



Crop Progress and Condition

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Agricultural News: Farming activities for the month of December included feeding hay, spreading manure, and building fences. Weather conditions have been cool with rain. Recent rains have left some fields with standing water. The average high temperatures during the month of December were mostly in the 50s. The average low temperatures during the month of December were mostly in the 30s. Monthly precipitation amounts ranged between 4 to 9 inches. There are abnormally dry to severe drought conditions in the State.

SOIL MOISTURE and SUPPLIES for week ending 12/31/23

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	2	9	77	12
Subsoil	2	29	58	11
Hay & Roughage	6	31	62	1

- Represents zero.

CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 12/31/23

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Barley	-	-	43	57	-
Winter Wheat	-	2	19	78	1
Pasture	4	25	31	40	-
Livestock	-	2	28	62	8

- Represents zero.

Forage Percent Obtained from Pastures	This Month	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%
Feed Obtained from Pastures	17	-	-

- Represents data not available.

Weather Summary- For the week ending December 31, 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, 2023 to Dec. 31, 2023	Jan. 1, 2023 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	52.1	35.0	43.6	+6.6	0.66	5.04	+1.5	43.41	+0.7
Norfolk	55.9	43.1	49.5	+5.6	0.35	6.43	+3.1	50.55	+1.4
Richmond	56.3	39.1	47.7	+8.1	1.79	8.87	+5.4	43.47	-2.0
Roanoke	52.0	39.7	45.9	+6.8	1.75	4.36	+1.3	35.29	-7.5
Wash/Dulles	54.3	39.3	46.8	+11.4	0.99	5.75	+2.5	34.78	-8.5

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