



# Crop Progress and Condition

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**Agricultural News:** Farming activities for the month of December included feeding hay and harvesting corn. Weather conditions have been rainy with a mix of warm and very cold temperatures. Pastures are muddy. The average high temperatures during the month of December were mostly in the upper 40s. The average low temperatures during the month of December were mostly in the upper 20s. Monthly precipitation amounts ranged between 3 to 6 inches. There are abnormally dry to moderate drought conditions in the State.

### SOIL MOISTURE and SUPPLIES for week ending 1/1/23

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	-	3	82	15
Subsoil	-	3	97	-
Hay & Roughage	1	16	82	1

- Represents zero.

### CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 1/1/23

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Barley	-	1	13	83	3
Winter Wheat	-	3	14	78	5
Pasture	-	14	40	43	3
Livestock	-	4	27	64	5

- Represents zero.

Forage Percent Obtained from Pastures	This Month	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%
Feed Obtained from Pastures	16	-	-

- Represents data not available.

### Weather Summary- For the week ending January 1, 2023

City	Temperature				Precipitation				
	Avg. high	Avg. low	Avg. mean	Avg. dep. from normal *	Last Week	Since Dec. 1	Dec. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1, 2022 to Dec. 31, 2022	Jan. 1, 2022 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	55.9	27.7	41.8	+4.9	0.87	5.68	+2.1	47.70	+4.9
Norfolk	56.6	33.4	45.0	+1.2	1.13	3.06	-0.3	39.21	-10.0
Richmond	57.0	30.9	43.9	+4.5	0.42	4.52	+0.9	39.53	-6.0
Roanoke	55.0	30.3	42.6	+3.7	0.17	3.98	+0.8	47.11	+4.3
Wash/Dulles	53.3	28.1	40.7	+5.5	0.25	4.95	+1.6	40.76	-2.5

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