



# Crop Progress and Condition

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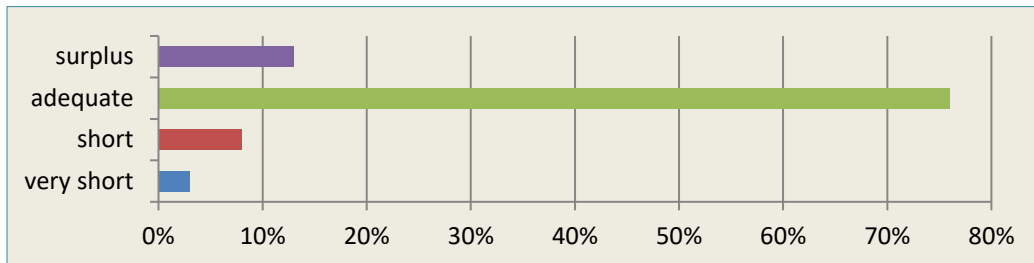
**Agricultural News:** Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.8. Weather conditions were cool with some winds and rain. Cooler temperatures have delayed some crop progress. There are abnormally dry and moderate drought conditions in the State. Farming activities for the week included spreading manure and harvesting silage.

## SOIL MOISTURE and SUPPLIES for week ending 04/30/23

|                | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|----------------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
|                | %          | %     | %        | %       |
| Topsoil        | 3          | 8     | 76       | 13      |
| Subsoil        | 2          | 22    | 72       | 4       |
| Hay & Roughage | 1          | 25    | 72       | 2       |

- Represents zero.

## TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 04/30/23



## CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 04/30/23

| Crop         | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|--------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
|              | %         | %    | %    | %    | %         |
| Apples       | -         | 4    | 24   | 71   | 1         |
| Barley       | -         | -    | 30   | 65   | 5         |
| Hay, Alfalfa | -         | 5    | 24   | 67   | 4         |
| Hay, Other   | -         | 16   | 32   | 49   | 3         |
| Winter Wheat | -         | -    | 17   | 71   | 12        |
| Pasture      | 1         | 16   | 33   | 44   | 6         |
| Livestock    | -         | 3    | 24   | 64   | 9         |

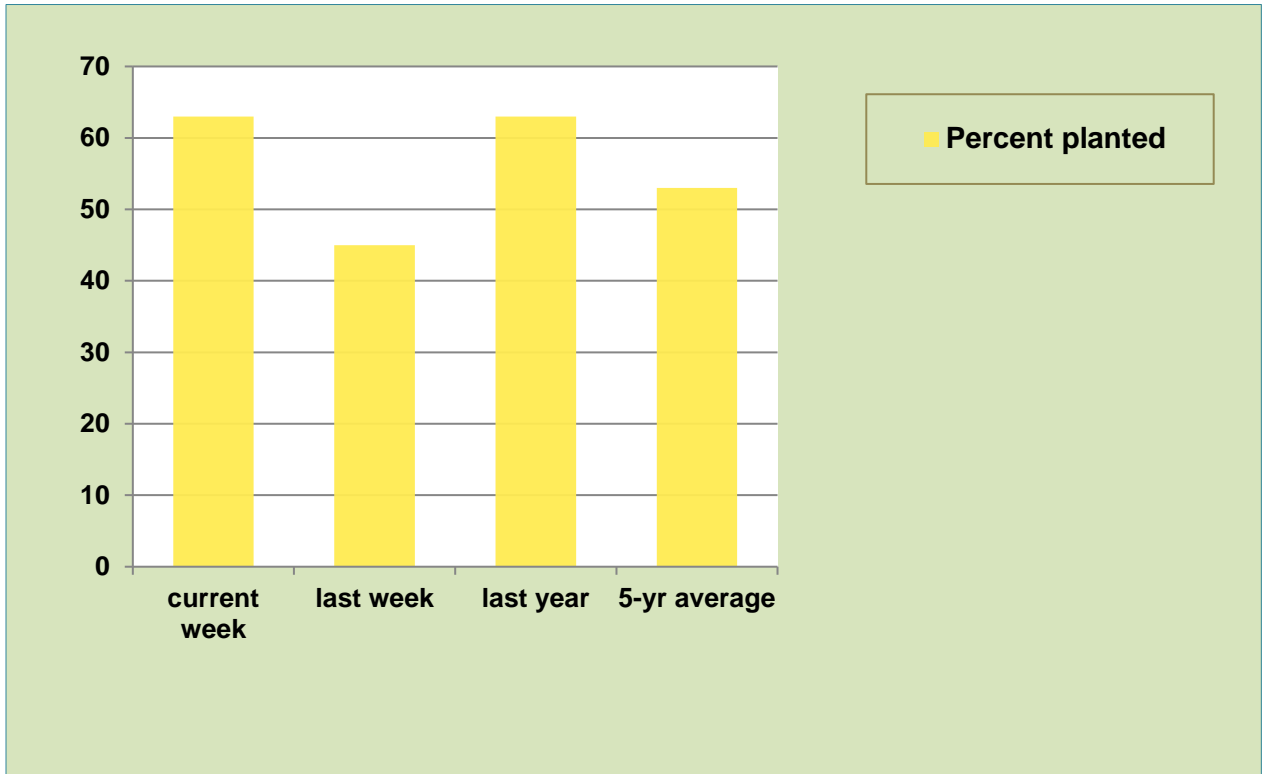
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## CROP PROGRESS for the week ending 4/30/23

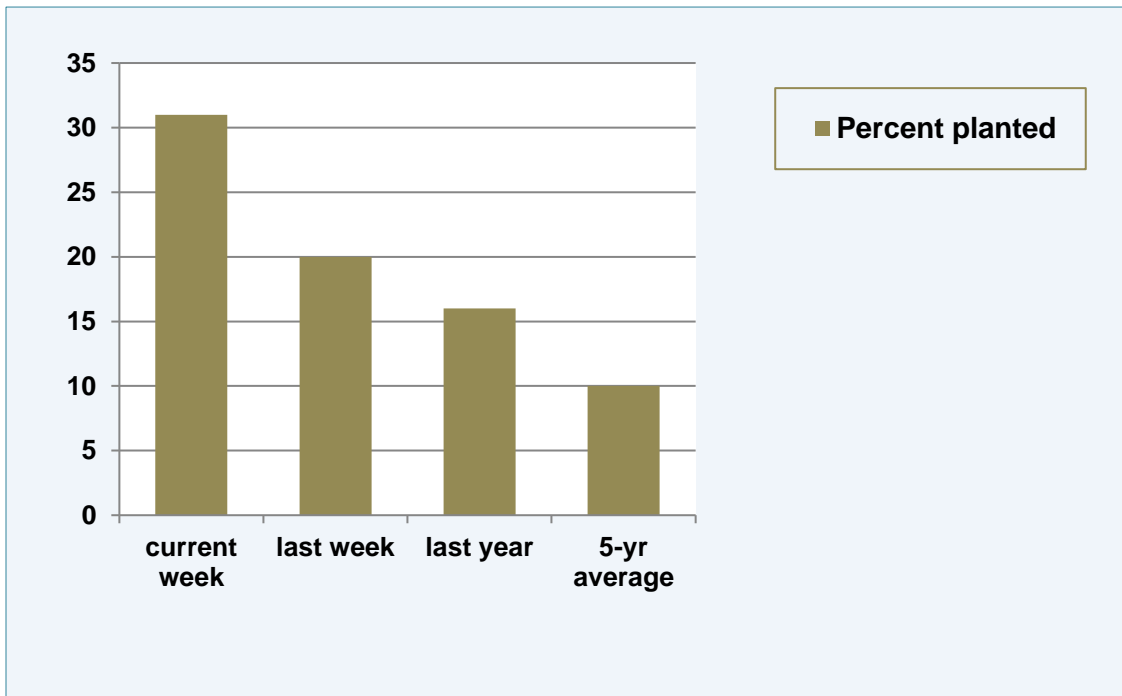
| Crop Stage                       | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5-Yr Avg |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
|                                  | %         | %         | %         | %        |
| Corn planted                     | 63        | 45        | 63        | 53       |
| Corn emerged                     | 30        | 15        | 25        | 19       |
| Cotton planted                   | 31        | 20        | 16        | 10       |
| Peanuts planted                  | 15        | -         | 8         | 7        |
| Soybeans planted                 | 19        | 10        | 7         | -        |
| Tobacco, Burley transplanted     | 4         | -         | 1         | -        |
| Tobacco, Fire-cured transplanted | 8         | 1         | 1         | -        |
| Tobacco, Flue-cured transplanted | 10        | 2         | 11        | -        |
| Winter Wheat headed              | 68        | 41        | 51        | 41       |

- Represents data not available or zero.

**CORN PLANTED for week ending 4/30/23**



**COTTON PLANTED for week ending 4/30/23**



**Weather Summary- For the week ending April 30, 2023**

| City        | Temperature |          |           |                         | Precipitation |              |                           |                      |                                 |
|-------------|-------------|----------|-----------|-------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|
|             | Avg. high   | Avg. low | Avg. mean | Avg. dep. from normal * | Last Week     | Since Mar. 1 | Mar. 1 dep. from normal * | Jan. 1, 2023 to date | Jan. 1, 2023 dep. from normal * |
| Lynchburg   | 69.0        | 45.6     | 57.3      | -2.3                    | 2.87          | 6.46         | -0.8                      | 12.67                | -0.9                            |
| Norfolk     | 67.6        | 54.1     | 60.9      | -2.7                    | 2.06          | 5.95         | -1.1                      | 11.58                | -1.8                            |
| Richmond    | 69.7        | 48.4     | 59.1      | -2.9                    | 2.24          | 5.29         | -1.9                      | 10.21                | -2.8                            |
| Roanoke     | 67.6        | 44.3     | 55.9      | -5.6                    | 2.57          | 5.54         | -1.5                      | 11.23                | -1.8                            |
| Wash/Dulles | 64.6        | 45.7     | 55.1      | -3.8                    | 2.49          | 4.87         | -2.1                      | 8.50                 | -4.0                            |

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