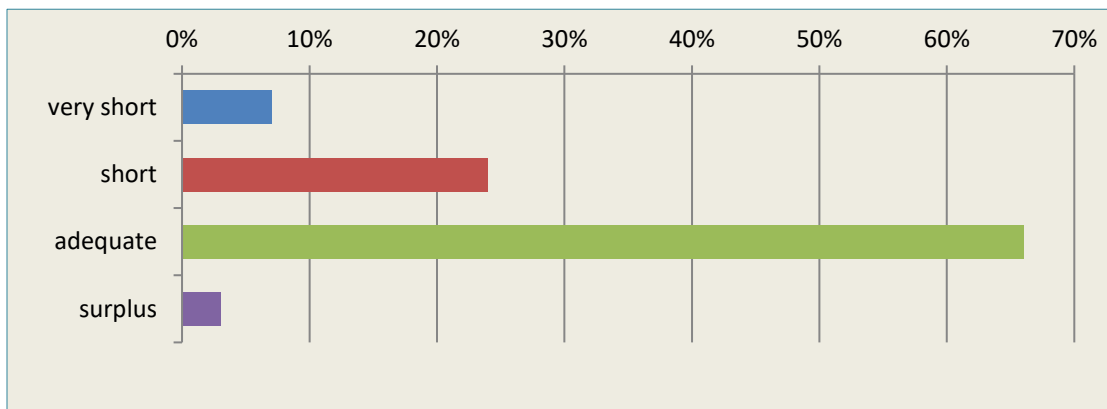
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Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.9. Weather conditions were cool with scattered rain. Average high temperatures were mostly in the upper 60s. There are abnormally dry to severe drought conditions in the State. Farming activities for the week included calving, planting small grains, and harvesting corn and soybeans.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 10/22/23

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	7	24	66	3
Subsoil	9	33	56	2

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 10/22/23



CROP CONDITIONS for week ending 10/22/23

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Barley	1	2	49	40	8
Cotton	-	2	18	80	-
Hay, Alfalfa	8	14	34	43	1
Hay, Other	6	18	39	35	2
Pasture	6	29	33	31	1
Peanuts	-	-	22	75	3
Soybeans	2	13	30	50	5
Winter Wheat	4	6	27	57	6

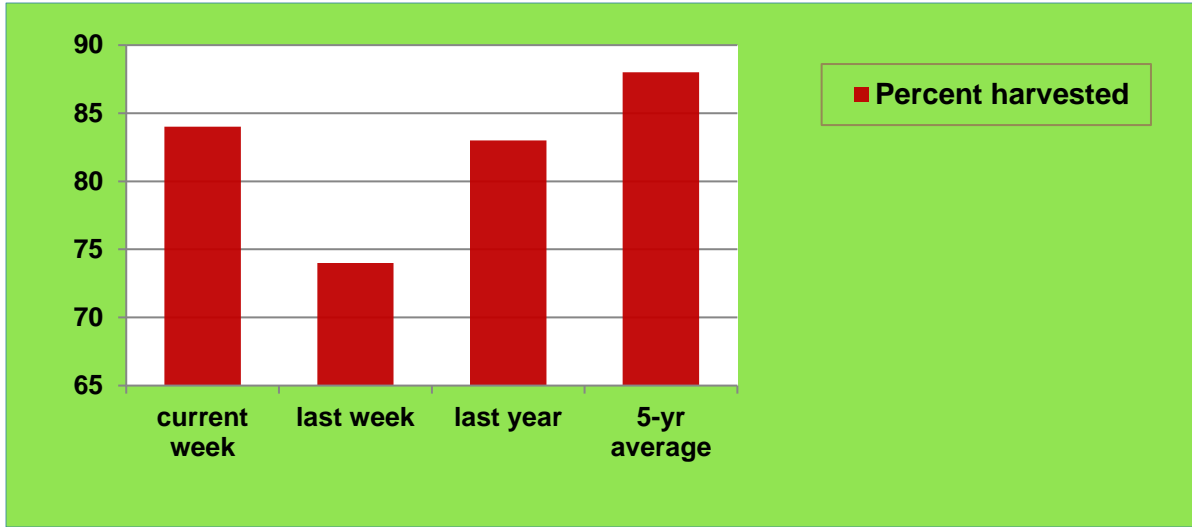
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CROP PROGRESS for week ending 10/22/23

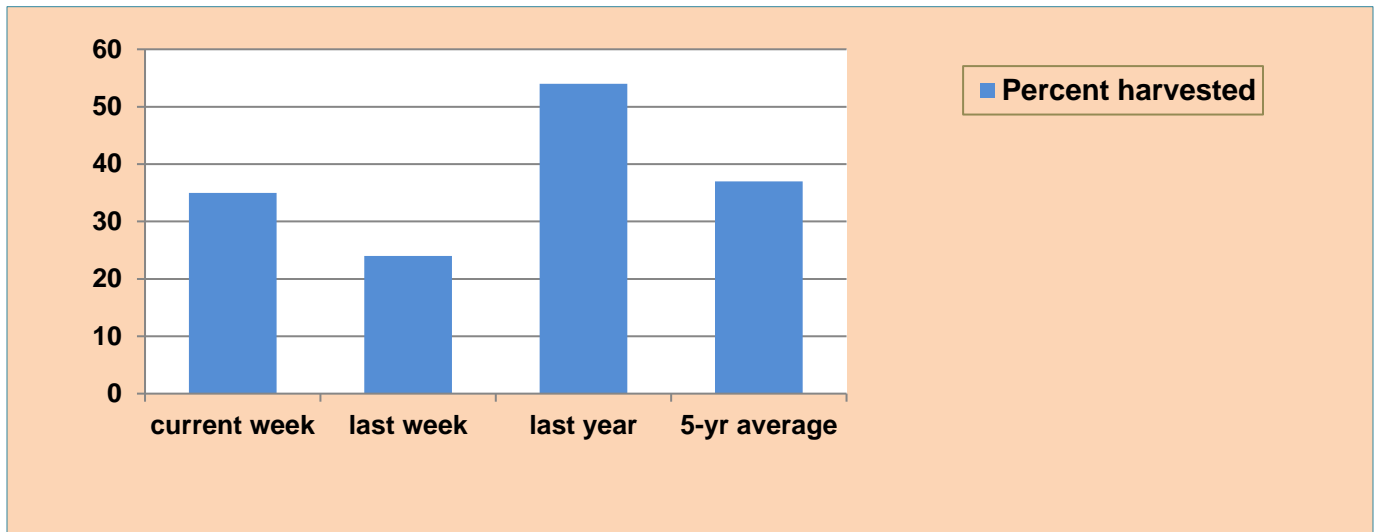
Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	84	74	83	88
Barley planted	62	49	57	59
Corn for grain harvested	91	86	92	-
Cotton harvested	35	24	54	37
Peanuts harvested	63	57	84	67
Soybeans dropping leaves	86	76	92	86
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Winter Wheat planted	48	40	59	47

- Represents data not available or zero.

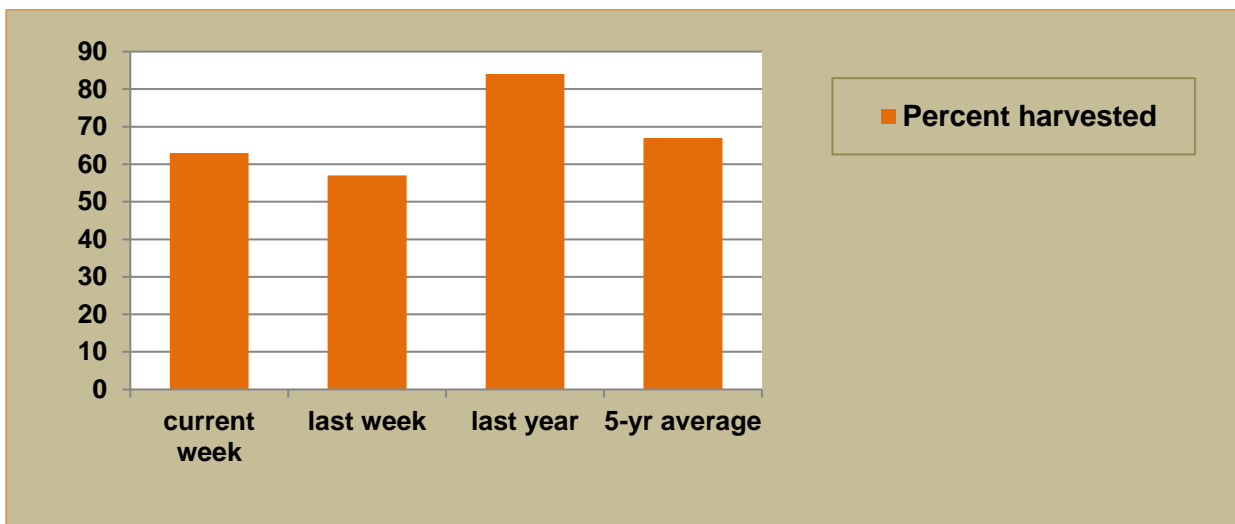
APPLES HARVESTED for week ending 10/22/23



COTTON HARVESTED for week ending 10/22/23



PEANUTS HARVESTED for week ending 10/22/23



Weather Summary- For the week ending October 22, 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	65.6	42.6	54.1	-1.8	0.06	4.44	-1.8	36.05	+1.0
Norfolk	68.7	52.3	60.5	-2.0	0.26	3.97	-4.3	41.64	-0.1
Richmond	69.7	48.7	59.2	+0.4	0.62	6.20	-0.9	32.42	-5.6
Roanoke	65.1	47.7	56.4	-1.5	0.15	3.40	-2.9	28.62	-7.3
Wash/Dulles	65.3	45.1	55.2	-0.1	0.05	7.22	+0.6	26.44	-9.4

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